Diocese of Hereford Multi-Academy Trust Appeals Timetable for allocation of places for September 2026

The proposed appeal timescales for secondary transfer and reception intake for September 2026 will be as follows.

DATE	Secondary	Primary
Allocation Day – the day emails are sent out informing parents of which school they have been allocated a place.	2nd March 2026	16th April 2026
Deadline for appeal applications **(at least 20 school days)**	30th March 2026	15th May 2026
Appeals will be heard	w/c 15th June 2026 online via Zoom	w/c 15th June 2026 online via Zoom

Appeals lodged after these dates (late applications) will generally be heard within 30 school days of the appeal being lodged. Appeals in respect of in-year applications will be heard within 30 school days of receipt.

If you decide to request an appeal after 25th June 2026, it may not be possible to offer an appeal date before the end of the summer term. Appeals are not held in the school holidays.

Where a place is refused the parent will be notified and will be informed of the reason why the application was refused; information about the right to appeal; the deadline for lodging an appeal and the contact details for doing so.

Appellants (the person/s lodging an appeal) will receive notification of the date, time of the appeals panel appointed to hear their appeal at least ten school days before the hearing.

The Diocese of Hereford Multi-Academy Trust is responsible for engaging a fully independent appeal panel, fully independent of the school and must do so in accordance with the School's Admission Appeals Code. These appeal hearings are carried out remotely online using Zoom. Parents will be provided with the Zoom link to access the hearing and will be able to speak directly to the panel.

After the appeal hearing you'll normally be able to find out whether your appeal has been successful the day after the appeals for the school have finished. The clerk to the appeal panel will explain how and when you can obtain the result.