

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

If you are dissatisfied with the admission decision, you have the right to make a representation to the Appeals Panel, which is independent of the Academy.

However, before you can make an appeal you must first have applied to the Academy for a place and have completed a recent In-Year Application Form for the local authority. Once you have received a letter advising you that a place cannot be offered, you can then proceed to make an appeal for the Academy if you wish to. You may find the following information helpful in respect of appeals:

### *Should I appeal?*

Before any appeal takes place, the year group will be full. No places are 'reserved' for children whose appeals are upheld.

As well as taking into account the parents reasons why the child should be admitted, the panel also consider if the application was made correctly and on time, if the admission arrangements complied with the mandatory requirements of the School Admissions Code, and whether those arrangements were correctly and impartially applied to that particular application.

As any upheld appeal will result in the year group being over the recommended limit, 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 distance from, or convenience of transport to, an academy are unlikely to be upheld.

The following page shows the figures for the appeals for the last two years, both for entry at the start of Year 7 and for in-year appeals.

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

It is important to put on the form ALL of your reasons for wanting a place at that Academy. It is *your* responsibility to provide any supporting documentation, such as letters from a hospital consultant/ paediatrician or social services, and these should be sent with your appeal form.

If you cannot submit all of your documents with your appeal form, you must make sure you submit these to the Appeals Coordinator, based at Dixons McMillan Academy, at least five days before your appeal. If you bring additional documents 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 appeal hearing.

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

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

### Please note;

You cannot appeal for an academy that you did not apply to and/or list on your local authority's online system/common application form.

If you are appealing for more than one Dixons academy, a separate appeal form must be completed for each of the academies you are appealing for, stating your reasons for a place at that particular academy.

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## Appeals lodged and outcome

**Key:**

Lodged: number of appeals made  
 Upheld: appeals found in favour of the appellant  
 Rejected: appeals found in favour of the Academy

<b>Dixons Allerton Academy (secondary)</b>	<b>Lodged</b>	<b>Upheld</b>	<b>Rejected</b>
2018 - Year 7 entry	26	3	23
2019 - Year 7 entry	42	4	38
2020 – Year 7 entry	48	3	45
In-Year 2017-18	16	3	13
In-Year 2018-19	14	3	11
In-Year 2019-20	12	3	9

<b>Dixons City Academy</b>	<b>Lodged</b>	<b>Upheld</b>	<b>Rejected</b>
2018 - Year 7 entry	115	7	108
2019 - Year 7 entry	113	2	111
2020 - Year 7 entry	72	1	71
In-Year 2017-18	19	0	19
In-Year 2018-19	15	0	15
In-Year 2019-20	11	0	11

<b>Dixons Kings Academy</b>	<b>Lodged</b>	<b>Upheld</b>	<b>Rejected</b>
2018 - Year 7 entry	115	2	113
2019 - Year 7 entry	123	1	122
2020 – Year 7 entry	117	2	115
In-Year 2017-18	19	4	15
In-Year 2018-19	10	1	9
In-Year 2019-20	17	2	15

<b>Dixons McMillan Academy</b>	<b>Lodged</b>	<b>Upheld</b>	<b>Rejected</b>
2018 - Year 7 entry	148	6	142
2019 - Year 7 entry	111	0	111
2020 – Year 7 entry	80	0	80
In-Year 2017-18	22	2	20
In-Year 2018-19	20	0	20
In-Year 2019-20	17	0	17

<b>Dixons Trinity Academy</b>	<b>Lodged</b>	<b>Upheld</b>	<b>Rejected</b>
2018 - Year 7 entry	137	3	134
2019 - Year 7 entry	108	0	108
2020 – Year 7 entry	70	0	70
In-Year 2017-18	19	0	19
In-Year 2018-19	24	2	22
In-Year 2019-20	16	1	15