

Dates and Deadlines – High School Appeals

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>31st March 2021</u> Deadline for on-time appeals</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Appeals will be accepted after this deadline but they may be heard at a later date than appeals lodged on time</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>26th April – 14th May 2021</u> Notice of hearing issued</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">For appeals lodged on time, notice of appeal hearing date and time should be issued in this time</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>11th May – 11th June 2021</u> Appeal Hearing will take place</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">All appeals lodged before the deadline of 31st March 2021 will be heard before the end of 11th June 2021</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>25th June – 1st July 2021</u> Notice of hearing information issues for late appeals</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">For appeals lodged after the deadline, notice of appeal hearing date and time should be issued in this time period</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>w/c 12th July 2021</u> Late appeal hearings will take place</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Hearings for appeals lodged after the deadline of the 31st March 2021 will take place before the end of the 16th July 2021*</p>

*Appeal hearings for all appeals lodged after 31st March 2021 will be heard with the on time appeals wherever possible. If they cannot be heard with the on-time appeals, they will be heard within 30 school days of the date the appeals is lodged. In some circumstances, this may mean appeals for the September intake will be heard after the school's summer holidays. We will endeavour to stick to the above dates wherever possible, however please be aware that these dates may be subject to change depending on the numbers of appeals received.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we may not be able to hold face-to-face hearings this year as the School Admission Appeals Code normally requires. However, it is very important that you are still able to have a fair hearing of your appeal for your child to attend your preferred school, so the Government has passed new legislation to enable this to happen safely. Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council's hearings will take place in telephone conference calls.