

CUSTOMER SERVICES – SCHOOL APPEALS

ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT SCHOOL ADMISSION, TRANSPORT AND EXCLUSION APPEALS SEPTEMBER 2019 TO AUGUST 2020 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.

PRIMARY SCHOOLS – 2019/20

1. Primary reception and In-Year appeals for the 2019/20 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 2018/19 process.

**1.1 Community and Voluntary Controlled Primary Schools
ACADEMIC YEAR 2019/20**

Appeals panel areas	Appeals lodged	Appeal withdrawn by parents before hearing	Offered a place before hearing	Appeals Heard	Rejected	Upheld 1	Upheld 2	Upheld A	Upheld B
North									
Reception	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reception ICS	37	6	9	22	22	0	0	0	0
In-Year	26	2	6	18	6	0	12	0	0
In-Year ICS	13	1	4	8	8	0	0	0	0
Total	78	9	21	48	36	0	12	0	0
East									
Reception	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reception ICS	56	19	7	30	29	0	0	1	0
In-Year	52	7	20	25	13	0	12	0	0
In-Year ICS	40	10	11	19	17	0	0	1	1
Total	150	36	40	74	59	0	12	2	1
South									
Reception	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reception ICS	48	14	7	27	27	0	0	0	0
In-Year	26	4	5	17	14	0	3	0	0
In-Year ICS	33	5	5	23	23	0	0	0	0
Total	107	23	18	67	64	0	3	0	0
West									
Reception	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reception ICS	46	16	8	22	22	0	0	0	0
In-Year	36	14	9	13	7	0	6	0	0
In-Year ICS	36	9	9	18	18	0	0	0	0
Total	118	39	26	53	47	0	6	0	0

**For Community and Voluntary Controlled Primary Schools
ACADEMIC YEAR 2019/20**

OVERALL	
Total heard	242
Total upheld	36
Percentage of total upheld	14.9%
<i>Where ICS legislation does not apply:</i>	
Reception heard	0
Reception upheld	0
Percentage of total upheld	n/a
<i>Where ICS legislation does apply</i>	
Reception ICS	101
Reception ICS upheld	1
Percentage of total upheld	0.99%
<i>Where ICS legislation does not apply</i>	
In year	73
In year upheld	33
Percentage of total upheld	45.2%
<i>Where ICS legislation does apply</i>	
In Year ICS	68
In Year ICS upheld	2
Percentage of total upheld	2.94%

Trends

Percentage of upheld appeals overall for Community and Voluntary Controlled Primary Schools

2014-15	19%
2015-16	12%
2016-17	13%
2017-18	15%
2018-19	15%
2019-20	14.9%

1.2 Voluntary Aided Primary Schools ACADEMIC YEAR 2019/20

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.

Appeals panel areas	Appeals lodged	Appeal withdrawn by parents before hearing	Offered a place before hearing	Appeals Heard	Rejected	Upheld 1	Upheld 2	Upheld A	Upheld B
North									
Reception	6	2	1	3	1	2	0	0	0
Reception ICS	2	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
In-Year	4	0	1	3	2	0	1	0	0
In-Year ICS	2	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Total	14	4	2	8	5	2	1	0	0
East									
Reception	4	1	1	2	0	2	0	0	0
Reception ICS	11	5	3	3	2	0	0	0	1
In-Year	10	3	3	4	3	0	1	0	0
In-Year ICS	4	0	1	3	3	0	0	0	0
Total	29	9	8	12	8	2	1	0	1
South									
Reception	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reception ICS	10	2	0	8	8	0	0	0	0
In-Year	3	1	0	2	1	0	1	0	0
In-Year ICS	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Total	14	3	0	11	10	0	1	0	0
West									
Reception	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reception ICS	6	3	1	2	2	0	0	0	0
In-Year	3	0	0	3	1	0	2	0	0
In-Year ICS	3	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Total	12	5	1	6	4	0	2	0	0

Totals for Voluntary Aided Primary Schools ACADEMIC YEAR 2019/20

OVERALL	
Total heard	37
Total upheld	10
Percentage of total upheld	27%
Where ICS legislation does not apply:	
Reception heard	5
Reception upheld	4
Percentage of total upheld	80%
Where ICS legislation does apply	
Reception ICS	14
Reception ICS upheld	1
Percentage of total upheld	7.14%
Where ICS legislation does not apply	
In year	12
In year upheld	5
Percentage of total upheld	41.70%
Where ICS legislation does apply	
In Year ICS	6
In Year ICS upheld	0
Percentage of total upheld	0%

