

**ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT  
SCHOOL ADMISSION, TRANSPORT AND EXCLUSION APPEALS  
SEPTEMBER 2016 TO AUGUST 2017**

**SCHOOL ADMISSION APPEALS**

Applicants can lodge appeals for any school they have not been awarded a place in, but not all such appeals reach the stage of being heard by an appeals panel. This is because either a place is offered at their preferred school, or parents withdraw their appeal. The heard rate is therefore a better measure of the appeal rate.

The statistics in this report include statutory appeals for Community and Voluntary Controlled schools, plus Academies, Free, Voluntary-aided and Foundation schools for whom Customer Service provide a clerking service.

An Independent Appeal Panel's decision to uphold an appeal will fall into one of the following;

- Upheld 1:** The case was NOT proved that to admit more children would "prejudice efficient education or the efficient use of resources" at the school;
- Upheld 2:** The circumstances of the parental case were so exceptional as to outweigh the "prejudice" to the school;
- Upheld A:** That the child would have been offered a place if the school admission arrangements had been properly implemented and/or did not breach the mandatory provisions of the School Admissions Code and SSFA 1998;
- Upheld B:** The decision to refuse admission was NOT one which a reasonable admission authority would have made in the circumstances of the case.

**1. Primary reception and In-Year appeals for the 2016/17 school year**

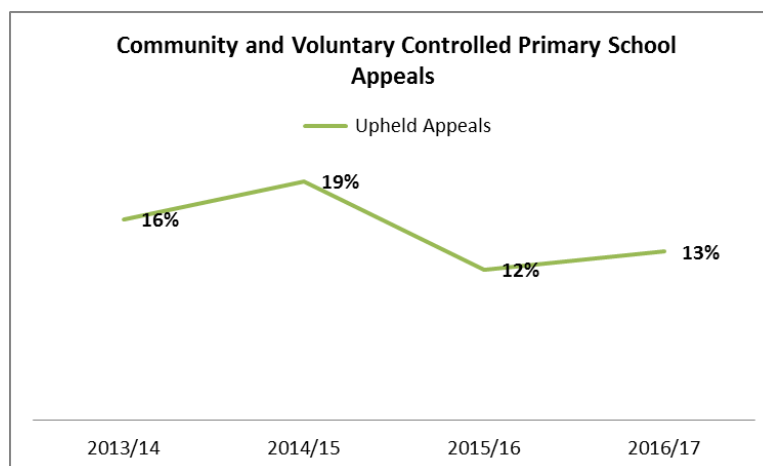
The following statistics show the Reception and In-Year appeals separately for each school type. ICS relates to those subject to the 30 infant class size limit legislation. In-Year appeals are for any age group and are outside the Reception 2016/17 process.

## 1.1 Community and Voluntary Controlled schools

Appeal Panel Areas	Appeals Lodged	Appeals Heard	Upheld		Upheld		Rejected	Offered a place	Appeal withdrawn by parents
			1	2	A	B			
<b>North</b>									
Reception	13	5	0	1	0	0	4	2	6
Reception ICS	65	30	0	0	0	0	30	13	22
In-Year	43	27	4	4	0	0	19	12	4
In-Year ICS	32	19	0	0	0	0	19	3	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>42</b>
<b>East</b>									
Reception	5	2	0	1	0	0	1	3	0
Reception ICS	79	36	0	0	0	1	35	16	27
In-Year	43	26	0	14	0	0	10	7	9
In-Year ICS	43	30	0	0	0	0	30	7	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>42</b>
<b>South</b>									
Reception	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reception ICS	84	51	0	0	1	0	50	12	21
In-Year	51	37	0	10	0	0	25	9	6
In-Year ICS	38	25	0	0	0	0	25	8	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>West</b>									
Reception	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reception ICS	77	33	0	0	0	0	33	13	31
In-Year	39	30	0	12	0	0	18	6	3
In-Year ICS	26	14	0	0	1	0	13	5	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>41</b>

Appeal Type	Heard	Upheld
<b>Total</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>49</b>
<b>Reception</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>In-Year</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>45</b>

## Trends



## 1.2 Voluntary Aided Schools

The statistics below show the Reception and In-Year appeals separately received for Voluntary Aided schools that have opted to use the central clerking service.

