

The following table sets out the timelines within which appeals must be heard. Appeals resulting from in-year admission applications or immediate entry will be **take place and be decided as soon as reasonably practicable**. Appeals resulting from year of entry or transfer applications for admission in September 2020 will be heard according to the following timetable: **Primary School outcome date 16 April 2020**

COVID-19 and school admission appeals

The DfE has published new legislation which will take account of the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak and its impact on carrying out admission appeals in the usual way. This legislation will cover existing school appeals and is due to come into force on 24 April 2020 and remain in force until 31 January 2021.

The DfE have indicated that the new regulations will:

- Continue to give parents the right to appeal to any school which has refused their child a place
- Disapply the requirement that appeals panels must be held in person and instead give flexibility for panel hearings to take place in other forms, including by telephone, video conference or through a paper-based appeal where all parties can make representations in writing
- Amend the deadlines relating to appeals for the time that the new regulations are in force

ACTION	DEADLINE
Last date for lodging Appeal Forms	Wednesday 20 May 2020
Appeal hearing dates and time	<p>All appeals will take place and be decided as soon as reasonably practicable.</p> <p>NB Appeals will not start being heard until after the relevant closing date has passed.</p>
<p>Appellants will be sent notification of their appeal hearing at least;</p> <p>Evidence and papers for the hearing</p> <p>Date by which the Clerk sends appeal papers including the school's case to the parents, the panel and the admission authority</p>	<p>Statutory 14 clear calendar days' in advance of the hearing.</p> <p>7 clear calendar days' in advance of the appeal hearing.</p>
<p>Additional evidence from the appellants</p> <p>If an appellant wishes to submit further evidence which was not included with their initial appeal, they must make sure that it is received no later than:</p> <p>Any additional evidence or information received after this date might not be considered at the appeal hearing. The Appeal Panel must decide whether it should be considered taking into account its significance and the effect of a possible need to adjourn the hearing.</p>	<p>To be RECEIVED by 5.00pm on the day preceding three (3) clear working days prior to the appeal hearing.</p>
Decision- Decision letters sent to the Appellants. (The letter that informs the appellant if their appeal has been upheld or refused.)	7 calendar days' after the last appeal hearing (whenever possible)