

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 academies.

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 from the local authority advising you that a place cannot be offered, you can then proceed to make an appeal for the academies 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 considering 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 number of appeals received for the last three 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 ALL of 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, and these should be sent with your appeal form (where possible).

If you cannot submit all of your documents with your appeal form, you must make sure you submit these to the Appeals Coordinator, at least five days before your appeal. If you provide additional documents after this 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 appeal 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 that 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 your local authority's in-year common application form (CAF).

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 wanting a place at that particular academy.

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Appeals lodged and outcome

Dixons Allerton Academy (secondary)	Lodged	Upheld	Rejected
2021 - Year 7 entry	21	0	21
2022 - Year 7 entry	8	0	8
2023 - Year 7 entry	13	1	12
In-Year 2020-21	13	1	12
In-Year 2021-22	9	0	9
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
2021 - Year 7 entry	75	0	75
2022 - Year 7 entry	83	0	83
2023 - Year 7 entry	82	1	81
In-Year 2020-21	16	0	16
In-Year 2021-22	16	0	16
In-Year 2022-23	15	1	14

Dixons Kings Academy	Lodged	Upheld	Rejected
2021 - Year 7 entry	63	0	63
2022 - Year 7 entry	80	2	78
2023 - Year 7 entry	78	1	77
In-Year 2020-21	22	1	21
In-Year 2021-22	19	0	19
In-Year 2022-23	15	2	13

Dixons McMillan Academy	Lodged	Upheld	Rejected
2021 - Year 7 entry	53	0	53
2022 - Year 7 entry	71	0	71
2023 - Year 7 entry	62	1	61
In-Year 2020-21	23	0	23
In-Year 2021-22	13	0	13
In-Year 2022-23	17	0	17

Dixons Trinity Academy	Lodged	Upheld	Rejected
2021 - Year 7 entry	57	0	57
2022 - Year 7 entry	68	0	68
2023 - Year 7 entry	65	0	65
In-Year 2020-21	19	0	19
In-Year 2021-22	12	0	12
In-Year 2022-23	18	0	18

