

School Admission Appeals Timetable 2021 - (Revised February 2021)

Please note - due to the outbreak of Coronavirus and to adhere to social distancing measures, the Government introduced **new temporary legislation for Admission Appeals on 24 April 2020**. You can read the revised legislation [here](#). This temporary legislation has now been extended until **30 September 2021**. The Local Authority will, where possible, aim to hear appeals within the timescales that previously applied before the introduction of the temporary legislation.

For September 2021 entry (Primary and Secondary Schools)

Appeals resulting from applications for the normal years of entry (Reception and Year 7) for admission in September 2021, will where possible, be heard according to the timetable below:

	Offer Date	Appeals lodged by	Appeals to be heard by
Secondary	1 March 2021	12 April 2021	15 June 2021
Primary	16 April 2021	17 May 2021	19 July 2021

Appeals lodged after these dates will be heard as soon as practicable.

Please note that appeal hearings **DO NOT** normally take place during school holidays.

In Year appeals

Appeals resulting from In Year Admission applications will where possible be heard on a date to be arranged within 30 school days* of the appeal form being received by the Authority.

*School days refers to Sefton's standard school term dates. Therefore, appeals are not normally heard during school holidays.

All appellants will normally receive at least **14 calendar days notice*** of the appeal hearing, unless you agree, in writing, to a shorter period of notice.

All appellants will be sent a copy of the Authority's/school's case a reasonable time before the date of the hearing (wherever possible this will be at least 7 working days).

* As stated within the School Admissions (England) (Coronavirus) (Appeals Arrangements) (Amendment) Regulations 2021.

If any appellant wishes to submit further evidence which was not included with their initial appeal, they must make sure that it is received within a reasonable time prior to the hearing date (normally three working days). Any additional evidence or information received too late may not be able to be considered at the appeal hearing. The Appeal Panel must decide whether it should be considered, taking into account its significance and the effect of a possible need to adjourn the hearing.

All information provided in this document is correct at the time of writing (February 2021) but may be subject to further changes due to the ongoing Public Health Emergency, and any further legislation changes that may be made to the temporary Admission Appeals regulations.

