

## Appeals

In accordance with the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 (SSFA), you have the right to appeal against the decision not to offer your child a place at a preferred school.

When deciding whether to appeal, you can be assured that accepting a place at another school will not affect your right to appeal for a place at your preferred school(s), nor will it affect your child's place on the waiting list at these schools. As there's no guarantee that your appeal will be successful, we strongly advise families to make arrangements for a place at an alternative school in the meantime.

You can find further information on the admissions appeals process within the Department for Education's [School Admission Appeals Code](#)

A letter requesting appeal to be sent to Clerk of Appeal Panel, and a receipt given.

<b>Applications</b>	<b>Appeals timetable</b>
Date emails from Southwark are sent to parents with the outcomes of their application for Reception place September 2024	Tuesday 16th April 2024
Date an appeal needs to be lodged with St. James' C of E Governing Body	Friday 17th May 2024
Date additional evidence to be submitted	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2024
Appeals hearings	10 days after notice of appeal hearing – date will be advised of hearing
Decision letters sent	Within 5 school days of appeal hearing
Primary normal admission round – late applicants; and in-year applicants	30 school days of appeal being lodged