Appeal Panel Area	Appeals Lodged	Appeals Heard	Upheld				Rejected	Offered a place	Withdrawn by parents
			1	2	A	B			
<b>North</b>									
Reception	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Reception ICS	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
In-Year	6	2	0	2	0	0	0	4	0
In-Year ICS	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>East</b>									
Reception	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Reception ICS	15	8	0	0	0	0	8	1	6
In-Year	6	4	1	0	0	0	3	1	1

In-Year ICS	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>South</b>									
Reception	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reception ICS	12	6	0	0	0	0	6	0	6
In-Year	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
In-Year ICS	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>West</b>									
Reception	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reception ICS	9	4	0	0	0	0	4	0	5
In-Year	4	3	0	1	0	0	2	1	0
In-Year ICS	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>

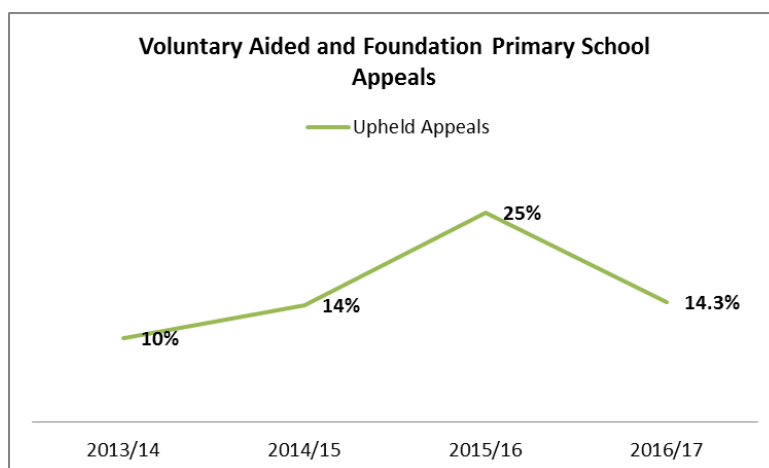
	<b>Heard</b>	<b>Upheld</b>
<b>Total Appeals</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Reception</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>In-Year</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>4</b>

### 1.3 Foundation Schools

The statistics below show the Reception and In-Year appeals separately received for Foundation schools that have opted to use the central clerking service.

	Appeals Lodged	Appeals Heard	* Upheld				Rejected	Offered a place	Withdrawn by parents
			1	2	A	B			
Reception ICS	6	3	0	0	0	0	3	1	2
In-Year	5	4	0	1	0	0	3	0	1
In- Year ICS	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>23</b>

### Trends (Voluntary Aided and Foundation Schools combined)



### 1.4 Academies and Free Schools that had opted to use the central clerking service in 2016/17

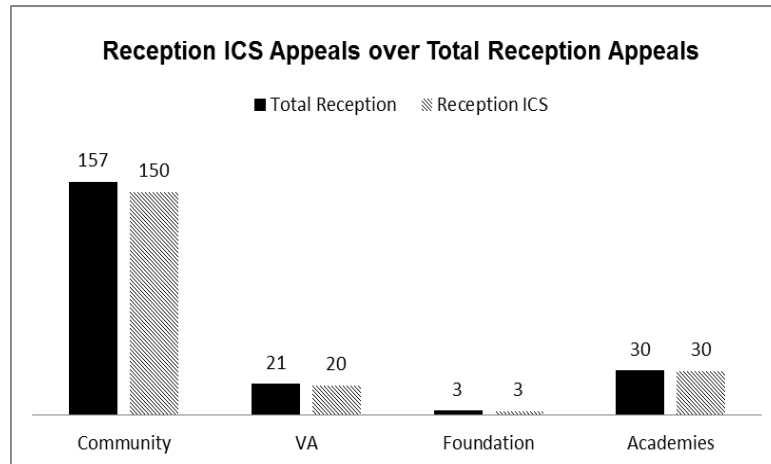
Appeal Panel Areas	Appeals Lodged	Appeals Heard	Upheld				Rejected	Offered a place	Withdrawn by parents
			1	2	A	B			
<b>North</b>									
Reception ICS	5	3	0	0	0	0	3	1	1
In-Year	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>East</b>									
Reception ICS	21	13	0	0	0	0	13	3	5
In-Year	5	3	0	2	0	0	1	1	1
In-Year ICS	3	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>South</b>									
Reception ICS	4	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	1
In-Year	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>West</b>									
Reception ICS	23	11	0	0	0	1	10	3	9
In-Year	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>

	Heard	Upheld
<b>Total Appeals</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Reception</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>In-Year</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>

## Total Outcomes for Primary Reception and In Year

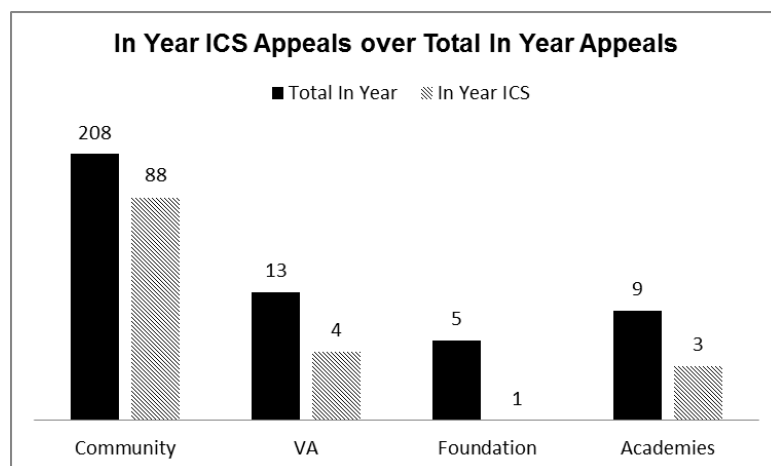
- A total of 446 appeals were heard for Primary Reception and In Year combined

The chart below shows the number of ICS appeals over the total Reception appeals heard across all school types.