1.2 Foundation Schools – PRIMARY – ACADEMIC YEAR 2019/20

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	Appeal withdrawn by parents before hearing	Offered a place before hearing	Appeals Heard	Rejected	Upheld 1	Upheld 2	Upheld A	Upheld B
Reception	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reception ICS	2	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
In-Year	6	0	2	4	2	0	2	0	0
In-Year ICS	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Total	9	0	3	6	4	0	2	0	0

Totals for Foundation Schools – PRIMARY – ACADEMIC YEAR 2019/20

OVERALL	
Total heard	6
Total upheld	2
Percentage of total upheld	33%
<i>Where ICS legislation does not apply:</i>	
Reception heard	0
Reception upheld	0
Percentage of total upheld	n/a
<i>Where ICS legislation does apply</i>	
Reception ICS heard	1
Reception ICS upheld	0
Percentage of total upheld	0%
<i>Where ICS legislation does not apply</i>	
In year heard	4
In year upheld	2
Percentage of total upheld	50%
<i>Where ICS legislation does apply</i>	
In Year ICS heard	1
In Year ICS upheld	0
Percentage of total upheld	0%

Trends (Voluntary Aided and Foundation Primary Schools combined)

Percentage of upheld appeals overall

2014-15	14%
2015-16	25%
2016-17	14.3%
2017-18	27%
2018-19	27%
2019-20	27.9%

1.4 Academies and Free Schools that had opted to use the central clerking PRIMARY – ACADEMIC YEAR 2019/20

Appeals panel areas	Appeals lodged	Appeal withdrawn by parents before hearing	Offered a place before hearing	Appeals Heard	Rejected	Upheld 1	Upheld 2	Upheld A	Upheld B
North									
Reception	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reception ICS	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0
In-Year	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0
In-Year ICS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	4	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	0
East									
Reception	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reception ICS	22	4	2	16	16	0	0	0	0
In Year	17	7	2	8	6	0	2	0	0
In-Year ICS	4	2	0	2	2	0	0	0	0
Total	43	13	4	26	24	0	2	0	0
South									
Reception	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reception ICS	15	3	4	8	8	0	0	0	0
In-Year	7	0	2	5	3	0	2	0	0
In-Year ICS	3	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	0
Total	25	4	6	15	13	0	2	0	0
West									
Reception	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reception ICS	9	4	2	3	3	0	0	0	0
In-Year	4	0	3	1	0	0	1	0	0
In-Year ICS	4	1	1	2	2	0	0	0	0
Total	17	5	6	6	5	0	1	0	0

**Totals for Academies and Free Schools that had opted to use the central clerking
PRIMARY – ACADEMIC YEAR 2019/20**

OVERALL	
Total heard	51
Total upheld	5
Percentage of total upheld	9.8%
Where ICS legislation does not apply:	
Reception heard	0
Reception upheld	0
Percentage of total upheld	n/a
Where ICS legislation does apply	
Reception ICS heard	29
Reception ICS upheld	0
Percentage of total upheld	0%
Where ICS legislation does not apply	
In year heard	16
In year upheld	5
Percentage of total upheld	31.25%
Where ICS legislation does apply	
In Year ICS	6
In Year ICS upheld	0
Percentage of total upheld	0%

Total Outcomes for Primary Reception and In Year

	HEARD	UPHELD	PERCENTAGE
OVERALL	336	53	15.8%
RECEPTION APPEALS - ALL	150	6	4%
RECEPTION ICS APPEALS	145	2	1.4%
IN YEAR	186	47	25.3%
IN YEAR ICS ONLY	81	2	2.5%

- A total of 336 appeals were heard for Primary Reception and In Year combined.
- Of the total 150 Reception appeals heard across all school types during 2019/20, 6 were upheld representing a success rate of 4%.
- 145 of these appeals were Reception ICS and 2 were upheld representing a success rate of 1.4%
- Of the total 186 In Year appeals heard across all school types during 2019/20, 47 were upheld representing a success rate of 25.3%
- 81 of these appeals were In Year ICS and 2 were upheld, representing a success rate of 2.5%.

