

Appeals Timetable 2021/22

How do I make an appeal for a place at this School?

If you wish to appeal against a decision to refuse a place for your child at this school you can appeal online or in writing. A Parent's Guide to the appeals process with a full timetable can be found on The Central Bedfordshire website here:

https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/info/5/school_admissions/500/school_admission_appeals or by calling 0300 300 8037. Please ensure that you read the guidance notes published online before submitting your appeal.

Due to the restrictions brought in because of Covid-19 we are unable to arrange hearings in person. The government brought in regulations in April 2020 to allow appeals to be heard remotely by virtual telephone hearings. The normal timescales for hearing appeals were also suspended. These regulations have recently been extended until the 30th September 2021. If, before this date national Covid-19 restrictions ease enough to allow face to face hearings to resume details will be posted to the web-site link above and we will let those affected know. For appeals during the 2021/22 admissions round (to start Reception or via infant to junior transfer in September 2021), you should return your completed form to Central Bedfordshire Council by 17 May 2021.

Primary Appeals Timetable – 2021/22 Admissions Round

- Offer Date: 16 April 2021
- Deadline for lodging appeals: 17 May 2021
- The School Admission Appeal Code advises that Admission authorities must ensure that appeals lodged by the appropriate deadlines are heard within the following timescales:
 - In-Year Admission Appeals must be heard within 30 school days of being lodged
 - For children due to start school or move into the next tier of school, appeals will be heard within 40 school days of the deadline for lodging appeals.
 - Late appeals which do not meet the deadlines, and appeals made at any other time of year, will be heard within 30 school days of being submitted.

How much notice of the appeal hearing date will I have?

Letters notifying parents of appeal dates and times are sent out in line with statutory guidance. These letters will be sent out at least 14 days in advance of the hearing (unless you have agreed to a shorter period than this).

The notification will include a deadline for the submission of any further evidence by you. This is to enable the additional information to be circulated to all parties, giving the Panel and school the opportunity to consider the information in advance of the hearing.

Decision letters are sent out within 7 days of the hearing wherever possible