

ST FRANCIS CATHOLIC AND CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY

Admissions Appeal Timetable for children starting school in reception September 2026

National Notification date for on-time applications.	Thursday 16 th April 2026
Notification date for late applicants (whose applications were received after 15th January and before the 16th April 2026)	IOW LA will advise as soon as they can.
Deadline date for parents wishing to lodge an appeal. (Returning completed appeal papers to the school.)	Friday 15 th May 2026
Appeal hearing to be held.	From 10 th June to 17 th July 2026. (Inclusive)
Decision letters to be sent.	Within 5 school days of hearing.

Please note

- i) Appeals lodged after these dates will be heard as soon as is reasonably practicable. Appeals lodged on or after 15th May, may not be heard until the autumn term.
- ii) Appellants will receive at least 10 school days' notice of the exact date and location of their appeal hearing.
- iii) Following the lodging of an appeal, additional papers may be submitted to the school until 10 working days before the hearing. Evidence admitted after this date will be considered by the panel, but this may lead to an adjournment and significant delays.

Are there alternatives to making an appeal?

Before starting the appeals process, you should consider the alternatives:

- Accept the school place you have been offered. This will guarantee that your child can start school in September, even if no places become available at your preferred school. This will not affect your right to submit an appeal or your child's current position on a waiting list.
- Remain on the waiting list for your preferred school(s). Request that your child's name is added to any waiting list where your application has been unsuccessful. When a place becomes available, it will be offered to the child who is at the top of this list at that time. The waiting list is ordered in accordance with each academy's admission policy.
- Apply for an alternative school. If you wish to apply for a school that was not on your original application. You can do this by contacting the admissions team at your Local Authority.

Please be aware that each school only has a certain number of places that they can offer, and places are offered on the criteria within the admissions policy for the school. Making an appeal will not necessarily mean that your child is offered a place within the school.