

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 were extended on 31 January 2021 until 30 September 2021 and were called the School Admissions (England) (Coronavirus) (Appeals Arrangements) (Amendment) Regulations 2021.

The regulations have been extended again and will now apply until 30 September 2022 and are called the School Admissions (England) (Coronavirus) (Appeals Arrangements) (Amendment) (No 2) 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 PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN SEPTEMBER 2022

- Allocation letters sent to parents – Tuesday, 1 March 2022
- Deadline for parents to submit appeal– Tuesday, 29 March 2022
- All parents will be given at least 14 days' written notice of when an appeal hearing will be held either face to face or remotely by telephone or video link. Appeals to be heard in written format will be heard as soon as is reasonably possible and parents will be provided with a timetable for submitting written information.
Where possible appeals submitted by the deadline date will be heard by Wednesday, 15 June 2022.
- 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.

The appeal form from Bradford Council website can be downloaded here - <http://www.bradford.gov.uk/education-and-skills/school-admissions/make-an-appeal/>