

APPEAL STATISTICS

RECEPTION CLASS

	APPEALS SUBMITTED	APPEALS REFUSED	APPEALS ALLOWED	INFANT CLASS SIZE APPEALS ALLOWED
2020/2021	101	57	1	0
2021/2022	23	5	2	0
2022/2023	44	19	3	0
2023/2024	49	18	6	0
2024/2025	32	18	2	1
2025/2026	26	17	1	0

GUIDANCE NOTES FOR PARENTS APPEALING FOR RECEPTION PLACES

The law states that there must not be more than 30 children in an infant class (that is, classes containing Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children). Apart from some very limited exceptions, no infant class may contain more than 30 pupils being taught by one teacher. Any admissions which would increase a class to more than 30 pupils would require what are called 'qualifying measures', such as organising an extra class, appointing an additional teacher, providing an additional classroom or introducing or extending mixed age group teaching.

When the presenting officer can show to an Appeals Panel that any further admissions would require qualifying measures your appeal can only be upheld if the appeals Panel decided either that:

- A mistake has been made in the allocation of places according to the admissions criteria and your child would have received that place, or;
- That the decision to refuse admission was 'unreasonable' in the circumstances of the case. 'Unreasonable' is a very high threshold for an appeal to be successful. It is defined as 'a decision which is so outrageous in its defiance of logic or of accepted moral standards that no sensible person who had applied his mind to the question could have arrived at it'.