JUNIOR AND MIDDLE 2019/20

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 2019/20

Appeals panel areas	Appeals lodged	Appeal withdrawn by parents before hearing	Offered a place before hearing	Appeals Heard	Rejected	Upheld 1	Upheld 2	Upheld A	Upheld B
North									
Entry to	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
In Year	6	1	2	3	3	0	0	0	0
Total	7	1	2	4	3	0	1	0	0
East									
Entry to	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
In Year	4	1	1	2	2	0	0	0	0
Total	4	1	1	2	2	0	0	0	0
South									
Entry to	4	1	1	2	2	0	0	0	0
In Year	19	0	5	14	10	0	4	0	0
Total	23	1	6	16	12	0	4	0	0
West									
Entry to	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0
In Year	7	4	0	3	2	0	1	0	0
Total	9	4	0	5	4	0	1	0	0
OVERALL TOTALS	43	7	9	27	21	0	6	0	0

- A total of 27 appeals were heard for Junior schools (8 down on the last report)
- 6 appeals were upheld, representing a success rate of 22.2% (slightly down on the last report)

2.2 Entry to Middle and In-Year appeals for 2019/20

All areas	Appeals lodged	Appeal withdrawn by parents before hearing	Offered a place before hearing	Appeals Heard	Rejected	Upheld 1	Upheld 2	Upheld A	Upheld B
Entry to	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
In Year	2	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	0
Total	2	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	0

Two appeals were heard for a middle school, one was rejected, one was upheld.

SECONDARY 2019/20

3. In Year Secondary appeals for 2019/20

The number of In Year secondary appeals for the 2019/20 school year and outcomes are set out below. (In-Year appeals are for any age group and are outside the secondary transfer process). *NB Secondary transfer appeals for the 2019/20 school year were included in the 2018/19 report.*

3.1 Community and Voluntary Controlled schools Secondary 2019/20

In recent years there has been a significant increase in the number of Community and Voluntary Controlled schools converting to Academies although this seems to have levelled off recently.

	Appeals lodged	Appeal withdrawn by parents before hearing	Offered a place before hearing	Appeals Heard	Rejected	Upheld 1	Upheld 2	Upheld A	Upheld B
In Year	24	5	7	12	8	0	4	0	0
Transfer	87	13	12	62	51	0	11	0	0
TOTAL	111	18	19	74	59	0	15	0	0

GRAND TOTALS FOR COMMUNITY AND VC SECONDARY 2019/20

	HEARD	UPHELD	PERCENTAGE
OVERALL	74	15	20.3%
IN YEAR	12	4	33.3%

3.2a Foundation Schools Secondary 2019/20

	Appeals lodged	Appeal withdrawn by parents before hearing	Offered a place before hearing	Appeals Heard	Rejected	Upheld 1	Upheld 2	Upheld A	Upheld B
In Year	29	5	9	15	7	0	8	0	0
Transfer	72	12	8	52	40	0	12	0	0
TOTAL	101	17	17	67	47	0	20	0	0

3.2b Voluntary-Aided Schools Secondary 2019/20

	Appeals lodged	Appeal withdrawn by parents before hearing	Offered a place before hearing	Appeals Heard	Rejected	Upheld 1	Upheld 2	Upheld A	Upheld B
In Year	11	2	5	4	4	0	0	0	0
Transfer	11	4	3	4	2	0	2	0	0
TOTAL	22	6	8	8	6	0	2	0	0

GRAND TOTALS FOR VA AND FOUNDATION SECONDARY 2019/20

	HEARD	UPHELD	PERCENTAGE
OVERALL	75	22	29.3%
IN YEAR	19	8	42.1%

3.3 Academies and Free Schools Secondary 2019/20

Appeals panel areas	Appeals lodged	Appeal withdrawn by parents before hearing	Offered a place before hearing	Appeals Heard	Rejected	Upheld 1	Upheld 2	Upheld A	Upheld B
North									
In Year	26	4	4	18	8	0	10	0	0
Transfer	46	6	8	32	21	0	11	0	0
Total	72	10	12	50	29	0	21	0	0
East									
In Year	76	15	27	34	20	1	13	0	0
Transfer	162	29	22	111	87	0	24	0	0
Total	238	44	49	145	107	1	37	0	0
South									
In Year	104	27	17	60	41	0	19	0	0
Transfer	234	29	16	189	163	0	26	0	0
Total	338	56	33	249	204	0	45	0	0
West									
In Year	128	30	20	78	51	2	25	0	0
Transfer	224	46	35	143	99	0	44	0	0
Total	352	76	55	221	150	2	69	0	0
OVERALL TOTALS	1000	186	149	665	490	3	172	0	0

GRAND TOTALS FOR Academies and Free Schools Secondary 2019/20

	HEARD	UPHELD	PERCENTAGE
OVERALL	665	175	26.3%
IN YEAR	190	70	36.8%

Trends for the In Year appeals

- A total of 221 Secondary In-Year appeals were heard
- 82 were upheld, representing a success rate of 37.1% (down on the last report)
- Of the 221 appeals, 190 appeals were heard for a place in an Academy or Free School.

TRANSFER APPEALS 2020/21

4. Reception appeals for 2020/21 school year

4.1 Community and Voluntary Controlled schools Primary Reception 2020/21

The following statistics are for Reception appeals only, Please note that In Year appeals will continue to be heard until the end of the 2020/21 school year. The statistics for those will therefore be shown in the 2020/21 annual report. ICS relates to those appeals subject to the 30 class size limit legislation.

Appeals panel areas	Appeals lodged	Appeal withdrawn by parents before hearing	Offered a place before hearing	Appeals Heard	Rejected	Upheld 1	Upheld 2	Upheld A	Upheld B
North									
Reception	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reception ICS	26	2	4	20	20	0	0	0	0
Total	27	3	4	20	20	0	0	0	0
East									
Reception	2	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Reception ICS	51	8	9	34	33	0	0	0	1
Total	53	8	10	35	34	0	0	0	1
South									
Reception	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reception ICS	48	9	12	27	27	0	0	0	0
Total	48	9	12	27	27	0	0	0	0
West									
Reception	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Reception ICS	37	12	4	21	20	0	0	0	1
Total	38	12	4	22	21	0	0	0	1
OVERALL TOTALS	166	32	30	104	102	0	0	0	2

GRAND TOTALS FOR COMMUNITY AND VC PRIMARY RECEPTION 2020/21

	HEARD	UPHELD	PERCENTAGE
RECEPTION APPEALS ALL	104	2	1.9%
ICS APPEALS	102	2	2%

Trends for Community and VC Primary Reception

2014-15	8%
2015-16	3%
2016-17	2.4%
2017-18	7%
2018-19	2%
2019-20	2.8%
2020-21	1.9%

4.2 Voluntary Aided Schools (all subject to ICS legislation) Primary Reception 2020/21

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

All areas	Appeals lodged	Appeal withdrawn by parents before hearing	Offered a place before hearing	Appeals Heard	Rejected	Upheld 1	Upheld 2	Upheld A	Upheld B
Reception ICS	32	4	3	25	25	0	0	0	0
Total	32	4	3	25	25	0	0	0	0

GRAND TOTALS FOR VA PRIMARY RECEPTION 2019/2020

	HEARD	UPHELD	PERCENTAGE
RECEPTION APPEALS ALL	25	0	0%
ICS APPEALS	25	0	0%

Trends for VA Primary Reception

Year	Percentage upheld
2014-15	6%
2015-16	2%
2016-17	4%
2017-18	40%
2018-19	29.4%
2019-20	25%
2020-21	0%

4.3 Foundation schools (all subject to ICS legislation) Primary Reception 2020/21

All areas	Appeals lodged	Appeal withdrawn by parents before hearing	Offered a place before hearing	Appeals Heard	Rejected	Upheld 1	Upheld 2	Upheld A	Upheld B
Reception ICS	2	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Total	2	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0

GRAND TOTALS FOR FOUNDATION PRIMARY RECEPTION 2020/21

	HEARD	UPHELD	PERCENTAGE
RECEPTION APPEALS ALL	1	0	0%
ICS APPEALS	1	0	0%

4.4 Academies (all subject to ICS legislation) Primary Reception 2020/21

Appeals panel areas	Appeals lodged	Appeal withdrawn by parents before hearing	Offered a place before hearing	Appeals Heard	Rejected	Upheld 1	Upheld 2	Upheld A	Upheld B
North									
Reception ICS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
East									
Reception ICS	32	6	3	23	23	0	0	0	0
South									
Reception ICS	17	2	3	12	12	0	0	0	0
West									
Reception ICS	2	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Totals	51	9	6	36	36	0	0	0	0

GRAND TOTALS FOR ACADEMY PRIMARY RECEPTION 2019/2020

	HEARD	UPHELD	PERCENTAGE
RECEPTION APPEALS ALL	36	0	0%
ICS APPEALS	36	0	0%

Trends for Academies Primary Reception

Year	Percentage upheld
2014-15	7%
2015-16	0%
2016-17	4%
2017-18	0%
2018-19	0%
2019-20	0%
2020-21	0%

5. Secondary transfer appeals for 2020/21 school year

5.1 Community and Voluntary Controlled schools: Secondary Transfer 2020/21

All areas	Appeals lodged	Appeal withdrawn by parents before hearing	Offered a place before hearing	Appeals Heard	Rejected	Upheld 1	Upheld 2	Upheld A	Upheld B
Marriotts School	26	7	1	18	14	0	4	0	0
OVERALL TOTAL	26	7	1	18	14	0	4	0	0

Of a total of 18 appeals heard, 4 were upheld representing a success rate of 22%
In 2019-20, 62 appeals were heard and 17.7% upheld.

5.2 Foundation schools: Secondary Transfer 2020/21

ALL AREAS	Appeals lodged	Appeal withdrawn by parents before hearing	Offered a place before hearing	Appeals Heard	Rejected	Upheld 1	Upheld 2	Upheld A	Upheld B
Ashlyns School	13	1	0	12	5	0	7	0	0
Barnwell School	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fearnhill Maths and Computing College	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
The Astley Cooper	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
The Bishop's Stortford High	19	4	2	13	10	0	3	0	0
The Highfield School	5	0	3	2	2	0	0	0	0
The Hemel Hempstead School	20	1	1	18	14	0	4	0	0
The Priory School	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
OVERALL TOTAL	62	6	11	45	31	0	14	0	0

- Of the 45 appeals heard, 14 were upheld representing a 31% success rate.
- In 2019/20, 52 appeals were heard and 23% upheld

5.3 Voluntary-Aided schools: Secondary Transfer 2020/21

Appeals panel areas	Appeals lodged	Appeal withdrawn by parents before hearing	Offered a place before hearing	Appeals Heard	Rejected	Upheld 1	Upheld 2	Upheld A	Upheld B
St Mary's Catholic School	7	1	2	4	2	0	2	0	0

(No other VA secondary schools had secondary transfer appeals)

- Of the four appeals heard, two were upheld representing a 50% success rate.
- In 2019/20, four appeals were heard with a 50% success rate.

5.4 Academies and Free Schools: Secondary Transfer 2020/21

School	Appeals lodged	Appeal withdrawn by parents before hearing	Offered a place before hearing	Appeals Heard	Rejected	Upheld 1	Upheld 2	Upheld A	Upheld B
Beaumont School	22	4	3	15	13	0	2	0	0
Bishop's Hatfield Girls' School	26	2	2	22	15	0	7	0	0
Bushey Meads School	13	5	2	6	5	0	1	0	0
Chancellor's School	18	3	2	13	10	0	3	0	0
Croxley Danes School	15	2	1	12	11	1	0	0	0
Dame Alice Owen's School	11	1	0	10	7	0	3	0	0
Francis Combe Academy	3	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	0
Goffs Churchgate School	17	1	1	15	12	0	3	0	0
Goffs School	31	6	0	25	24	0	1	0	0
Hitchin Boys' School	7	0	1	6	4	0	2	0	0
Hitchin Girls' School	15	1	0	14	12	0	2	0	0
John Henry Newman RC School	14	2	4	8	8	0	0	0	0
Katherine Warrington School	15	1	2	12	12	0	0	0	0
Kings Langley School	4	2	0	2	1	0	1	0	0
Longdean School	17	3	0	14	9	0	5	0	0
Marlborough School Science Academy	2	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Monks Walk School	4	1	0	3	3	0	0	0	0
Nicholas Breakspear Catholic School	20	1	3	16	13	0	3	0	0

