



Admission Appeals 2026- 2027

Appeal against an admission decision

If you are not happy with the school place you are given, you can appeal for any school.

The usual arrangements at this time would be to invite you and a representative of the school concerned to present your respective cases to an Independent Appeal Panel, whose decision is final and binding on both parties.

You can contact the [area education office](#) (admissions department) for help, who can:

- tell you which schools have places available
- add your child's name to [School waiting lists - Lancashire County Council](#) for other schools
- provide information to help you appeal

If your child has a **statement of special educational needs (SEN) or education, health and care plan**, procedures differ; the SEN team at the [area education office](#) can help you or you can contact the Inclusion Service [Inclusion Service - Lancashire County Council](#).

The Appeals Process

A new E-Form for all Primary schools Admission Appeals is available for all Primary School Admission Appeals.

Please see links are below:

Link to Appeals

https://my.apps.lancashire.gov.uk/w/webpage/request?form=school_admission_appeals_online

Link to information on [Appeal for a school place - Lancashire County Council](#)

Appeal Notes

[Prejudice Appeal notes.pdf](#)

[Class Size appeal notes.pdf](#)

Infant class size appeals

When a place in an infant class (reception, year one or year two) has been refused on the grounds that the class would have more than 30 pupils, the process is different. You should



St Mary's RC Primary School

note that the Independent Appeal Panels cannot allow such appeals unless they are satisfied that:

- Your child would have been offered a place if the admission arrangements had been applied properly
- Your child would have been offered a place if the admission arrangements had complied with the mandatory provisions in the School Admissions Code and the School Standards and Framework Act 1998
- The decision to refuse your child a place was not one which a reasonable admission authority would have made in the circumstances of the case.

This means that your personal circumstances are not as strong a focus for appeals where class size issues are relevant. You should be aware that nationally few infant class size appeals are successful.

Appeal hearing dates

The hearing dates for the appeals for St Mary's will take place between 15th and 16th June.

Notice for all appellants – Submission of admission appeal forms

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. Individual admissions authorities will decide in relation to re-appeal requests.