



Admission Appeals

You have a statutory right to appeal against the decision not to offer your child a place at Woodlands Academy of Learning.

Make an appeal

You can appeal at the standard points of admission (reception) or mid-year if you've applied to move schools at a non-standard point.

It's important to be realistic about your reasons for appealing and the chances of being successful. An appeal can prolong the period of uncertainty for you and your child.

To make an appeal, you will have to set your case out in writing and attend an appeal hearing.

Infant class size appeals

In reception, year 1 and year 2, the class size is limited to 30. Your application can be turned down if all the classes already have 30 children.

GOV.UK has further information about [infant class size appeals](#)

For Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, an Appeal Panel can only uphold an appeal if it is satisfied that:

- your child would have been offered a place if the published admission arrangements had been properly implemented

or

- your child would have been offered a place if the arrangements had not been contrary to the school admissions code and the legislation

or

- the decision was not one which a reasonable admission authority would make in the circumstances of the case

Please note that while you may talk about personal factors at an infant class appeal hearing, the Appeal Panel cannot take personal factors into account unless they are relevant to one of the three points above.



Admission Appeals Timetable Appeals for Admission to Reception in September 2025

Offers of places for Reception in September 2025 will be made by Walsall Local Authority on 16 April 2025.

Appeals should be submitted by 2 June 2025. You can request an appeals form for Woodlands Academy of Learning, by visiting the school office or emailing postbox@woodlands.walsall.sch.uk

Appeals received by **2 June 2025** will be arranged to be heard during June/July 2025.

It may not be possible to hear Appeals received after 12 June 2025 until September 2025.

Mid-year admissions appeals

Arrangements will be made for mid year admission appeals be heard within 30 school days of submission.

Nursery

If a nursery place is refused, there is no right of appeal as nursery education is non-statutory.