



The Diocesan Independent Appeals Service - School Admission Appeals 2026

The DBE provides a full admission appeals service to VA schools and academies. Our panellists are independent and fully trained.

Please find below the timetable for next year's admission appeals hearings. For schools and academies, this information **must be published on your website by 28 February 2026** as per the School Admission Appeals Code 2.2.

Main Round Appeals – Primary

(National Offer Day – 16 April 2026)

Deadline for appeals to be lodged – 5pm on 29th May 2026.

Appeals to be heard week commencing 15 June 2026.

Late appeals will be heard within the statutory timescales published in the School Admission Appeals Code

Main Round Appeals – Secondary

(National Offer Day – 02 March 2026)

Deadline for appeals to be lodged – 5pm on 1 May 2026.

Appeals to be heard week commencing 18 May 2026.

Late appeals will be heard within the statutory timescales published in the School Admission Appeals Code.

Proposed In-Year Appeal Hearing Dates – 2026

Wednesday 14 January

Tuesday 10 February

Tuesday 17 March

Tuesday 28 April

Thursday 21 May

Tuesday 16 June

Tuesday 7 July

Wednesday 23 September

Tuesday 13 October

Wednesday 11 November

Tuesday 8 December

Where possible all Appeals received by 19 June 2026 will be heard before the start of the new term in September 2026. It may not be possible to hear appeals received after this date prior the start of the new term in September 2026.

Please note no appeals will be heard between 7 July 2026 and 23 September 2026.

If you have any queries about admissions or appeals at any time please don't hesitate to contact Joanne Evans, joanne.evans@coventrydbe.org or Lisa Boffey, Lisa.boffey@coventrydbe.org.