

## **In-Year Appeals – Frequently asked questions and statistics**

Before you can make an appeal, you must first have applied for a place. Applications are made directly with the local authority. Once the application has been processed, you will receive a letter from the local authority advising you of the outcome.

If you are refused a place and are dissatisfied with the admission decision, you have the right to make a representation to an independent appeals panel. You may find the following information helpful when considering whether to make an appeal.

### ***Should I appeal?***

Where a place has been refused, this is because an academy believes that the admission of a child would prejudice the provision of efficient education or the efficient use of resources.

The roll of the panel is to consider the reasons that an academy gives for why the child cannot be admitted and weigh them up against the parents' / carers' reasons for wanting a place at an academy. The panel also consider what information was stated on the application, if an academy's admission arrangements complied with the mandatory requirements of the School Admissions Code, and whether those arrangements were correctly and impartially applied to the application.

As any upheld appeal will result in an additional child being admitted, which could have health and safety implications and / or a harmful effect on the teaching and learning of all or some of the pupils in the year group, only those appeals with **strong** reasons are likely to be upheld. Appeals solely on the grounds of convenience of location are less unlikely to be upheld.

The following page shows the number of appeals received over the last three years, both for entry at the start of Year 7 and for in-year appeals, and how many were upheld and rejected.

### ***What should I put in my appeal?***

It is important to put ALL your reasons for wanting a place on the form. It is *your* responsibility to provide any supporting documentation, such as letters from a hospital consultant / paediatrician or social services to support those reasons.

If you cannot submit all your documents when you submit the appeal, you can provide additional documents up to the deadline, which is five days before the hearing. If you provide additional documents after the deadline or on the day of your appeal, the panel may be unable to consider them, or they may defer your appeal to another date. The panel cannot consider documents submitted after the hearing has taken place.

### ***If my appeal is refused, can I appeal again?***

If you are unsuccessful in your appeal, a second appeal will only be considered for the same academic year if there has been a significant change in your circumstances because of which a new application has been accepted.

### **Please note**

You cannot appeal for an academy if you did not list it as a preference on the local authority's application form.

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## Appeals lodged and outcome

Dixons Allerton Academy (secondary)	Lodged	Upheld	Rejected
2025 - Year 7 entry	3	0	3
2024 - Year 7 entry	13	2	11
2023 - Year 7 entry	14	1	13
In-Year 2024-25	12	1	11
In-Year 2023-24	10	3	7
In-Year 2022-23	5	0	5

### Key:

Lodged: number of appeals made

Upheld: appeals found in favour of the appellant

Rejected: appeals found in favour of the Academy

Dixons City Academy	Lodged	Upheld	Rejected
2025 - Year 7 entry	79	4	75
2024 - Year 7 entry	96	2	94
2023 - Year 7 entry	82	1	81
In-Year 2024-25	26	0	0
In-Year 2023-24	44	4	40
In-Year 2022-23	15	1	14

Dixons Kings Academy	Lodged	Upheld	Rejected
2025 - Year 7 entry	101	3	98
2024 - Year 7 entry	101	4	97
2023 - Year 7 entry	78	1	77
In-Year 2024-25	16	2	14
In-Year 2023-24	45	3	42
In-Year 2022-23	15	2	13

Dixons McMillan Academy	Lodged	Upheld	Rejected
2025 - Year 7 entry	45	1	44
2024 - Year 7 entry	78	0	78
2023 - Year 7 entry	63	1	62
In-Year 2024-25	23	1	22
In-Year 2023-24	40	0	0
In-Year 2022-23	17	0	17

Dixons Trinity Academy	Lodged	Upheld	Rejected
2025 - Year 7 entry	43	0	43
2024 - Year 7 entry	79	0	79
2023 - Year 7 entry	67	0	67
In-Year 2024-25	21	0	21
In-Year 2023-24	44	2	42
In-Year 2022-23	18	0	18