- Of the total 211 Reception appeals heard across all school types during 2016/17, 6 were upheld representing a success rate of 2.8%.
- 203 of these appeals were Reception ICS and 3 were upheld representing a success rate of 1.5%

The chart below shows the number of ICS In-Year appeals over the total In-Year appeals heard across all school types



- Of the total 235 In-Year appeals heard across all school types during 2016/17, 54 were upheld representing a success rate of 23%
- 96 of these appeals were In Year ICS and Only 1 was upheld, representing a success rate of 1%.

## **2. Junior and Middle Schools**

The statistics below show the number of entry appeals and In-Year appeals for Junior and Middle schools using the clerking service.

### **2.1 Entry to Junior and In-Year appeals for 2016/17**

Appeal Panel Areas	Appeals Lodged	Appeals Heard	Upheld		Rejected	Offered a place	Withdrawn by parents
			1	2			
<b>North</b>							
Entry to	2	2	0	1	1	0	0
In-Year	7	5	0	3	2	2	0
<b>East</b>							
Entry to	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
In-Year	3	1	0	0	1	0	2
<b>South</b>							
Entry to	7	3	0	2	1	3	1
In-Year	23	13	0	1	12	4	6
<b>West</b>							
Entry to	6	3	0	3	0	3	0
In-Year	23	13	0	8	5	4	6

- A total of 40 appeals were heard for Junior schools
- 18 appeals were upheld, representing a success rate of 45%

### **2.2 Entry to Middle and In-Year appeals for 2016/17**

	Appeals Lodged	Appeals Heard	Upheld		Rejected	Offered a place	Withdrawn by parents
			1	2			
<b>South</b>							
Entry to	8	4	4	0	0	1	3

## **3. In-Year secondary appeals for 2016/17**

The number of In Year secondary appeals for the 2016/17 school year and outcomes are set out below. (In-Year appeals are for any age group and are outside



the secondary transfer process). Secondary transfer appeals for the 2016/17 school year were included in the 2015/16 report.

### 3.1 Community and Voluntary Controlled schools

In recent years there has been a significant increase in the number of Community and Voluntary Controlled schools converting to Academies.

Appeal Panel Areas	Appeals Lodged	Appeals Heard	Upheld		Rejected	Offered a place	Withdrawn by parents
			1	2			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>

**Upheld 1: The case was not proved that to admit more children would prejudice efficient education or the efficient use of resources.**

**Upheld 2: The circumstances of the parental case were sufficient to outweigh the prejudice arguments.**

### 3.2 Foundation and Voluntary-Aided Schools (combined)

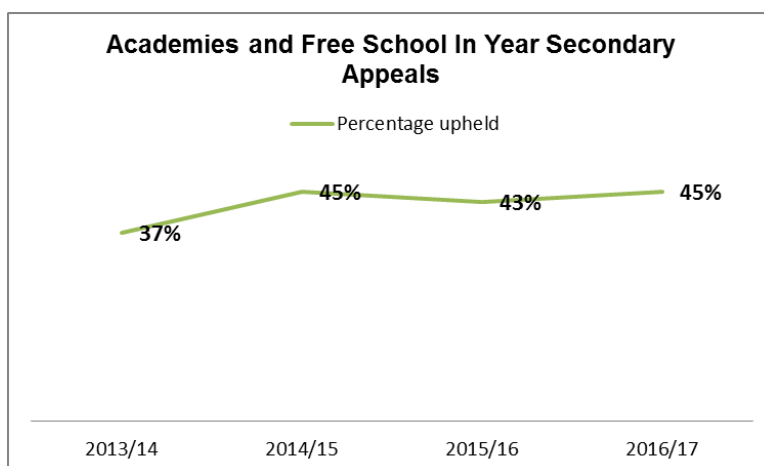
Appeal Panel Areas	Appeals Lodged	Appeals Heard	Upheld		Rejected	Offered a place	Withdrawn by parents
			1	2			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>

The outcomes in the table above include 1 lodged appeal for a Voluntary- Aided school and a place was offered a place prior to the hearing date.

