

Admission appeal form – where class size legislation applies

Please read the notes below before filling in this form.

You should fill in this form if you want to appeal because you have applied for and been refused an offer of a place and the admitting authority have offered you the right of appeal.

Please read page 4 **fully** before completing this appeal form – government legislation restricts the grounds on which school appeal panels may grant appeals for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 where class size legislation applies.

If you are appealing for more than one child, please ensure that you complete one form per child.

Please either e-mail your completed form to education.appeals@leeds.gov.uk or post it to: Leeds City Council, PO Box 837, Admissions, Leeds, LS1 9PZ.

We will send you more details about the appeal hearing once we have arranged a date.

Child details			
First name		Surname	
Date of birth		Gender	Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>
Child's permanent address		How long has your child lived at this address?	
School your child currently attends:		School your child has been offered:	
Sibling details (name, DOB, current school):			
Parent / carer details			
Title and first name		Surname	
Your address (if different to child's)		Email address	
Daytime telephone number		Do you need an interpreter at the appeal hearing?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, please state which language:

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Appeal Received Date	Pupil ID	Year Group	Interpreter requested?	Interpreter / Language

Reasons for your appeal

Please set out your grounds for your appeal below. Please note that the independent appeal panel will consider your reasons and the school's case as to why they are unable to admit your child in order to decide the outcome of your appeal.

You may continue on a separate piece of paper if necessary. Send us any evidence you feel might be relevant.

Preference Number 1

I am appealing against the refusal to offer a place at: (School name)

Reason(s) for appeal for this school:

Preference Number 2

I am appealing against the refusal to offer a place at: (School name)

Reason(s) for appeal for this school:

Please note you must sign the declaration on page 5 in order for us to process your appeal request.

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Preference Number 3

I am appealing against the refusal to offer a place at: (School name)

Reason(s) for appeal for this school:

Preference Number 4

I am appealing against the refusal to offer a place at: (School name)

Reason(s) for appeal for this school:

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Important information regarding class size legislation appeals

Government legislation limits the size of an infant class (a class in which the majority of children will reach the age of 5, 6 or 7 during the school year i.e. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) to 30 pupils per single school teacher. Only in very limited circumstances can admission over this limit be permitted.

The School Admission Appeals Code (Feb 2012) outlines the restricted grounds on which school appeal panels may grant appeals for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 where class size legislation applies. The school appeal panel can only grant your appeal where:

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

If none of the above can be proven then your appeal will not be successful.

With regards to point c) above, it should be noted that the School Admission Appeals Code (Feb 2012) states the following:

“The threshold for finding that an Admission Authority’s decision to refuse admission was not one that a reasonable authority would have made is high. The panel will need to be satisfied that the decision to refuse to admit the child was ‘perverse in the light of the admission arrangements’ i.e. it was ‘beyond the range of responses open to a reasonable decision maker’ or ‘a decision which is so outrageous in its defiance of logic or of accepted moral standards that no sensible person who had applied his mind to the question could have arrived at it’.”

It is important to note that as the school appeal panel are **only** able to grant an appeal on grounds a) – c) above, you should consider your grounds for appeal carefully.

PRIVACY NOTICE

Leeds City Council takes its obligations under the Data Protection legislation very seriously. The Admissions Team collect information from you to assess your child’s eligibility for a school place. We collect your personal information in respect of admissions and appeals which is considered against the Council’s and school’s policies for admissions. Our service also needs to use sensitive personal data relating to you (also called “special category data”) such as religion and ethnic origin information in order to provide equality of opportunity or treatment.

Leeds City Council is the Data Controller for your information and our legal basis for processing the data is under a legal obligation where it is personal data (such as the School Admissions Regulations 2012 and the School Admissions Code 2014), and where we are processing special category information, under our obligations of substantial public interest. The data collected is required to ensure all children have a school place suitable to their age, ability and needs. Leeds City Council work to ensure that places are allocated and offered in a fair, transparent and open way.

In processing your application we will share information with services within the Council and also with other relevant organisations such as schools, NHS and the Police etc. We will also give some information about you to relevant government departments, such as the Department for Education etc, for statutory reporting purposes and in order to make the services of Leeds better. There may be circumstances where we need to use and share your information without your agreement, however this will only occur where we are legally required to do so.

Your personal data will be retained up to your child’s 25th birthday after which it will be confidentially destroyed. Any school admission appeal papers held by the Council in respect of schools who conduct their own appeals will be held by the Council for 2 years and will be destroyed after this period.

You have rights in respect of the information we hold about you, including the right to ask for access to your information or to withdraw from this process. Objecting to Leeds City Council using your information in this way, would restrict the Council’s assessment in giving proper consideration to your application and can result in the inability of schools offering a place/withdrawal of a place. Further information is available at <https://www.leeds.gov.uk/opendata/your-rights>. To exercise any of your rights, please contact: dpfoi@leeds.gov.uk; or send to Information Management & Governance, PO Box 837, LS1 9PZ, and we will advise you of the procedure.

Further information about how we process your information can be found on the Council’s privacy notice including contact information for the Council’s Data Protection Officer: <https://www.leeds.gov.uk/privacy-statement/privacy-notice>. A paper copy of this information is available on request.

I certify that I have parental responsibility for the child named on page 1 and that the information given on this form is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that giving false or deliberately misleading information may result in the withdrawal of the offer of a school place.

Signature **Date**