

ANNUAL REPORT ON SCHOOL ADMISSION AND EXCLUSION APPEALS 2008

The purpose of this report is to provide the number, outcomes and trends for parental appeals to the independent appeal panels. The attached statistics provide a breakdown for each type of appeal and show the trends over recent years.

The overall volume of appeals lodged during the 2007/08 school year remained very high at 2144. Since 2003/04 we had been seeing a steady decline in the number of appeals heard each year. However, appeals heard for admission during 2007/08 saw a 6% increase compared to the previous academic year.

The number of appeals upheld in favour of parents remains high for in-year Appeals. This could be due to the alternatives, or occasional lack of educational provision, offered by the authority crucially affecting families moving into Hertfordshire. However, the success rate for parents in all other areas continues to be well below the national average reported by the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF).

We have already seen significant increases in the number of appeals heard during the summer term for admission to the school year 2008/09. Secondary transfer was up by 25% and primary reception by 23%. One of the reasons for the increase may be attributed to the government's highly publicised recommendation to parents to appeal if unsuccessful in gaining a place at a preferred school.

There is increasing popularity for some secondary schools accounting for the rise in some areas, though there appear to be no other local reasons for this increase.

The number of primary appeals lodged, subject to the infant class size legislation, almost doubled this year. This was mainly due to an increase in demand in areas such as St Albans, Berkhamstead and Borehamwood. This had been predicted although not to the extent that we saw, therefore local measures that had been taken were not sufficient and appeals shot up.

Not all primary appeals were heard within the published time frame due to the high numbers received. To ensure secondary transfer was completed by 7 July, many primary appeals were delayed and heard later in the summer term. In contrast to other years, this resulted in a considerable drop in the percentage actually heard, compared to the number lodged.

For the second year running we have seen a decrease in the number of appeals against permanent exclusion. The number of appeals upheld in the parents' favour has also reduced which reflects the attention to detail paid to the DCSF guidance shown by the schools concerned.

A new appeals code is expected to come into force in January 2009 and apply to appeals in respect of decisions on admissions communicated on or after 1 March 2009. A major proposed change is the requirement for independent appeal panels to consider the lawfulness of admission arrangements when considering appeals.

The analysis of appeal trends and outcomes provides data which helps CSF plan its school admissions and exclusions and school place planning processes. It is also helpful in the identification of any training requirements for appeal panel members and clerks.

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**ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT
SCHOOL ADMISSION AND EXCLUSION APPEALS
SEPTEMBER 2007 TO AUGUST 2008**

SCHOOL ADMISSION APPEALS

- The following statistics include statutory appeals for community and voluntary-controlled schools, plus those voluntary-aided and foundation schools for whom Customer Focus provide a clerking service.

The number of appeals lodged differs from the number of appeals heard. This is because some do not proceed to a hearing either because a place is offered at their preferred school, or parents withdraw their appeal.

Primary reception and In-Year appeals for the 2007/08 school year - Community and Voluntary Controlled schools

- The statistics below show the Reception and In-Year appeals separately. KS1 relates to those subject to the 30 class size limit legislation. (In-Year appeals are for any age group and are outside the Reception 2007/08 process).

Appeal Panel Areas	Appeals Lodged	Appeals Heard	* Upheld 1	2	* Upheld A	B	Rejected	Offered a place by LA	Appeal withdrawn by parents
East 1									
Reception	46	34	0	7	0	0	27	7	5
Reception KS1	26	26	0	0	0	3	23	0	0
In-Year	58	46	4	21	0	0	21	9	3
In-Year KS1	19	16	0	0	1	0	15	2	1
Total	149	122	4	28	1	3	86	18	9
East 2									
Reception	31	12	0	4	0	0	8	10	9
Reception KS1	55	54	0	0	2	3	49	1	0
In-Year	84	51	3	23	0	0	25	20	13
In-Year KS1	34	29	0	0	5	2	22	1	4
Total	204	146	3	27	7	5	104	32	26
West 2									
Reception	36	4	4	0	0	0	0	14	18
Reception KS1	74	74	0	0	0	0	74	0	0
In-Year	34	12	1	7	0	0	4	9	13
In-Year KS1	14	11	0	0	0	0	11	1	2
Total	158	101	5	7	0	0	89	24	33
West 1									
Reception	32	1	0	0	0	0	1	7	24
Reception KS1	127	124	0	0	0	0	124	2	1
In-Year	60	37	0	11	0	0	26	15	8
In-Year KS1	33	32	0	0	1	0	31	1	0
Total	252	194	0	11	1	0	182	25	33
GRAND TOTAL	763	563	12	73	9	8	461	99	101

- *Upheld 1 : The case was NOT proved that to admit more children would "prejudice efficient education or the efficient use of resources" at the school.
- *Upheld 2 : The circumstances of the parental case were so exceptional as to outweigh the "prejudice" to the school.
- *Upheld A : The decision to refuse admission was NOT one which a reasonable admission authority would have made in the circumstances of the case.
- *Upheld B : That the child would have been offered a place if the school admission arrangements had been properly implemented.