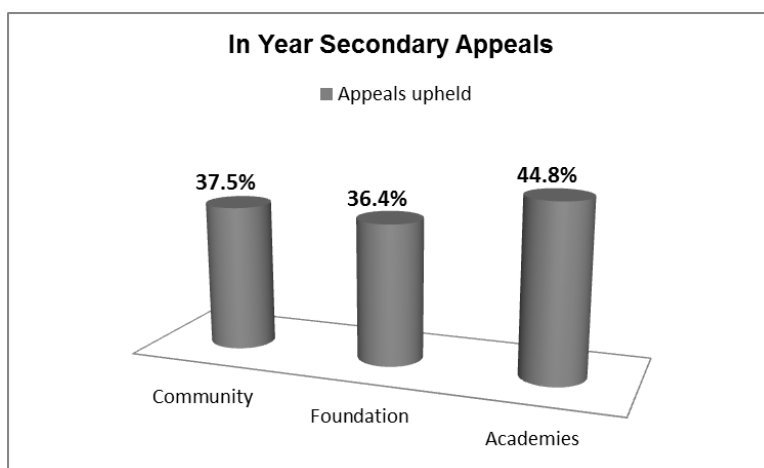
### 3.3 In Year secondary appeals for Academies and Free Schools for 2016/17

Appeal Panel Areas	Appeals Lodged	Appeals Heard	Upheld		Rejected	Offered a place	Withdrawn by parents
			1	2			
<b>North</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>East</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>South</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>West</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>53</b>

## Trends



The chart below shows the total In-Year Secondary appeals upheld by school type.



- A total of 193 Secondary In-Year appeals were heard
- 85 were upheld, representing a success rate of 44%
- Of the 193 appeals, 174 appeals were heard for a place in an Academy or Free School.

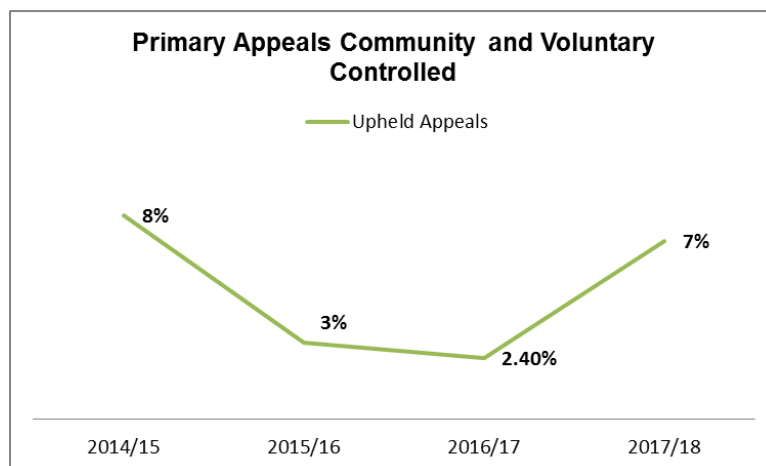
## **4. Reception appeals for 2017/2018 school year**

### **4.1 Community and Voluntary Controlled schools**

The following statistics are for Reception appeals only, In-Year appeals will continue to be heard until the end of the 2017/2018 school year. The statistics for those will therefore be shown in the 2017/18 annual report. ICS relates to those subject to the 30 class size limit legislation.

Appeal Panel Areas	Appeals Lodged	Appeals Heard	Upheld				Rejected	Offered a Place	Withdrawn by parents
			1	2	A	B			
<b>North</b>									
Reception	9	8	3	4	0	0	1	1	0
Reception ICS	39	21	0	0	0	0	21	10	8
<b>East</b>									
Reception	5	2	2	0	0	0	0	3	0
Reception ICS	66	37	0	0	0	1	36	8	21
<b>South</b>									
Reception	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reception ICS	68	42	0	0	0	0	42	6	20
<b>West</b>									
Reception	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reception ICS	49	28	0	0	0	0	28	8	13
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>62</b>

### Trends (Primary Reception appeals only)

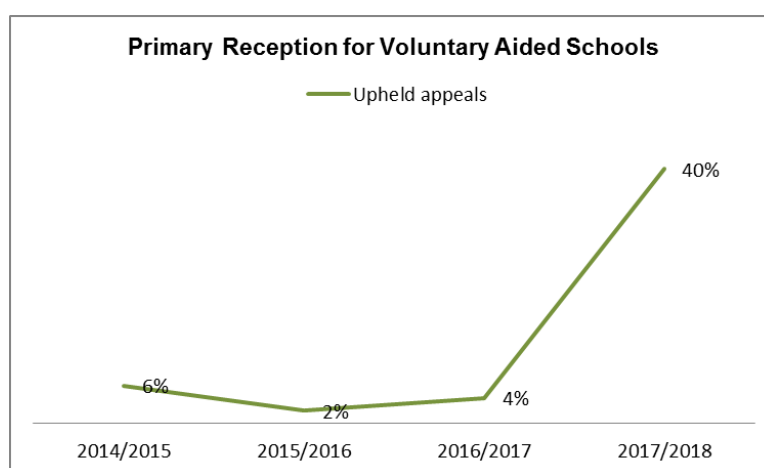


The following statistics show the Reception appeals received for the Voluntary-Aided schools that opted to use the central clerking service.

