

ADMISSION APPEALS TIMETABLE September 2025 to September 2026

Church of England Birmingham

The Church of England Birmingham arranges appeals for some of its schools.

Following amendments in the Admission Appeals Code 2022, there is flexibility for admission authorities as to how appeals are heard. We will continue to hear appeals by video (or telephone) conference.

HOW TO APPEAL: Check the admission arrangements given on the relevant school's website to find out whether your appeal application should be made to the Chair of the Governing Board/Academy Trust Board at the school or directly to the Local Authority and which form to use. You must give written reasons for your appeal. On time appeals will be heard **within 40 school days of the deadline date for submission of appeals** (or 30 school days from the date of submission for in-year appeals).

Appellants will receive at least 10 school days' written notice of their appeal hearing date (although this notice can be shorter, by agreement). Appeal papers will be sent to all parties at least 5 school days prior to the appeal hearing. Any additional evidence should be submitted to the Appeal Clerk at least 5 school days prior to the appeal hearing. Decision letters will be sent within 5 school days following the hearing, where practicable.

Children due to start SECONDARY SCHOOL (YEAR 7) in September 2026	
National Secondary Offer Day	02 March 2026
Deadline for submitting appeals	13 April 2026
Appeals received by 13 April 2026	will be heard in May and June 2026
Appeals received after 13 April 2026 (late appeals)	will be heard by 20 July 2026 where practicable or within 30 school days of the appeal being lodged, whichever is later. <i>Please note that it may not be possible to hear late appeals before the start of the new school year in September 2026. Appeals are not heard during school holidays.</i>

Children due to start INFANT (Reception), JUNIOR (Y3) OR PRIMARY (Reception) class in September 2026	
National Primary Offer Day	16 April 2026
Deadline for submitting appeals	02 June 2026
Appeals received by 02 June 2026	will be heard in June and July 2026 (and by 20 July 2026)
Appeals received after 02 June 2026 (late appeals)	will be heard by 20 July 2026 where practicable, or within 30 school days of the appeal being lodged, whichever is later. <i>Note that it may not be possible to hear late appeals before the start of the new school year in September 2026. Appeals are not heard during school holidays.</i>

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 20 school days of the refusal of the place. Your appeal will be heard within 30 school days of being lodged. Appeals are not heard during school holidays.

Check the individual school's website for information about how to lodge an appeal application.