

After submitting an appeal

Once you have submitted your form:

- You will be invited to attend the appeal hearing to tell the panel why you feel your child should have a place at your preferred school/academy. The hearings are all by video link. A parent can choose to present their case by video or just by phone.
- You will receive a letter with the date, time and instructions on how to access the video link of the hearing.
- You will usually be notified at least 14 days before the hearing to give you time to prepare.
- The appeal will be heard in front of a panel of 3 people acting independently of the local authority. They will have no connection with the school you are appealing for, or the school your child has been allocated a place at. These are the people who will make the decision about your appeal.

If a place has already been refused at appeal, the admissions authority will only consider a second appeal for a place at the same school or academy in the same academic year if they consider that there has been:

- A relevant
- Significant and
- Material change in the family's circumstances (since the original appeal hearing).

If this is the case a second appeal hearing may be appropriate.

Timetable for Blackpool primary school appeals for admission to September 2025

2019 primary school admission appeal dates

By date	Action
By Friday 9 May 2025	Appeal forms to be received by Democratic Services, in order for the appeals to be heard in the first round of hearings. Appeal forms can be submitted after this deadline but the hearing will not be held until later in the year
By Friday 16 May 2025	Any additional documents that parents/carers wish to provide (ie. medical evidence) should be sent to democratic services
By Friday 30 May 2025	Notification of appeal hearings will be sent to parents/carers
By Friday 11 July 2025	Appeals that have been submitted by 9 May 2025 will be heard by independent appeals panels