

School Admissions - Appeals Procedure

Secondary Admissions for September 2026

The timetable

National Offer Day - 2 March 2026

It's advisable to read the **School Admissions Appeals Booklet** before you fill in your appeal form (found in the downloads section at the bottom of this page).

In order to appeal, please click the '**Appeal a school admission refusal**' button under the '**How to appeal**' section on this webpage, and ensure your appeal is submitted by no later than 30 March 2026.

Appeals will be heard within 40 school days of the appeal deadline above, and you should be aware of the following:

- You will receive at least 10 school days' notice of your appeal hearing, unless you choose to waive this right by ticking the appropriate box on the appeal form.
- You must submit any additional evidence before the final deadline, which is 8 school days before your appeal hearing. The panel will decide whether to consider at the hearing any information or evidence received after that date.
- You will receive the Admission Authority's statement explaining why they are unable to offer a place at your preferred school approximately 7 calendar days before your hearing date.
- The clerk's decision letter will be issued as soon as possible after the panel have made their decision and, wherever possible, within 5 school days of the hearing.

For applications received after 31 October 2025 but by 20 March 2026, outcomes will be sent 1 May 2026 and appeal forms must be received by 5 June 2026. Appeals will be heard within 40 school days of this date.

Applications received after 20 March 2026 will be processed strictly in date order, with outcomes sent after 1 May. The deadline for lodging your appeal will be 20 school days from the date of notification that your application was unsuccessful. Your appeal will then be heard within 40 school days of this deadline.

If you require a paper form, please contact appealcoordinator@somerset.gov.uk but do be aware that this form will take longer to reach us and may result in a delay to your appeal being processed.