

TIMETABLE for CHURCH OF ENGLAND BIRMINGHAM INDEPENDENT ADMISSION APPEALS January 2021 to September 2021

This timetable follows guidance received from the DfE on 24 April 2020 on the effect of the temporary regulations on hearing appeals, issued in response to the Coronavirus pandemic, which provide more flexibility for admission authorities to set new or revised deadlines for submitting an appeal. These temporary Regulations have now been extended to September 2021.

Appeal applications should be made in writing to the Chair of Governors for any Church of England Birmingham school which is its own Admissions Authority (any Academy or Voluntary Aided school). Please ask the school/Academy for an Appeal Form. You must give written reasons for your appeal. For any other type of school, application should be made to the Local Authority within which the school is situated.

Once an appeal has been lodged, appellants will receive at least 14 calendar days written notice of their appeal hearing date (although appellants can waive their right to this). Appeal papers will be sent to all parties at least 5 calendar days prior to the appeal hearing.

If you would like to submit additional evidence prior to the appeal hearing, you should ensure that this is submitted to the Appeal Clerk at least 7 calendar days prior to the appeal hearing. Decision letters will be sent within 7 calendar days following the hearing, where practicable.

Admission Appeals for children due to start Secondary School in September 2021

If your child is due to start secondary school (Year 7 entry) in September 2021, you may appeal if you were refused a place at one of your preferred schools.

National Secondary Offer Day – Monday, 01 March 2021.

Deadline for lodging appeals – **Monday, 29th March 2021.**

Appeals received by Monday, 29th March will be heard in May/June 2021, and by 16th June where practicable.

Appeals received after Monday, 29th March 2021 (late appeals) will be heard in May or June 2021 where practicable, or within 30 school days of the appeal being lodged (whichever is later), where practicable.

Please note that it may not be possible to hear late appeals before the start of the new school year in September 2021.

Admission Appeals for children due to start Infant, Junior or Primary School in September 2021

If your child is due to start Infant (Reception entry), Junior (Year 3 entry) or Primary School (Reception entry) in September 2021, you may appeal if you were refused a place at one of your preferred schools.

National Primary Offer Day – Friday, 16 April 2021.

Deadline for lodging appeals – **Monday, 17 May 2021.**

Appeals received by Monday, 17 May 2021 will be heard, where practicable, by Monday, 19th July 2021.

Appeals received after Monday, 17 May 2021 (late appeals) will be heard by Monday, 19th July 2021 where practicable or within 30 school days of the appeal being lodged (whichever is later), where practicable.

Please note that it may not be possible to hear late appeals before the start of the new school year in September 2021.

In-year Admission Appeals

If your child has been refused a place at one of your preferred schools (primary or secondary) **outside the normal round of admissions** (ie at any time other than as above), you may appeal within 28 calendar days of the refusal of the place. Your appeal will, where practicable, be heard within 30 school days of being lodged. In-year Appeal applications must be made in writing to the Chair of Governors for the school. Please ask the school for an Appeal Form.