

APPEALS TIMETABLE FOR ADMISSION TO SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN SEPTEMBER 2021

This Appeal Process is administered by the Local Education Authority

Impact of Coronavirus (COVID-19) on school appeals

As a result of the current coronavirus (Covid-19) outbreak it is not possible or appropriate to comply with all the requirements of the School Admission Appeals Code (the Appeals Code) and the School Admissions (Appeals Arrangements) (England) Regulations 2012 (the 2012 regulations).

Emergency regulations which temporarily amend the 2012 regulations were made in April 2020 and allowed admission authorities, local authorities and appeal panels some additional flexibility when dealing with appeals during the outbreak. The regulations were called the School Admissions (England) (Coronavirus) (Appeals Arrangements) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 (the 2020 regulations) and were due to remain in force until 31 January 2021.

The temporary regulations have now been extended and will be in place until 30 September 2021. The new regulations are called The School Admissions (England) (Coronavirus) (Appeals Arrangements) (Amendment) Regulations 2021.

The guidance below takes into account the new regulations and the new temporary procedure relating to school admission appeal hearings.

Appeals timetable for admission to secondary schools in September 2021

Secondary school appeals timetable

- Allocation letters sent to parents - 1 March 2021
- Deadline for parents to submit appeal – 12 April 2021
- All parents will be given at least 14 days' written notice where an appeal hearing is to be held remotely by telephone or video link. Otherwise appeals will be heard as soon as is reasonably possible and parents will be provided with a timetable for submitting written information. Where possible appeals will be heard by Tuesday, 15 June 2021.
- Decision letters will be sent within 7 days of the determination by the panel of an appeal.

Late application appeals will be heard as soon as reasonably practicable.