## 4.2 Voluntary Aided schools

Appeal Panel Areas	Appeals Lodged	Appeals Heard	Upheld				Rejected	Offered a place	Withdrawn by parents
			1	2	A	B			
<b>North</b>									
Reception	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Reception ICS	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<b>East</b>									
Reception ICS	10	4	0	0	0	2	2	4	2
<b>South</b>									
Reception ICS	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
<b>West</b>									
Reception ICS	11	3	0	0	0	0	3	4	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>

## Trends



The result of upheld appeals increased to 40% in 2017/2018 however there were only 10 heard and 4 upheld versus 21 hearings and 5 upheld in the previous year.

The statistics below show the Reception appeals received for the Foundation schools that opted to use the central clerking service.

## 4.3 Foundation schools (all subject to ICS legislation)

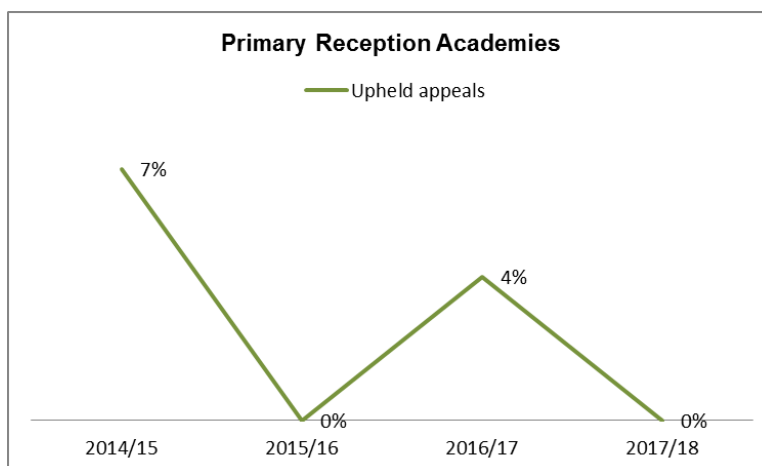
Appeal Panel Areas	Appeals Lodged	Appeals Heard	Upheld		Rejected	Offered a place	Withdrawn by parents
			A	B			
<b>North</b>							
Reception ICS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>East</b>							
Reception ICS	3	2	0	0	2	1	0
<b>South</b>							

Reception ICS	2	1	0	0	1	1	0
<b>West</b>							
Reception ICS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>

#### 4.4 Academies (all subject to ICS legislation)

Appeal Panel Areas	Appeals Lodged	Appeals Heard	Upheld		Rejected	Offered a place	Withdrawn by parents
			A	B			
<b>North</b>							
Reception ICS	1	1	0	0	1	0	0
<b>East</b>							
Reception ICS	18	11	0	0	11	3	4
<b>South</b>							
Reception ICS	7	5	0	0	5	0	2
<b>West</b>							
Reception ICS	3	0	0	0	0	3	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>

#### Trends



Year	Heard
2017/18	17
2016/17	22
2015/16	19

## 5. Secondary transfer appeals for 2017/2018 school year

### 5.1 Community and Voluntary Controlled schools

Appeal Panel Areas	Appeals Lodged	Appeals Heard	Upheld		Rejected	Offered a place	Withdrawn by parents
			1	2			
<b>North</b>							
Barnwell Business & Enterprise School	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Marriotts School	36	24	0	2	22	4	8
The Nobel School	23	21	0	0	21	0	2
The Priory School	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>East</b>							
Sir Frederic Osborn	2	0	0	0	0	1	1
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>South</b>	There were no secondary transfer appeals in this area						
<b>West</b>							
The Hemel Hempstead	18	14	0	3	11	0	4
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>

- Of a total of 59 appeals heard, 5 were upheld representing a success rate of 8.5%.
- In 2016/17, 46 appeals were heard and 30% upheld.

## 5.2 Foundation schools

School	Appeals lodged	Appeals heard	Upheld		Rejected	Offered a place	Withdrawn by parents
			1	2			
Adeyfield School	2	0	0	0	0	1	1
Ashlyns	8	5	0	2	3	2	1
Chancellor's	12	9	1	2	6	1	2
Bishop's Stortford High	13	10	0	2	8	2	1
The Highfield School	2	0	0	0	0	2	0

- Of the 24 appeals heard, 7 were upheld representing a 29% success rate.
- In 2016/17 36 appeals were heard and 17% upheld

## 5.3 Voluntary-Aided schools

School	Appeals Lodged	Appeals Heard	Upheld 1	Upheld 2	Rejected	Offered a place	Withdrawn by parents
St Mary's Catholic	6	1	0	0	1	2	3

- 0% success rate for only appeal heard for school year 17/18
- In 2016/17 all 3 appeals were upheld.

