

Admission Appeals Timeline and Information

Lightcliffe Academy

Where the Governors are unable to offer a place because the Academy is oversubscribed, parents have the right to an independent admission appeal panel, set up under the School Standards and Framework Act 1998, as amended by the Education Act 2002.

Parents who wish to make an appeal against the Governing Body's decision to refuse Admission, for Year 7 or transfers in any other year group, must complete an appeal form.

Appeal forms may be obtained from:

Admission Appeal Clerk, PO Box 1694, Huddersfield, HD1 9DL

Telephone: 07949707868

Email: churchschoolappeals@gmail.com

Appeals Timeline: Entry to Secondary School (Year 7 - 2026/2027)

- Allocation email or letter sent to parents: **2 March 2026**
- Deadline for submitting appeals: **14 May 2026**
- Appeals received by 14 May 2026 (deadline date) will be held within 40 school days of that date.

The Admission Appeal Clerk will give information about how to make the appeal. Completed appeals should be returned to the Admission Appeal Clerk by **14 May 2026**. Appeal requests will be acknowledged within seven calendar days of receipt.

Appeals submitted after the above deadline will be heard within 40 school days from the deadline for lodging appeals where possible. If your appeal is received after the deadline, it may not be possible to hear your appeal before the end of the academic year, however it will be heard within 30 school days of receipt of the appeal request. Appeals are not held during the school holidays.

Appeals against a decision for transfers in any other year group will be heard within 30 school days of the appeal being lodged.

School days are term time only and do not include school holidays. If an appeal is submitted during a school holiday, the school days' deadline will not start until the beginning of the next term, e.g. an appeal received in July after schools have closed will not be heard until the new academic term and the 'school days' will start from the beginning of the new term in September.

The date, time and venue for the appeal hearing will be sent to parents/carers by the Admission Appeal Clerk at least 10 school days prior to the appeal hearing.

Please note: this right of appeal against the governors' decision does not prevent you from making an appeal in respect of any other school.