

2026 Main Admissions Round Appeals Schedule for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools

		Transfer to secondary school September 2026	Starting school September 2026	Transfer to junior school September 2026
1	National Offer Day (timely applications ¹)	2 March 2026	16 April 2026	16 April 2026
2	Deadline for lodging appeals – 20 school days after notification date (above) ²	13 April 2026	15 May 2026	15 May 2026
3	Appeals commence - must allow parents at least 10 school days' notice of appeals ³	27 April 2026	5 June 2026	5 June 2026
4	Deadline to hear appeals - must be heard within 40 school days of the deadline for lodging appeals ⁴	16 June 2026	17 July 2026	17 July 2026

¹ School Admissions Code 2021, 2.12 and Co-ordinated Admission Scheme for all Maintained Schools and Academies in the Area of Westmorland and Furness Council 2026-2027

- Offers of secondary school places must be made on 1 March or the next working day
- Offers of infant/primary school places and junior/primary school places must be made on 16 April or the next working day

² School Admissions Appeals Code 2022, 2.1(a)

- School Admissions Appeals Code 2022, 2.4 – 'Any appeals submitted after the appropriate deadline must still be heard in accordance with whatever timescale is set out in the table published by the admission authority.'

³ School Admissions Appeals Code 2022, 2.1(b)

⁴ School Admissions Appeals Code 2022, 2.3(a) – for applications made in the normal admissions round

- 2.3(b) 'for late applications, appeals should be heard within 40 school days from the deadline for lodging appeals where possible, or within 30 school days of the appeal being lodged'