## 5.4 Academies and Free Schools

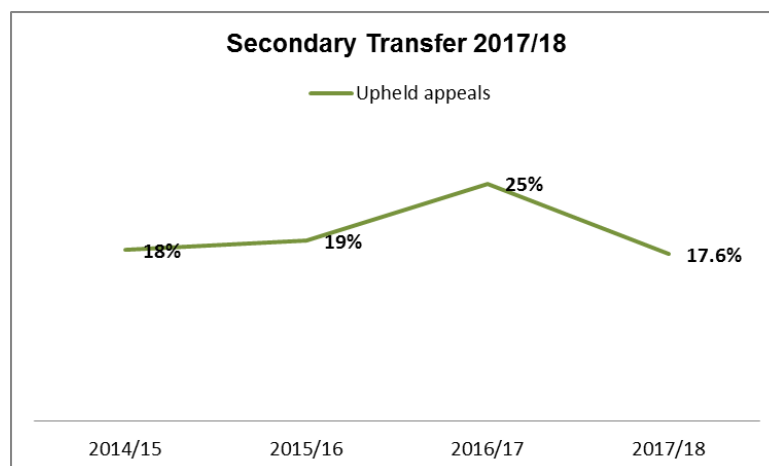
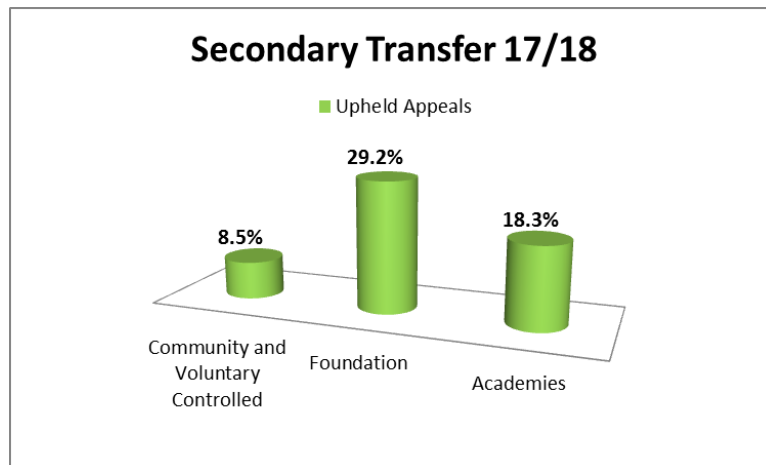
School	Appeals Lodged	Appeals Heard	Upheld 1	Upheld 2	Rejected	Offered a place	Withdrawn by parents
Beaumont	22	18	0	2	16	1	3
The Broxbourne	16	12	0	1	11	1	3
Bishop's Hatfield Girls	17	12	0	2	10	4	1
Bushey Meads School	30	14	0	2	12	7	9
Dame Alice Owen	18	16	0	1	15	1	1
Francis Combe	13	5	0	2	3	4	4
Goffs	18	17	0	5	12	1	0
Hitchin Boys'	12	8	0	0	8	2	2
Hitchin Girls'	18	15	0	5	10	2	1
John Henry Newman	5	4	0	0	4	1	0
The John Warner	14	7	0	3	4	3	0

Kings Langley	2	1	0	0	1	0	1
The Herts & Essex	7	7	0	1	6	0	0
The Knights Templar	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
The Leventhorpe	4	2	0	0	2	2	0
Loreto	9	7	0	3	4	1	1
Marlborough School	4	0	0	0	0	3	1
Monks Walk	16	15	0	3	12	1	0
Onslow St Audrey's School	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Parmiter's	22	17	0	1	16	3	2
Presdales	7	4	0	0	4	1	2
Queens	39	25	0	1	24	7	7
Richard Hale School	34	28	0	0	28	5	1
Rickmansworth	11	4	0	0	4	3	4
Roundwood Park	18	6	0	4	2	3	9
Samuel Ryder	10	4	0	1	3	1	5
Sandringham	33	23	0	4	19	3	7
Simon Balle	12	7	0	1	6	4	1
Sir John Lawes	26	20	0	10	10	3	3
St Albans Girls	34	22	0	3	19	8	4
St Clement Danes	10	7	0	0	7	0	3
St George's School	13	6	0	2	4	1	6
St Marys CoE VA High School	5	4	4	0	0	0	1
St Michael's Catholic High	3	2	0	2	0	0	1
Stanborough	8	4	0	1	3	3	1
Thomas Alleyne Academy	8	5	0	1	4	1	2
Tring	12	4	0	0	4	2	6
Verulam	28	21	0	3	18	2	5
Watford Grammar for Boys	13	12	0	4	8	1	0
Watford Grammar for Girls	24	18	0	2	16	0	6
Yavneh	9	2	0	0	2	1	6



- Of the 405 appeals for a Secondary Transfer for an Academy or Free School, 74 were upheld, representing 18% success rate
- In 2016/17 516 appeals were heard and 130 upheld

### Trends – All school types



### Outcomes:

#### Upheld 1: 1%

The case was NOT proved that to admit more children would “prejudice efficient education or the efficient use of resources” at the school

#### Upheld 2: 16.6%

The circumstances of the parental case were so exceptional as to outweigh the “prejudice” to the school

## Admission Appeals for school year 2016/17

Overall volume of school admission appeals heard for school year 2016/17

School year Total	Hearings held	Decrease over previous year
2016/2017	1238	9%
2015/2016	1365	4.5%

(These figures include the secondary transfer and primary reception appeals for the respective school years).