Separating these figures into Reception and in-year the breakdown is:

	<u>Reception</u>	<u>In-Year</u>
Appeals lodged	427	336
Appeals heard	329	234
Appeals upheld	23	79
Appeals rejected	306	155
Appeals offered places	41	58
Appeals withdrawn	57	44
Percentage upheld	7	34

Of the 563 appeals heard for 2007/08 the overall percentage of appeals upheld is 18%.

Trends (Reception and In-Year appeals combined)

Year	Heard	Percentage upheld
2007/08	563	18%
2006/07	478	22%
2005/06	609	17%
2004/05	505	14%
2003/04	477	15%
2002/03	618	15%
2001/02	613	23%

3. The statistics below show the number of Reception appeals received for Foundation and Voluntary Aided schools that have opted to use the Customer Focus clerking service.

Primary reception appeals for the 2007/08 school year – Voluntary Aided schools
(KS1 relates to those subject to the 30 class size limit legislation)

School	Appeals Lodged	Appeals Heard	* Upheld 1	* Upheld 2	* Upheld A	* Upheld B	Rejected	Offered A place	Withdrawn by parents
Reception									
Hertingfordbury Cowper C of E	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Christ Church C of E	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Sacred Heart RC	5	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
St Paul's RC	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
The Abbey C of E	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
St Michael's C of E (Woolmer Green)	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	
Northaw C of E	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
St Ippolyts C of E	6	6	0	6	0	0	0	0	0
St Giles C of E	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
St Mary's C of E	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
St Anthony RC	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Great Gaddesden C of E	3	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	0
Sub total	26	20	11	7	0	0	2	4	2

Reception KS1									
Stevenage St Nicholas C of E	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
St Thomas More RC	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Stapleford C of E	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Broxbourne C of E	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
St Augustine RC	8	8	0	0	0	0	8	0	0
St Cross RC	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Sacred Heart RC	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
St Joseph's RC	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
St Andrew's C of E	8	7	0	0	0	0	7	0	1
Park Street C of E	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
St Alban & St Stephen RC	10	10	0	0	0	0	10	0	0
St Adrian's RC	4	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	1
St John Fisher RC	4	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
St Bernadette RC	2	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
St Dominic RC	5	5	0	0	0	0	5	0	0
Welwyn St Mary's C of E	3	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	1
St John's C of E	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
St Teresa's RC	4	3	0	0	0	0	3	1	0
St Anthony RC	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
St Paul's C of E	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Sub total	65	55	2	0	0	3	50	4	6
GRAND TOTAL	91	75	13	7	0	3	52	8	8

Primary reception appeals for the 2007/08 school year – Foundation schools
(KS1 relates to those subject to the 30 class size limit legislation)

School	Appeals Lodged	Appeals Heard	* Upheld 1 2	* Upheld A B	Rejected	Offered a place	Withdrawn by parents
Reception							
The Wroxham	1	1	0 0	0 0	1	0	0
Little Heath Primary	2	2	0 0	0 0	2	0	0
Reception KS1	There were no KS1 appeals for Foundation Schools during this year						
Total	3	3	0 0	0 0	2	0	0

4. The statistics below show the number of In-Year appeals received for the foundation and voluntary-aided schools that have opted to use the Customer Focus clerking service.

Primary school In-Year appeals for the 2007/2008 school year – Voluntary-aided schools

(KS1 relates to those subject to the 30 class size limit legislation)

School	Appeals Lodged	Appeals Heard	* Upheld 1 2	* Upheld A B	Rejected	Offered a place	Withdrawn by parents
Primary							
St Catherine's C of E	1	1	0 1	0 0	0	0	0
Sacred Heart RC	2	2	1 0	0 0	1	0	0
St Joseph's RC	1	0	0 0	0 0	0	1	0
Holy Trinity C of E	1	1	0 1	0 0	0	0	0
St John's RC	1	0	0 0	0 0	0	1	0
St Andrew's C of E	2	2	0 0	0 0	2	0	0
St John Fisher RC	1	0	0 0	0 0	0	0	1

