

Hearing dates 2026

There are different types of appeal, each with their own arrangements:

- Reception appeals, for children under five who will begin school on or after 1 September 2026
- Infant to Junior Cohort appeals, for children who will be entering Year 3 in September 2026, appealing for a place in a Junior School
- Secondary Transfer appeals, for children aged 11 who will transfer to secondary school in September 2026
- Sixth Form appeals, for Year 11 students who want to move to Sixth Form education in a school in September 2026
- In-year appeals, for children of any age changing school, including a school Sixth Form

Please note that appeals for admission to a Sixth Form College are dealt with by the College itself.

Reception, Infant – Junior and Secondary School Appeals

The following table shows the timetable for appeals, other than in-year appeals:

	Secondary Appeals	Reception and Infant - Junior Appeals	Sixth Form Appeals
National offer date	2 March 2026	16 April 2026	
Deadline appeals must be received by, 20 school days	27 March 2026	14 May 2026	Subject to review to facilitate earliest possible hearing
Appeal hearings held	See schedule below	25 & 29 June 1 & 2 July 2026	

Secondary School Appeal Schedule

School	Grouped Appeal Date	Appeal Hearing Date
Redden Court School	20 April 2026	21,22 & 23 April 2026
The Champion School	24 April 2026	24 April 2026
Coopers Company and Coborn School	5 May 2026	5 & 6 May 2026
Sanders Drapers	1 May 2026	1 May 2026
Abbs Cross Academy	1 May 2026	1 May 2026
Emerson Park	5 June 2026	5 June 2026
Sacred Heart of St Mary's Girls	1 June 2026	1 June 2026
Royal Liberty	1 June 2026	2 & 4 June 2026
Bower Park Academy	5 June 2026	5 June 2026
Drapers Academy	5 June 2026	5 June 2026
Harris Academy Rainham	5 June 2026	5 June 2026
Marshalls Park Academy	5 June 2026	5 June 2026
Frances Bardsley Academy	3 June 2026	8 & 9 June 2026
Hall Mead	11 June 2026	11 June 2026
Bower Park Academy	Dates will be scheduled as and when required	
The Brittons Academy		
Hornchurch High School		
St Edwards CofE Academy	Please visit the school's website for information on appeals.	

Appeals submitted after the deadline date will be heard within 40 school days of the appeal being lodged.

In Year Appeals

In-year admission appeals (for people applying for school places after the start of the school year) will be heard within 30 school days of the appeal being lodged.

Sixth Form Appeals

Sixth-form appeals will be heard within 30 school days of the appeal being lodged or, if the offer of a place would have depended upon exam results, 30 school days after those results are received.