The actual difference in number overall was a decrease of 127 appeals.

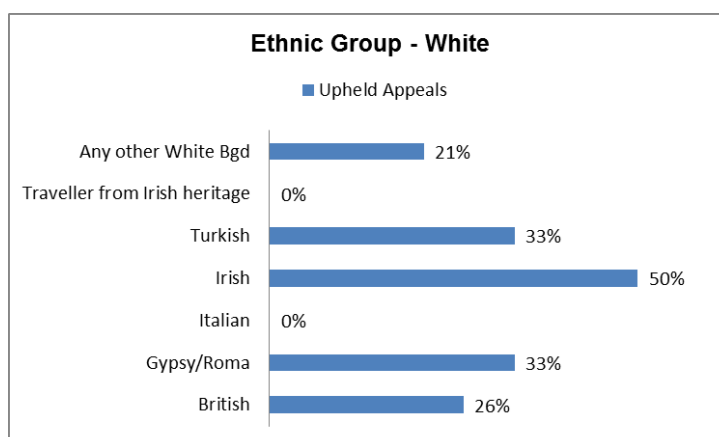
### Admission appeals for school year 2017/18 - Primary Reception and Secondary Transfer.

Secondary transfer appeals administered by Customer Service for the 2017/18 school year, heard in the summer term 2017, were 4.9% down on those for secondary transfer 2016. The actual difference was a decrease of 24 appeals. Primary Reception appeals administered by Customer Service for the 2017/18 school year, heard in the summer term 2017, were 31.5% down on those for primary reception 2016/17. The actual difference was a decrease of 53 appeals.

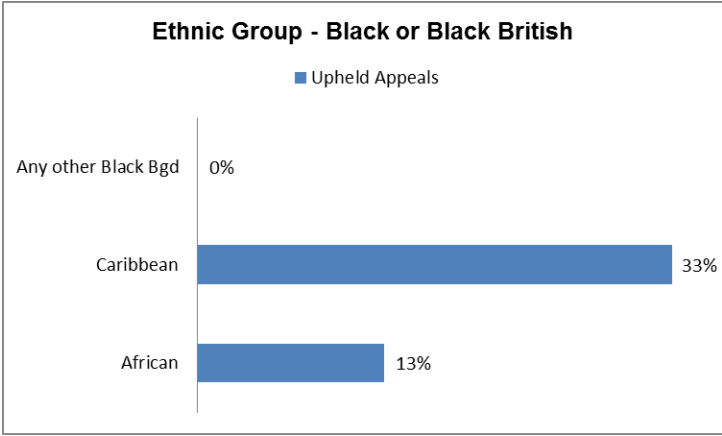
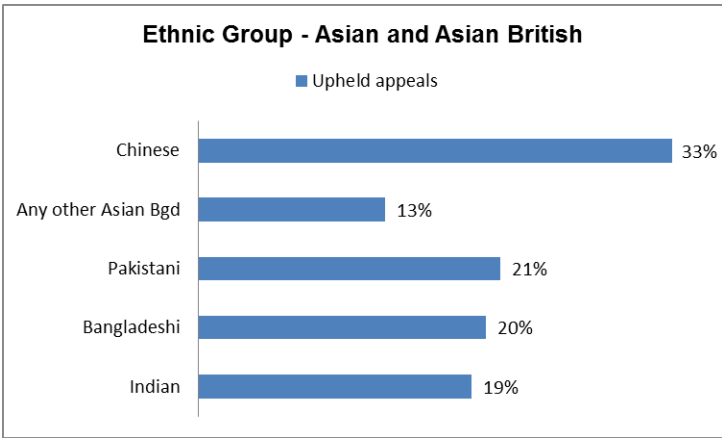
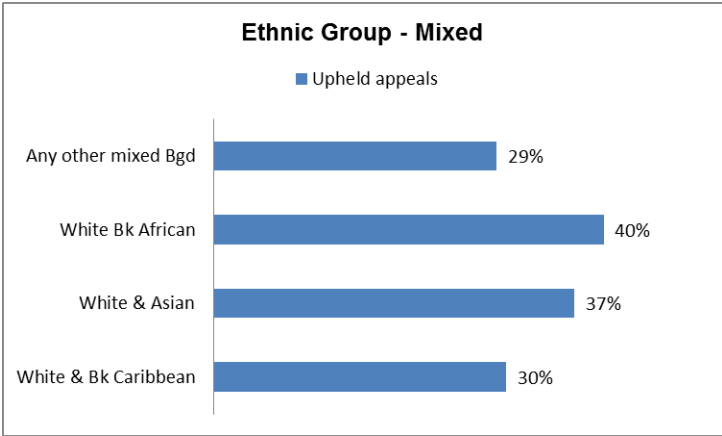
## 6. Ethnic monitoring data for admission appeals in 2016/17 school year

The statistics for admission appeals for all schools by ethnicity are as below, which include only those parents who completed the monitoring form.

