

If your child is refused a place at Mudeford Infants School, you have a right to appeal against this decision to an independent appeal panel.

You can only appeal against a refusal of a place, so please don't contact the school or local authority about an appeal until you've received a formal refusal letter or email.

### **What you can appeal**

You are not lodging an appeal against the school that has offered you a place. You are also not appealing against the planning and admissions policies of the schools – as long as they are legally correct and applied correctly. School admission policies are determined at least 18 months in advance – the appeals process is not the forum to raise issues with a valid legal admission policy.

You're unable to appeal against your position on a school's waiting list. If you lodge an appeal and it is not successful, your place on the waiting list is unaffected.

### **Appeals for Reception Year, Year 1 and Year 2**

Infant class sizes for Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 are limited to no more than 30 pupils.

An [infant class appeal](#) where an extra child would take the class over 30 pupils will only be allowed in limited exceptional circumstances, as the appeal panel's powers are limited by legislation.

### **When you can appeal**

Normally, you'll need to submit your appeal by a certain date. Below is the timetable for Year R entry in September 2024.

### **Appeals Timetable for Year R entry in September 2024**

Offer letters posted to parents and carers on National Offer Day by Local Authority	16 April 2024
Deadline for acceptance of the offer by parents and carers	1 May 2024
Deadline for lodging an on-time admission appeal	14 May 2024
Appealing hearing dates	Between 18 June and 30 July 2024

- you will receive at least 10 school days' notice of your appeal hearing date, school days do not include school holidays, inset days, bank holidays or weekends
- appeals are heard during the daytime on weekdays and are not normally heard during school holidays.
- where there are multiple appeals for places at the same school, the hearings may go over a number of days
- the school's case will be made available to parents and panel members at least 5 school days before the start of the appeal hearing
- additional evidence may be submitted up to 5 working days before the hearing
- any additional evidence received after this date might not be considered at the appeal hearing. The Appeal Panel must decide whether it should be considered taking into account its significance and the effect of a possible need to adjourn the hearing
- following the hearing, decision letters will be sent, where possible, within 5 school days of the end of the hearing. During busy periods, such as main entry, full decision letters may take longer than this, so the clerk will send a brief decision summary email in the interim
- appeal hearings for in-year places will be heard within 30 school days of the appeal being lodged.

Before lodging an appeal, we strongly recommend reading through the information about how to appeal and what to expect from the hearing process, including what happens when an appeal is dismissed. [Hearing information | BCP \(bcpcouncil.gov.uk\)](https://www.bcpCouncil.gov.uk/parents/appeals/hearing-information)

If you wish to appeal, please click on this link [Lodge an appeal | BCP \(bcpcouncil.gov.uk\)](https://www.bcpCouncil.gov.uk/parents/appeals/submitting-an-appeal)