St Nicholas C of E	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
St John's C of E	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
St Mary's C of E	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
St Philip Howard RC	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
St Ippolyts C of E	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Clore Shalom	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Cockenhoe C of E	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Divine Saviour RC	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Nash Mills C of E	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sub total	20	14	4	6	0	0	4	3	3
Primary KS1									
Stevenage St Nicholas C of E	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
St Catherine's CofE	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
St Cross RC	3	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
St Joseph's RC	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
St Andrew's C of E	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
St Nicholas C of E	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	
Welwyn St Mary's C of E	3	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	0
Countess Anne C of E	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
St Ippolyts C of E	3	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
St Giles C of E	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Holy Rood RC	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Sub total	18	15	0	0	1	1	13	2	1
Grand Total	38	29	4	6	1	1	17	5	4

Trends

Year	Heard	Percentage upheld
2007/08	29	41%
2006/07	18	50%
2005/06	34	32%
2004/05	23	35%
2003/04	17	53%
2002/03	25	32%
2001/02	39	31%

Primary school In-Year appeals for the 2007/08 school year - Foundation schools (KS1 relates to those subject to the 30 class size limit legislation)

School	Appeals Lodged	Appeals Heard	* Upheld 1	* Upheld 2	* Upheld A	* Upheld B	Rejected	Offered a place	Withdrawn by parents
Primary									
Little Heath	3	3	1	0	0	0	2	0	0
Brookmans Park	6	5	0	3	0	0	2	1	0
Cuffley	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1
Fair Field JN	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Wroxham	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Sub total	15	9	1	4	0	0	4	5	1
Primary KS1									
Little Heath	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Brookmans Park	2	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Wroxham	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Sub total	6	6	0	0	1	0	5	0	0
TOTAL	21	15	1	4	1	0	9	5	1

- Upheld 1 : The case was NOT proved that to admit more children would "prejudice efficient education or the efficient use of resources" at the school.
- *Upheld 2 : The circumstances of the parental case were so exceptional as to outweigh the "prejudice" to the school.
- *Upheld A : The decision to refuse admission was NOT one which a reasonable admission authority would have made in the circumstances of the case.
- *Upheld B : That the child would have been offered a place if the school admission arrangements had been properly implemented.

Reception appeals for 2008/2009 school year - Community and Voluntary Controlled schools

5. The statistics shown below only show Reception appeals, as In-Year appeals will continue to be heard until the end of the 2007/2008 school year. The statistics for those will therefore be shown in the 2007/08 annual report. KS1 relates to those subject to the 30 class size limit legislation.

Areas	Appeals Lodged	Appeals Heard	* Upheld				Rejected	Offered a place by LA	Appeal withdrawn by parents
			1	2	A	B			
East 1									
Reception	51	40	0	7	0	0	33	5	6
Reception KS1	48	34	0	0	1	2	31	8	6
East 2									
Reception	10	8	1	2	0	0	5	1	1
Reception KS1	115	91	0	0	3	0	88	12	12
West 2									
Reception	5	4	0	1	0	0	3	0	1
Reception KS1	204	113	0	0	2	2	109	35	56
West 1									
Reception	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reception KS1	170	107	0	0	1	0	106	19	44
TOTAL	603	397	1	10	7	4	375	80	126

Trends (Primary Reception appeals only)

Year	Heard	Percentage upheld
2008/09	397	5%
2007/08	329	7%
2006/07	248	11%
2005/06	356	8%
2004/05	318	6%
2003/04	295	10.5%
2002/03	315	7%

6. The statistics below show the number of Reception appeals received for the foundation and voluntary-aided schools that have opted to use the Customer Focus clerking service.

Primary reception appeals for 2008/09 – Voluntary Aided schools
(KS1 relates to those subject to the 30 class size limit legislation)

School	Appeals Lodged	Appeals Heard	* Upheld 1	2	* Upheld A	B	Rejected	Offered a place	Withdrawn by parents
Reception									
Aston St Mary's C of E	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Hertingfordbury Cowper C of E	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Little Gaddesdon CofE	3	3	2	0	0	0	1	0	0
Sacred Heart RC	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
St Ippolyts C of E	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
St John the Baptist C of E	6	3	3	0	0	0	0	2	1
St Joseph's RC	6	3	3	0	0	0	0	3	0
St Helen's C of E	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
St Michael's C of E	4	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	1
St Vincent de Paul RC	12	10	4	0	0	0	6	2	0
Stapleford C of E	4	2	0	0	0	0	2	2	0
Victoria First C of E	7	3	0	0	0	0	3	2	2
Sub total	47	30	14	0	0	0	16	12	5
Reception KS1									
Broxbourne C of E	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Chipperfield St Paul's C of E	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Christ Church C of E	4	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	1
Clore Shalom	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Great Gaddesdon CofE	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Holy Rood RC	5	4	0	0	0	1	3	0	1
Nash Mills C of E	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Northaw C of E	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Norton St Nicholas C of E	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Our Lady RC	3	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
Park Street C of E	3	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
Pope Paul RC	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
St Alban & Stephen RC	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
St Andrew's C of E	3	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	1
St Anthony's RC	8	7	0	0	0	0	7	1	0
St Augustine's RC	8	8	0	0	2	0	6	0	0
St Bernadette's RC	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
St Cross RC	7	7	0	0	0	0	7	0	0
St Dominic's RC	4	3	0	0	0	0	3	1	0
St Joseph's RC	8	7	0	0	0	0	7	1	0
St Joseph's RC	3	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
St Joseph's RC	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
St Mary's RC	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
St Mary's C of E First	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
St Nicholas C of E	3	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
St Paul's RC	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
St Teresa's RC	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
St Thomas More RC	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
St Thomas More RC	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
The Abbey C of E	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Sub total	83	69	0	0	2	1	66	8	6
Grand Total	130	99	14	0	2	1	82	20	11

