

If you wish to exercise your right of appeal, you can download an appeal form from Trafford's website, or contact Trafford's Legal and Democratic Services Team on 0161 912 2798.

Appeal Timetable

Action	Date
Offer of Places	Thursday 16 April 2020
Deadline for lodging Appeals	Monday 11 May 2020 [Note: all appeals received by this date will be heard within 40 school days]
Deadline for Additional Evidence for on-time appeals	Monday 18 May 2020
Deadline for Admission Authorities to submit their evidence	Seven School Days before date of the Hearing
Deadline for Appeal Papers to be sent to all parties	Six School Days before date of the Hearing

Appellants will receive:

At least 10 school days' notice of their appeal hearing

Decision letters within 5 school days of the hearing wherever possible OR, where appeals will be heard over a number of days, within 5 school days of the last hearing day, wherever possible.

The timetable for academies/foundation/voluntary aided school appeals will be available on the relevant school's website.

ABOUT YOUR RIGHT TO APPEAL

Parents have a statutory right to appeal to an Independent Appeal Panel (the Panel) against the decisions of admission authorities. Admission authorities are responsible for setting and applying a school's admission arrangements. The information provided below is a summary of the appeal process. It is not in any way designed to discourage you from appealing, since it is your legal right to do so. The information is provided to enable you to make an informed decision about whether you wish to appeal or not. If you decide to make an appeal, the admission authority will provide specific information on the circumstances leading to your child being refused a place, such as how many applications were received, how your application was categorised and your child's position in relation to the last child that was offered a place.

There are two types of appeal:

Prejudice Appeals

This type of appeal is heard when an admission authority refuses the admission of a child because to do so would prejudice the provision of an efficient education or the efficient use of resources for those children already allocated a place at the School. The admission authority must prove this position to the satisfaction of the Panel.

The Panel will also consider your reasons and will balance these against the factors given by the admission authority. If the Panel feel that the reasons you have given outweigh the admission authority's case, then the Panel can allow your appeal.

Infant Class Size Appeals

The majority of appeals for admission to reception classes in Trafford schools are Infant Class Size Appeals. This type of appeal is heard when the admission authority refuses the admission of a child because the admission of that child would contravene the Infant Class Size Regulations. These Regulations limit the size of an infant class to 30 pupils per qualified school teacher.

An infant class size appeal can only succeed if the Panel finds that one of the following applies:

- a) The admission of an additional child **would not** breach the infant class size limit of 30 children to 1 qualified teacher
- b) The child would have been offered a place if the admission arrangements had complied with admissions law **or** if the admission arrangements had been correctly and impartially applied
- c) The admission authority's decision to refuse a place was not one which a reasonable admission authority would have made in the circumstances of the case.

If you are appealing under c), you must show that the admission authority has made an unreasonable decision. However, it is not the usual meaning of “reasonable” because, in this situation, it is the legal meaning. The courts have defined an unreasonable decision in this context as being one which is ‘perverse in the light of the admission arrangements’. The word perverse also has a stronger meaning in its legal sense, it means ‘beyond the range of responses open to a reasonable decision maker’ or ‘so outrageous in its defiance of logic or of accepted moral standards that no sensible person who had applied his mind to the question could have arrived at it’.

As the grounds for upholding an Infant Class Size Appeal are very limited, they are rarely successful. In considering whether you wish to appeal you must be aware that your personal reasons for wanting a school, however strongly you feel, cannot be taken into account unless one of the 3 criteria apply to you. Parents are often distressed that their personal reasons, such as the difficulty they face when transporting children to different schools or the difficulty they might face in continuing with their employment, will not be considered due the very limited criteria.

The list below shows the admission authority for each Trafford school and the type of appeal that will be heard for that school.