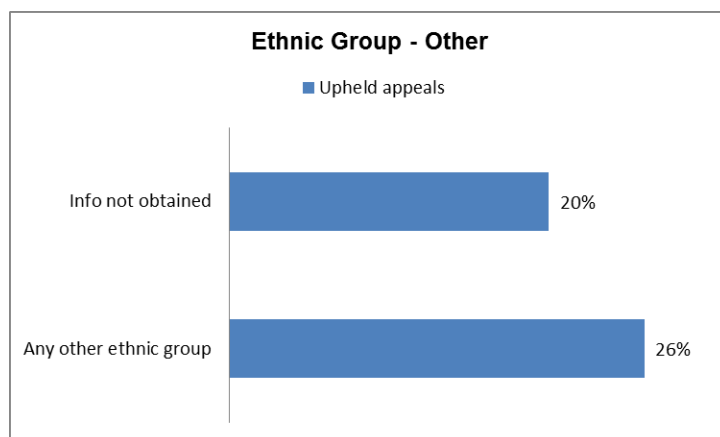
The bar charts below show the percentage of appeals heard upheld in the parents favour



Traveller from Irish heritage = 0% from a total of 4 hearings  
White Italian = 0% from 1 hearing



Any Other Black Background = 0% from 3 hearings



## 7. HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT APPEALS

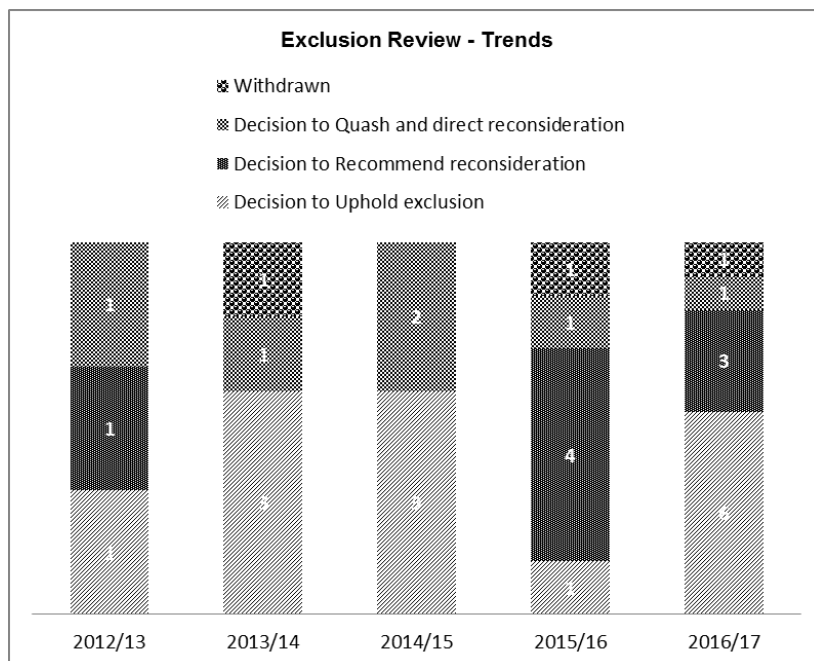
### Appeals for free home to school transport – all schools and academies

The home to school travel and transport statutory guidance issued by the Department for Education in July 2014, introduced a structured two stage review process allowing parents to challenge decisions taken by the local authority in relation to home to school transport. Stage one ensures a review of the parent's application by a panel of senior officers and Stage two allows the parent to request a review by an independent appeal panel. The figures below show the number of parents that progressed their application to an independent panel and the outcomes.

Academic Year	Appeals Lodged	Appeals Heard	Upheld in favour of parents	Rejected	Offered free transport prior to hearing	Parental request withdrawn
2015/16	46	38	9	29	3	5
2016/17	37	20	11	16	4	7

## 8. SCHOOL EXCLUSION REVIEWS – All School types

Following a review there are three options open to the panel: to uphold the decision to exclude; recommend that the governing body reconsiders its decision, or quash the decision and direct that the governing body considers the exclusion again. The final option imposes a £4,000 fine if the governing body does not offer to reinstate the pupil within 10 days of being notified of the review panel’s decision.



In 2016/2017 there were 11 applications for review lodged by parents against the permanent exclusion of their child from a Hertfordshire school/academy. One application was subsequently withdrawn so only 10 reviews were considered by an independent panel. In 6 cases the panel decided to uphold the decision to exclude, in one case the panel concluded that the decision to exclude the pupil was so flawed that they quashed the decision and directed that the governing body consider the exclusion again. In the remaining three cases the panel found there to be procedural improprieties which had had a significant impact on the quality of the decision making process. Therefore, the panel recommended in each of these cases that the governing body reconsider their decision.

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