



The process of appealing for a Kent School.



If you are unhappy with the school place you've been offered, you can appeal for any of the schools you named in your application. You can do this on National Offer Day (Monday 2nd March 2026). You needed to submit your appeal before **Monday 30th March 2026** for it to be considered by **Wednesday 17th June 2026**. This can be done online on KCC's website, via the link below.

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/appeal-a-school-offer#tab-2>

Please note that some schools request that you complete their own online form, but you will be advised of this on the KCC website if this is the case.

- Your appeals clerk will contact you directly to let you know when your appeal will be heard.
- We recommend that you still accept the place your child has been offered. This will not affect your appeal and will guarantee your child has a school place if your appeal is unsuccessful.
- An independent appeal panel will decide whether your appeal is successful. The panel is usually made up of 3 people, with at least one person who has experience in education. You will be informed of the date of your appeal at least 14 calendar days before it is heard and a complete copy of the appeals paperwork will be sent to you at least 7 calendar days before the hearing.
- In exceptional circumstances, a representative from the school may be able to attend the appeal with you. Please contact the school to discuss this.
- To notify you of the panel's decision, you will be written to.
- If your appeal is successful, the school must offer your child a place.
- If not, then the school will not offer your child a place, and you can't lodge another appeal to the same school for the same school year, unless you can show your circumstances have changed since the first appeal.
- If your appeal is successful, you must remember to tell the school you were originally offered that you no longer want the place.
- You can email appeals@kent.gov.uk for any advice about secondary school appeals.