



Admission appeals for MITRE schools

For applications made for the Academic Year 2026-27

If an application for a school place is refused there is the right to appeal that decision. All appeals will be heard by an independent panel and will be clerked independently.

Appellants have 20 school days from the date of notification that their application was unsuccessful to prepare and lodge their written appeal. An appeal form should be obtained from the school, completed and returned to the school to lodge an appeal.

Each appellant has the right to 10 school days' notice of an appeal hearing, although this can be waived with the agreement of all parties.

For applications made in the normal admissions round, appeals will be heard within 40 school days of the deadline for lodging appeals. For in-year applications, appeals will be heard within 30 school days of the appeal being lodged.

For MITRE schools the following timetable will be adhered to for the normal admissions round 2025-26

Appeals for Year 7 entry (secondary transfer)

Process	Date
National offer day	Monday 2nd March 2026
Appeals deadline (20 school days after offer day)	Monday 13 th April 2026
Appeals to be heard by (40 school days)	Wednesday 17 th June 2026
Appeals lodged after Monday 13 th April 2026	40 school days from the date the appeal was lodged

Appeals for foundation 2 entry (first time admissions 4+)

Process	Date
National offer day	Thursday 16th April 2026
Appeals deadline (20 school days after offer day)	Friday 15 th May 2026
Appeals to be heard by (40 school days)	Friday 17 th July 2026
Appeals lodged after Thursday 14 th May 2026	40 school days from the date the appeal was lodged

Once an appeal has been lodged with the school the information provided will be sent to the independent clerk who will then proceed with the arrangements for the hearing. The information provided will also be shared with the school and the independent panel.

The admissions appeals code provides a full set of guidance and can be accessed here:

[School admission appeals code - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/school-admission-appeals-code)

Please direct questions regarding the appeals process to individual schools.