

DCC Admissions Appeals Information (2020 and 2021)

The Admissions Appeals Timetable 2020

The School Admissions (England) (Coronavirus) (Appeals Arrangements) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 apply to appeals that are submitted by parents on or before 31 January 2021. They amend the timescales and processes referred to in our admissions arrangements.

Appeals will not be heard at a face to face meeting. They will be heard by remote access – by video or telephone conference. Where it is not possible for a parent to take part by remote access, the appeal panel may make its decision based on the written information that is submitted.

A new deadline for appeals will be at least 28 calendar days from the date of the refusal to admit. Appeals will be heard as soon as possible after they are submitted with parents given at least 14 days' written notice of an appeal hearing. Parents may not submit additional evidence on the day of the appeal.

The Admissions Appeals Timetable 2021

Appeals at the normal round of admissions to Reception will be heard within 40 school days of the deadline for lodging appeals on **14 May 2021**. Where the application was not made in time for a decision to be made on **16 April 2021**, they will be heard within that 40-day period or, if that is not possible, within 30 days of the appeal being lodged. In-year admission appeals must be heard within 30 school days of the appeal being lodged.