

Dates and Deadlines – Primary Schools

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| <p><u>24th May 2021</u> Deadline for on-time appeals</p> | <p>Appeals will be accepted after this deadline but they may be heard at a later date than appeals lodged on time</p> |
| <p><u>11th June – 22nd June 2021</u> Notice of hearing information issued for appeals lodged on time</p> | <p>For appeals lodged on time, notice of appeal hearing date and time should be issued in this time period</p> |
| <p><u>28th June – 9th July 2021</u> Appeal hearings will take place</p> | <p>All appeals lodged before the deadline of 24th May 2021 will be heard before the end of 9th July 2021</p> |
| <p><u>29th June 2021</u> Notice of hearing for late appeals (VA, Free Schools and Academies)</p> | <p>For appeals lodged after the deadline of 24th May 2021*, notice of hearing date and time should be issued by this date wherever possible</p> |
| <p><u>w/c 12th July 2021</u> Late appeal hearings will take place (VA, Free Schools and Academies)</p> | <p>Hearings for appeals lodged after the deadline of the 24th May 2021 will take place by the end of 16th July 2021*</p> |
| <p><u>6th July 2021</u> Notice of hearing for late appeals (LA Community)</p> | <p>For appeals lodged after the deadline of 24th May 2021, notice of hearing date and time should be issued by this date wherever possible</p> |
| <p><u>w/c 19th July 2021</u> Appeal Hearings take place (LA Community)</p> | <p>Hearings for appeals lodged after the deadline of 24th May 2021 for Community Schools</p> |
| <p><u>w/c 23rd August 2021</u> Mop ups</p> | <p>Hearings for appeals lodged after the deadline of 24th May 2021* but received before 23rd July 2021 will be heard before the end of 27th August 2021.</p> |

*Appeal hearings for all appeals lodged after the 24th May 2021 will be heard with the on time appeals wherever possible. If they cannot be heard with the on-time appeals, they will be heard within 30 school days of the date the appeal is lodged. In some circumstances, this may mean appeals for the September intake will be heard after the school's summer holidays. We will endeavour to stick to the above dates wherever possible, however please be aware that these dates may be subject to change depending on the numbers of appeals received.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we may not be able to hold face-to-face hearings this year as the School Admission Appeals Code normally requires. However, it is very important that you are still able to have a fair hearing of your appeal for your child to attend your preferred school, so the Government has passed new legislation to enable this to happen safely. Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council's hearings will take place in telephone conference calls.