Admission Appeals Timetable 2027/28

For admission to Year 5 in September 2027 and in-year applications during 2027/28
Scheduled review: by 28 February 2027

Important: The provisional 2027 dates below will be checked against Staffordshire County Council's published hearing schedule when it becomes available. Any revised dates will be published on the school website by 28 February 2027.

Parents and carers have the right to appeal to an independent admission appeal panel if Churnet View Middle School is unable to offer their child a place. Appeals are administered through Staffordshire County Council. Parents should complete the Council's online appeal form after receiving written confirmation that a place has been refused.

Normal admissions round: September 2027

Stage	Date or timescale
National offer day	Friday 16 April 2027
Deadline for lodging an appeal	Monday 17 May 2027. This is 20 school days after national offer day. Appeals received after this date will still be heard, but may be heard later.
Notice of the appeal hearing	Parents and carers will normally receive at least 10 school days' written notice of the hearing date.
Submitting additional evidence	Send any additional information as early as possible and by the deadline stated in the hearing notification. Information submitted late may not be circulated to the panel in advance and could lead to the hearing being adjourned.
Appeal hearing	Appeals lodged by the deadline will be heard within 40 school days of the appeal deadline, in accordance with the School Admission Appeals Code. Staffordshire County Council will confirm the individual hearing date.
Decision letter	The panel's decision will normally be sent in writing within 5 school days of the hearing, wherever possible.

Late and in-year admission appeals

Late normal-round appeals

Appeals submitted after 17 May 2027 will still be arranged. They should be heard within 40 school days of the published deadline where possible, or within 30 school days of the appeal being lodged.

In-year admission appeals

An appeal following the refusal of an in-year application should be lodged within 20 school days of the refusal letter. It will be heard within 30 school days of the appeal being lodged.

Appeals outside term time

Appeal timescales are measured in school days. Appeals are not normally heard during school holidays.

How to appeal

Complete the Staffordshire County Council online appeal form:
https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Admissionappeals/home.aspx
Parents and carers must first have applied for a place and received a written refusal before lodging an appeal.

Please note: Appeal hearing dates may change because of panel availability or the number of appeals received. Staffordshire County Council will confirm the final arrangements directly with appellants. This timetable should be read alongside Churnet View Middle School's 2027/28 Admission Arrangements.