SCHOOL	ADMISSION AUTHORITY	TYPE OF APPEAL
Acre Hall Primary School	Academy Trust	Infant Class Size
All Saints' Catholic Primary School	Governing Body	Infant Class Size
Altrincham C.E. Primary School	Governing Body	Infant Class Size
Barton Clough Primary School	Academy Trust	Infant Class Size
Bollin Primary School	Academy Trust	Infant Class Size
Bowdon C.E. Primary School	Governing Body	Infant Class Size
Broadheath Primary School	Trafford Council	Infant Class Size
Brooklands Primary School	Trafford Council	Infant Class Size
Broomwood Primary School	Trafford Council	Infant Class Size
Cloverlea Primary School	Trafford Council	Infant Class Size
Davyhulme Primary School	Trafford Council	Infant Class Size
Elmridge Primary School	Academy Trust	Infant Class Size
English Martyrs' R.C. Primary School	Governing Body	Infant Class Size
Firs Primary School	Trafford Council	Infant Class Size
Flixton Primary School	Trafford Council	Infant Class Size
Forest Gate Academy	Academy Trust	Infant Class Size
Gorse Hill Primary School	Trafford Council	Infant Class Size
Heyes Lane Primary School	Trafford Council	Infant Class Size
Highfield Primary School	Trafford Council	Infant Class Size
Holy Family Catholic Primary School	Governing Body	Infant Class Size

King's Road Primary School	Trafford Council	Infant Class Size
Kingsway Primary School	Trafford Council	Infant Class Size
Lime Tree Primary Academy	Academy Trust	Infant Class Size
Moss Park Infant School	Trafford Council	Infant Class Size
Navigation Primary School	Trafford Council	Infant Class Size
Old Trafford Community Academy	Academy Trust	Infant Class Size
Oldfield Brow Primary School	Trafford Council	Infant Class Size
Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary	Governing Body	Infant Class Size
Our Lady of the Rosary R.C. Primary	Governing Body	Infant Class Size
Park Road Sale Primary School	Academy Trust	Infant Class Size
Park Road Academy Primary School	Academy Trust	Infant Class Size
Partington Central Academy	Academy Trust	Infant Class Size
Seymour Park Community Primary School	Trafford Council	Prejudice
Springfield Primary School	Trafford Council	Infant Class Size
St. Alphonsus R.C. Primary School	Governing Body	Infant Class Size
St. Anne's C.E. Primary School	Governing Body	Infant Class Size
St. Ann's R.C. Primary School	Governing Body	Infant Class Size
St. Hilda's C.E. Primary School	Academy Trust	Infant Class Size
St. Hugh of Lincoln R.C. Primary School	Governing Body	Infant Class Size
St. Hugh's Catholic Primary School	Governing Body	Infant Class Size
St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School	Governing Body	Infant Class Size
St. Margaret Ward Catholic Primary School	Governing Body	Infant Class Size
St. Mary's C.E. Primary School – Davyhulme	Governing Body	Infant Class Size
St. Mary's C.E. Primary School – Sale	Governing Body	Infant Class Size
St. Matthew's C.E. Primary School	Trafford Council	Infant Class Size
St. Michael's C.E. Primary School	Governing Body	Infant Class Size
St. Monica's R.C. Primary School	Governing Body	Infant Class Size
St. Teresa's R.C. Primary School	Governing Body	Infant Class Size
St. Vincent's Catholic Primary School	Governing Body	Infant Class Size
Stamford Park Infant School	Trafford Council	Infant Class Size
Templemoor Infant School	Trafford Council	Infant Class Size
Tyntesfield Primary School	Academy Trust	Infant Class Size
Urmston Primary School	Trafford Council	Infant Class Size
Victoria Park Infant School	Trafford Council	Infant Class Size
Well Green Primary School	Trafford Council	Infant Class Size
Wellfield Infant and Nursery School	Trafford Council	Infant Class Size
Willows Primary School	Trafford Council	Infant Class Size
Woodheys Primary School	Trafford Council	Infant Class Size
Woodhouse Primary School	Trafford Council	Infant Class Size
Worthington Primary School	Trafford Council	Infant Class Size