THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND BIRMINGHAM

ADMISSION APPEALS TIMETABLE September 2026 to September 2027
Church of England Birmingham

The Church of England Birmingham arranges appeals for some of its schools.

Following amendments in the Admission Appeals Code 2022, there is flexibility for admission authorities as to how appeals are heard. We will continue to hear appeals by video (or telephone) conference.

HOW TO APPEAL: Check the admission arrangements given on the relevant school's website to find out whether your appeal application should be made to the Chair of the Governing Board/Academy Trust Board at the school or directly to the Local Authority, and which form to use. You must give written reasons for your appeal. On time appeals will be heard **within 40 school days of the deadline date for submission of appeals** (or 30 school days from the date of submission for in-year appeals). Late appeals will be heard within 40 school days from the deadline date for submission of appeals or 30 school days from the date of submission, whichever is later.

Appellants will receive at least 10 school days' written notice of their appeal hearing date (although this notice can be shorter, by agreement). Appeal papers will be sent to all parties at least 5 school days prior to the appeal hearing. Any additional evidence should be submitted to the Appeal Clerk by the date stated in the invitation letter, which will usually be at least 5 school days prior to the appeal hearing. Decision letters will be sent within 5 school days following the hearing, where practicable.

Children due to start INFANT (Reception), JUNIOR (Y3) OR PRIMARY (Reception) class in September 2027	
National Primary Offer Day	16 April 2027
Deadline for submitting appeals	**17 May 2027**
Appeals received by 17 May 2027	will be heard by 19 July 2027
Appeals received after 17 May 2027 (late appeals)	Late appeals will be heard within 40 school days from the deadline date for submission of appeals or 30 school days from the date of submission, whichever is later. *Note that it may not be possible to hear late appeals before the start of the new school year in September 2027.* *Appeals are not heard during school holidays.*

In-year Admission Appeals
If your child has been refused a place at one of your preferred schools (primary or secondary) **outside the normal round of admissions** (ie at any time other than as above), you may submit your appeal by the deadline given in your refusal letter. You will have at least 20 school days from the date you were notified that your application was unsuccessful to submit your appeal. Appeals submitted after this deadline will still be heard. In-year appeals will be heard within 30 school days of being lodged. Appeals are not heard during school holidays. Check the individual school's website for information about how to lodge an appeal application.