



Right of appeal

Under the School Standards & Framework Act 1998 (SSFA), you have the right of appeal against the refusal of a place at any of the schools for which you have applied, and to attend the appeal hearing.

However, there is a law (Class size legislation) which limits the circumstances in which an independent appeal panel can uphold an appeal. If the admission of your child would exceed the class size limit of 30 children, an appeal can only be upheld if the panel:

- a) finds that the admission of additional children would not breach the infant class size limit; or
- b) finds that the admission arrangements did not comply with the admissions law or were not correctly and impartially applied and the child would have been offered a place if the arrangements had complied or had been correctly and impartially applied; or
- c) decides that the decision to refuse admission was not one which a reasonable authority would have made in the circumstances of the case.

You will need to give reasons in writing for your appeal explaining why you feel your application was refused in error, under one of the reasons given above.

Further information is available on the government website www.direct.gov.uk

For independent advice, parents can contact The Advisory Centre for Education (ACE). For further information visit www.ace-ed.org.uk.

Please see overleaf for contact details for information about appeals arrangements at local schools.



Starting school 2023 Contact numbers for appeals information

If you wish to lodge an appeal for one of the following schools in Lewisham, you should contact the school's admission authority for further information using the number listed below.

All Saints	020 8852 6136	St Joseph's	020 8692 4836
Childeric	020 8692 3453	St Margaret's Lee	020 8852 3151
Good Shepherd	020 8698 4173	St Mary Magdalen's	020 8692 5055
Hatcham Temple Grove, Knights Temple Grove and Temple Grove Free School	020 7652 9500	St Mary's Lewisham	020 8690 2613
Holy Cross	020 8698 2675	St Matthew Academy	020 8853 6250
Holy Trinity	020 8699 9023	St Michael's	020 8778 8407
Our Lady & St Philip	020 8778 4386	St Saviour's	020 8852 4283
Prendergast Primary (Ladywell)	0208 613 1678	St Stephen's	020 8692 1898
Prendergast Vale College	020 8469 1647	St William of York	020 8690 2842
St Augustine's	020 8698 6083	St Winifred's	020 8857 8792
St Bartholomew's	020 8699 8537	Tidemill Academy	020 8692 3470
St George's	020 8699 5127	Trinity	020 8852 3191
St James' Hatcham	020 8692 4937	Turnham	020 7639 0440
St John Baptist	020 8698 3059		

If you wish to lodge an appeal for one of Lewisham's community schools the deadline is 18th May 2023. Please contact the Independent Appeals Clerk.

Jasmine Kassim
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Lewisham Town Hall
1 Catford Road
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If you wish to lodge an appeal for a school in another local authority area, you should contact that local authority for further information using the number listed below.

London Borough of Bromley	020 8313 4044
London Borough of Croydon	020 8726 6400
Royal Borough of Greenwich	020 8921 8043
London Borough of Lambeth	020 7926 9503
London Borough of Southwark	020 7525 5337