

Admission Appeals Timetable for Year R (*starting school in reception*) and Year 3 (*Infant to Junior school transfer*) in September 2026

For **community** and **voluntary controlled** schools (i.e. schools for which Hampshire County Council is the admission authority) appeals will follow the timetable below.

For infant, junior and all-through primary schools which are their own admission authority (i.e. Academy, Foundation, Trust and Voluntary Aided schools), please refer to the individual school for their appeal dates.

National notification date for on-time applicants	Thursday 16 April 2026
Notification date for late applicants (<i>whose applications received after 15 January and before 16 April 2026</i>)	Wednesday 29 April 2026
Deadline date for parents wishing to lodge an appeal (<i>submitting completed appeal form to the County Council</i>)	Thursday 21 May 2026
Appeal hearings to be held	From 01 June to 22 July 2026, inclusive
Decision letters to be sent	Within five school days of hearing

Please note

- (i) Appeals lodged after 21 May 2026 will be heard during the above dates if possible. Where it is not achievable to hold an appeal between the above dates, the hearing will be scheduled within 30 school days (excluding any school holidays) of the appeal being lodged. Appeals lodged on or after 11 June 2026 may not be heard until the autumn term.
- (ii) Appellants will receive at least 10 school days' notice of the exact date and location of their appeal hearing.
- (iii) Following the lodging of an appeal, additional papers may be submitted to the Appeals Service until 10 school days before the hearing. Evidence submitted after this date will be considered by the panel but this may lead to an adjournment and significant delays.