

From the School Admissions Code 2021

The Admissions Timeline - example timetable

Determination Year (2021/22)

(The school year in which admission authorities determine their admission arrangements)

Date	Relevance
1 October 2021	Earliest date to start consultation on proposed arrangements. Consultation must last a minimum of 6 weeks.
1 October 2021	Governing bodies must provide information about in-year applications to local authorities for the period until 31 August 2022.
31 October 2021	Local authority must publish information on their website to explain how in-year applications can be made and how they will be dealt with for the period until 31 August 2022. Governing bodies must also publish information about in-year applications by the same date.
1 January 2022	Deadline for the local authority to formulate a co-ordinated scheme for state funded schools in their area, including any new school or Academy which is expected to open.
31 January 2022	Deadline for the completion of the consultation on proposed admission arrangements.
28 February 2022	Deadline for admission arrangements to be determined even if they have not changed from the previous year and a consultation has not been required.
28 February 2022	After which the Secretary of State may impose a co-ordinated scheme if local agreement has not been secured by this date.
15 March 2022	Deadline for admission authorities to send a copy of their full determined admission arrangements to their local authority and publish those arrangements on the schools website or on their website (in the case of a local authority).
15 March 2022	Deadline for local authorities to publish on their website the proposed admission arrangements for any new school or Academy which is intended to open within the determination year, details of where the determined arrangements for all schools, including Academies, can be viewed, and information on how to refer objections to the Schools Adjudicator.
15 May 2022	Deadline for objections to the Schools Adjudicator.
1 August 2022	Deadline for admission authorities to inform the local authority whether they intend to be part of the local authority's in-year co-ordination scheme and provide all information to the local authority that the local authority is required to publish on its website in relation to how in-year applications can be made from September onwards.
8 August 2022	Deadline for governing bodies to provide admission arrangements information to the local authority to allow them to compile composite prospectus.
31 August 2022	Deadline for local authorities to publish on their website details about how in-year applications can be made and how they will be dealt with from the September onwards for all schools in their area. Governing bodies must also publish information about in-year applications by the same date.

Offer Year (2022/23)

Date	Relevance
12 September 2022	Deadline for local authorities to publish composite prospectus.
31 October 2022	National closing date for secondary school applications
31 October 2022	Deadline for local authorities to report to the Schools Adjudicator on admission arrangements in their area.
15 January 2023	National closing date for primary school applications.
28 February 2023	Deadline for admission authorities to publish their appeals timetable on their website.
1 March 2023	National offer day for secondary school places.
16 April 2023	National offer day for primary school places.

Appeals

The timescales within which admission authorities **must** ensure that appeals are heard are detailed in Section 2 of the School Admission Appeals Code. For example, for applications made in the normal admissions round, appeals **must** be heard within 40 days of the deadline for lodging appeals.

Admission Year (2023/24)

Date	Relevance
September 2023	New intake starts at school.