

2021 MAIN ADMISSIONS ROUND APPEALS SCHEDULE FOR COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTARY CONTROLLED SCHOOLS

Temporary regulations for Admission Appeals (The School Admissions (England) (Appeals Arrangements) (Amendment) Regulations 2020) will apply until 30 September 2021.

		Transfer to secondary school September 2021	Starting school September 2021	Transfer to junior or primary school September 2021
1	Applicants who applied before the relevant closing dates informed of outcome of applications ¹	Monday, 1 March 2021	Friday, 16 April 2021	Friday, 16 April 2021
2	Deadline for lodging appeals – 28 days after notification date (above) ² and ³	Monday 29 March 2021	Friday, 14 May 2021	Friday, 14 May 2021
3	Allow parents at least 14 days notice of appeal – appeals commence:	Monday, 12 April 2021	Monday, 31 May 2021	Monday, 31 May 2021
4	Appeals must be heard within 40 school days of the deadline for lodging appeals – appeals will be heard by:	Wednesday, 16 June 2021	Friday, 16 July 2021	Friday, 16 July 2021

¹ - School Admissions Code 2014, 2.23 (b) and Determined Co-ordinated Admission Scheme for all Maintained Schools and Academies in the Area of Cumbria County Council 2021/22:
 - Offers of secondary school places must be made on 1 March or the 'next working day'
 - Offers of infant/primary school places and junior/primary school places must be made on 16 April or the 'next working day'
 - Admission Authorities are required to publish their appeals timetable on their website by 28 February each year

² - School Admissions Appeals Code 2012, 2.3 (b) – 'for late applications, appeals should be heard within 40 school days of the deadline for lodging appeals where possible, or within 30 days of the appeal being lodged'.

³ - School Admissions Appeals Code 2012, 2.4 – 'Any appeals submitted after the appropriate deadline must still be heard, in accordance with whatever timescale is set out in the timetable published by the admission authority'. Main admission round appeals submitted after the deadline date in each of the admissions rounds above will be heard within 30 school days of the relevant date for appeals to commence (row 3 of the table above).

UPDATE – Due to the restrictions brought in because of Covid-19 we are unable to arrange hearings in person. The government introduced temporary regulations in April 2020 to allow appeals to be heard remotely. Cumbria County Council's appeals will be heard via video conference. The normal timescales for hearing appeals were also suspended and appeals should be heard as soon as is practicable. The temporary regulations have been extended until 30 September 2021. For further information on the temporary regulations please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-admissions-appeals-code/changes-to-the-school-admission-appeals-code-regulations-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak>