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Oxford Diocesan Board of Education

School Admission Appeal timetables for

Voluntary Aided Schools & Academies in the Diocese of Oxford 2026-27

Secondary & Middle Schools

Appeal Stage	DATE
National Offer Day applications (those received on time)	Monday 2 March 2026
Deadline for first round secondary/middle school appeals (must give applicant 20 school days from date of refusal to prepare and lodge their appeal ¹)	Monday 30 March 2026
Appeals will be heard (must be heard within 40 school days of the deadline to lodge appeal ²)	Between Tuesday 5 May 2026 and Wednesday 17 June
LATER APPLICATIONS WILL BE HEARD AS FOLLOWS:	Applicants must be given 20 school days to return and lodge their appeal. Within 40 school days of that date, their appeal will be heard.

Infant, Primary & Combined Schools

Appeal Stage	DATE
Primary National Offer Day applications (those received on time)	Thursday 16 April 2026
Deadline for first round infant/primary/combined appeals (must give applicant 20 school days from date of refusal to prepare and lodge their appeal)	Wednesday 20 May 2026
Appeals will be heard (Must be heard within 40 school days of the deadline to lodge appeal ³)	Between Monday 15 June and Tuesday 21 July 2026
LATER APPLICATIONS WILL BE HEARD AS FOLLOWS:	Applicants must be given 20 school days to return and lodge their appeal. Within 40 school days of that date, their appeal will be heard.

Applications for in-year admissions⁴, parents must be given 20 school days from the date of refusal to prepare and lodge their appeal. The appeal must be heard within 30 school days of the appeal being lodged.

Please note that some schools may have specific dates reserved for appeals. This should be displayed on their website. Local Authorities will have second, third and even fourth admission rounds, all will be treated as late applications, however appeals will be heard within the required timeframe.

¹ School Admission Appeals Code 2022 2.1a

² School Admission Appeals Code 2022 2.3cii

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⁴ An application is an 'in-year' application if it is for the admission of a child to a relevant age group and it is submitted on or after the first day of the first school term of the admission year, or it is for the admission of a child to an age group other than a relevant age group.