



Burnt Oak Junior School The Pioneer Academy

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Admissions Appeals Timetable 2026

Appeals Timetable:

4pm on 14 May 2026:	Deadline for lodging Appeals against a decision not to offer a place at a preferred school.
June – July 2026:	Appeals will be heard up to 40 school days after the deadline. Appellants will receive at least 10 school days' notice of their appeal hearing. Decision letters will be sent within 5 school days of the hearing wherever possible.
Late applicants or appeals lodged after 14 May 2026:	Appeals will be heard within 40 school days of the deadline for lodging appeals – where possible, or within 30 school days of the appeal being lodged.
In-Year Appeals	Appeals will be heard within 30 school days of the appeal being lodged.

If you are not allocated the school of your preference, then you can appeal against the decision.

The appeal will be heard by an Appeal Panel, which is independent and is set up in accordance with DFE School Admission Appeals Code of Practice.

Members of Appeals Panels will include people with experience of education, but none will have been concerned with making the original admission decision.

Appeals are normally heard in June and July, prior to when the child is due to start school in the following September. Because of the legal requirement to have a maximum of 30 pupils in infant classes, the power of Appeal Panels to allow appeals is very limited, therefore very few are successful.

Parents are only likely to be successful with an appeal if they can show either: a) That the admission of their child would not breach the infant class size limit. b) That a place would have been offered if the admission arrangements had complied with admissions law or had been correctly and impartially applied. c) That the decision not to admit their child was not one which a reasonable Admission Authority would make in the circumstances of the case.

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