Parmiter's School	21	3	2	16	15	0	1	0	0
Presdales School	8	1	4	3	3	0	0	0	0
Queens' School	21	3	2	16	15	0	1	0	0
Richard Hale School	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rickmansworth School	6	0	1	5	5	0	0	0	0
Ridgeway Academy	7	1	0	6	3	0	3	0	0
Roundwood Park School	19	3	8	8	7	0	1	0	0
Samuel Ryder Academy	17	5	4	8	5	0	3	0	0
Sandringham School	12	3	0	9	4	0	5	0	0
Sir John Lawes School	9	2	3	4	4	0	0	0	0
Simon Balle Sxhool	13	0	1	12	11	0	1	0	0
St Albans Girls' School	4	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
St Clement Danes School	17	2	4	11	11	0	0	0	0
St George's School	17	0	0	17	14	1	2	0	0
St Michael's Catholic High School	13	2	2	9	7	0	2	0	0
Stanborough School	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
The Broxbourne School	15	3	0	12	8	0	4	0	0
The Chauncy School	13	1	1	11	7	0	4	0	0
The Hertfordshire and Essex High School	9	0	1	8	8	0	0	0	0
The John Warner School	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
The Knights Templar School	3	1	0	2	0	0	2	0	0
The Leventhorpe School	4	1	0	3	2	0	1	0	0
The Nobel School	23	5	1	17	14	0	3	0	0
The Reach Free School	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
The Thomas Alleyne Academy	5	0	0	5	4	0	1	0	0
Tring School	17	3	1	13	8	0	5	0	0
Verulam School	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Watford Grammar School for Boys	14	0	1	13	13	0	0	0	0
Watford Grammar School for Girls	20	0	1	19	18	0	1	0	0
Westfield Academy	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yavneh College	12	3	3	6	0	5	1	0	0
OVERALL TOTAL	581	79	73	429	347	7	75	0	0

- Of the 429 appeals heard for a Secondary Transfer for an Academy or Free School, 82 were upheld, representing a 19.1% success rate.
- In 2019/20, of the 455 appeals for a Secondary Transfer for an Academy or Free School, 100 were upheld, representing 22% success rate.

Trends – All school types

Secondary transfer 2020/21	Percentage upheld
Community and VC Schools	22%
VA Schools	31%
Foundation Schools	50%
Academies and Free Schools	19.1%

Overall percentages

Year	Percentage upheld
2014-15	18%
2015-16	19%
2016-17	25%
2017-18	17.6%
2018-19	22.5%
2019-20	21.7%
2020-21	20.6%

Outcomes:

Upheld 1: 1.5%

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: 19.1%

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

Admission Appeals for school year 2019/20

Overall volume of school admission appeals heard for school year 2019/20

School year Total	Hearings held	Decrease/increase over
2019/2020	1179	-1.4%
2018/2019	1196	+3.2%
2017/2018	1159	-6.4%
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 17 appeals.

Admission appeals for school year 2020/21 - Primary Reception and Secondary Transfer.

Secondary transfer appeals administered by Customer Service for the 2020/21 school year, heard in the summer term 2020, were 19.7% down on those for secondary transfer 2019/20. The actual difference was a decrease of 122 appeals.

Primary Reception appeals administered by Customer Service for the 2020/21 school year, heard in the summer term 2020, were 9% up on those for primary reception 2019/20. The actual difference was an increase of 15 appeals.

6. Ethnic monitoring data for admission appeals in 2019/20 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 table below shows the percentage of appeals heard upheld in the parents' favour.

Ethnic group	Number of appeals that went to hearing	Percentage upheld
<u>White</u>		
Any other White background	2	50.0%
Any other White background	28	10.7%
British	303	30.7%
Gypsy/Roma	5	40.0%
Irish	3	33.3%
Italian	1	0.0%
Traveller from Irish Heritage	2	100.0%
Turkish	1	100.0%
<u>Asian or Asian British</u>		
Any other Asian	20	35.0%
Bangladeshi	7	0.0%
Indian	55	12.7%
Pakistan	2	50.0%
Pakistani	36	8.3%
<u>Black or Black British</u>		
African	33	12.1%
Any other Black	8	0.0%
Caribbean	9	0.0%
	4	0.0%
<u>Chinese</u>		
<u>Mixed</u>		
Any other Mixed background	5	0.0%
White and Asian	6	16.7%
White and Black African	9	22.2%
White and Black Caribbean	10	20.0%
	4	25.0%
<u>Any other Ethnic Group</u>		

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	35	25	11	14	3	7
2017/18	54	46	27	20	3	4
2018/19	33	31	16	15	1	1
2019/20	39	36	26	10	1	2

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.

Academic Year	Application for Review lodged	Appeals Heard	Upheld the exclusion	Quash and direct reconsideration	Recommend reconsideration	Parental request withdrawn
2015/16	7	6	1	1	4	1
2016/17	11	10	6	1	3	1
2017/18	20	20	9	4	7	0
2018/19	20	19	6	5	8	1
2019/20	14	14	4	5	5	0

In 2019/2020 there were 14 applications for review lodged by parents against the permanent exclusion of their child from a Hertfordshire school/academy. In four cases, the panel decided to uphold the decision to exclude, in five cases, 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 five 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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