

Appeals Timetable 2025/2026

If your child has been refused a place in your preferred school(s) this will be because the school(s) received more applications than available places and other children had a higher priority in accordance with the admissions criteria. Your refusal was made on the grounds of **Infant Class Size Legislation**, with the exception of those few schools listed in your letter.

You have the right to appeal against this decision; we advise you read and understand the grounds of Infant Class Size appeals before submitting your appeal. Please refer to the statistics below, given the limited nature of the possible grounds on which an appeal may be allowed under Infant Class Size.

Statistics for Appeals:

Number of Appeals - Infant Class

2025 - heard 33 - refused all

2024 - heard 28 - refused all

2023 - heard 37 - refused all

Number of Appeals - Non-infant Class

2025 - heard 1 - refused

2024 - heard 12 - refused 11, allowed 1

2023 - heard 2 - refused all

Appeals will be heard in accordance with the following timetable:

- Deadline for lodging appeals: **22 May 2026**
- Appeals lodged by the above date will be heard between - May through to July
- Appeals received after the deadline may not be heard until - Mid September onwards
- If you have been refused a school due to infant class size (this information will be in your letter), please ensure you read the "Appeal Guide" below.

If your refusal relates to a school outside the Dudley Borough, you are advised to contact the relevant Local Authority for further information.