

## How do I make an appeal for a place at this School?

If you wish to appeal against a decision to refuse a place for your child at this school you can appeal online or in writing. Information on how to appeal can be found via:- <http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/school-admissions/making-a-school-admission-appeal> or by calling 0300 500 80 80. Please ensure that you read the guidance notes published online before submitting your appeal.

Due to the restrictions brought in because of Covid-19 we are unable to arrange hearings in person. The government brought in regulations in April 2020 to allow appeals to be heard remotely by virtual telephone hearings. The normal timescales for hearing appeals were also suspended. These regulations have recently been extended until the 30th September 2021. If, before this date national Covid-19 restrictions ease enough to allow face to face hearings to resume details will be posted to the web-site link above and we will let those affected know.

For appeals during the 2021/22 admissions round (to start Year 7 in September 2021), you should return your completed form to Nottinghamshire County Council by **29 March 2021**.

### **Secondary Appeals Timetable – 2021/22 Admissions Round**

- Offer Date: 1 March 2021
- Deadline for lodging appeals: **29 March 2021**
- Appeals will be heard as soon as practicably possible and ideally before the start of the new school year

**Note:-** Appeals lodged after 29 March 2021 will, where possible, be heard together with those appeals lodged before this date. Where this is not possible, they will be heard as soon as practicably possible and ideally before the start of the new school year.

### **Appeals relating to late applications for a place**

If your application was made after 31 October 2020 (closing date for receipt of applications for secondary school places) appeals will be heard as soon as practicably possible and ideally before the start of the new school year.

### **In Year and Transfer Appeals**

For other appeals such as transfer and in-year admissions (moving from one school to another during the school year) please return your form to Nottinghamshire County Council within 4 weeks of the date of your refusal letter. These appeals will be heard as soon as practicably possible.

### **How much notice of the appeal hearing date will I have?**

Letters notifying parents of appeal dates and times are sent out in line with statutory guidance. These letters will be sent out at least 14 days in advance of the hearing (unless you have agreed to a shorter period than this).

If you wish to submit any further information other than that which you included with your appeal form, we ask that this is sent to Nottinghamshire County Council no later than **10 days** prior to your hearing. This is to enable the additional information to be circulated to all parties, giving the Panel and school the opportunity to consider the information in advance of the hearing. Please note that if significant information is received after this deadline your hearing may have to be adjourned to a later date. Please note there is a 10MB limit to any attachment sent online or by email. If you send more than this limit we will not get your information and will not know that you have tried to send it to us. If you need to send more than 10MB please either split it across more than one email or send

it by post. Regardless of how you have sent the information to us we will acknowledge that we have received it so if you don't hear from us within three working days please telephone on the number above to make sure we have received what you have sent.

Decision letters are sent out within 7 days of the hearing wherever possible.