Trends

Year	Heard	Percentage upheld
2008/09	99	17%
2007/08	75	32%
2006/07	30	30%
2005/06	25	12%
2004/05	47	6.4%
2003/04	56	11%
2002/03	57	16%

Primary reception appeals for 2008/09 – Foundation schools

School	Appeals Lodged	Appeals Heard	* Upheld		* Upheld		Rejected	Offered a place	Withdrawn by parents
			1	2	A	B			
Little Heath	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
The Wroxham	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Total	3	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	0

Junior appeals for entry to 2007/08 – all schools

School	Appeals Lodged	Appeals Heard	* Upheld		* Upheld		Rejected	Offered a place	Withdrawn by parents
			1	2	A	B			
Wilbury Junior	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Edwinstree	6	5	3	1	0	0	1	1	0
Ralph Sadler	3	2	0	1	0	0	1	1	0
Ashfield Junior	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Little Green Junior	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Cassiobury Junior	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Nascot Wood Junior	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Bridgewater	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0
Total	19	9	3	4	0	0	2	8	2

In-Year secondary appeals for 2007/2008 school year - Community and Voluntary Controlled schools

7. The number of In-Year secondary appeals for the 2006/07 school year and outcomes are set out below. (In-Year appeals are for any age group and are outside the secondary transfer process). Secondary transfer appeals for the 2006/07 school year were included in the 2005/06 report.

Appeal Panel Areas	Appeals Lodged	Appeals Heard	* Upheld		Rejected	Offered a place by LA	Withdrawn by parents
			1	2			
East 1	116	82	1	44	37	11	23
East 2	116	100	4	45	51	10	6
West 2	122	93	5	45	43	12	17
West 1	9	6	0	4	2	0	3
TOTAL	363	281	10	138	133	33	49

* Upheld 1 :The case was not proved that to admit more children would prejudice efficient education or the efficient use of resources.

* Upheld 2 :The circumstances of the parental case were sufficient to outweigh the prejudice arguments.

Trends

Year	Heard	Percentage upheld
2007/08	281	53%
2006/07	341	46%
2005/06	431	47%
2004/05	444	51%
2003/04	525	48%
2002/03	552	44%
2001/02	564	46%

In-Year secondary appeals for 2007/2008 school year - Foundation and Voluntary-aided schools

8. Customer Focus provides a clerking service to the following secondary schools.

Foundation Schools

School	Appeals lodged	Appeals Heard	* Upheld		Rejected	Offered a place	Withdrawn by parents
			1	2			
Bushey Meads	5	4	0	1	3	1	0
Chancellors	8	7	0	4	3	1	0
Cheshunt	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
Goffs	11	7	0	7	0	1	3
John Warner	7	5	0	1	4	0	2
Mount Grace	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Marlborough	2	1	0	0	1	1	0
TOTAL	35	25	0	14	11	5	5

Trends

Year	Heard	Percentage upheld
2007/08	25	56%
2006/07	41	44%
2005/06	51	39%
2004/05	58	43%
2003/04	32	25%
2002/03	47	40%
2001/02	43	49%

Voluntary-aided Schools

School	Appeals lodged	Appeals Heard	* Upheld		Rejected	Offered a place	Withdrawn by parents
			1	2			
Parmiters	10	5	0	1	4	0	5
John Henry Newman	14	12	0	4	8	0	2
Dame Alice Owen	9	9	0	2	7	0	0
Watford Grammar for Boys	6	4	0	1	3	0	2
Townsend	3	1	1	0	0	2	0
St Mary's CE High							
Yavneh College	2	2	0	2	0	0	0
TOTAL	44	33	1	10	22	2	9

Trends

Year	Heard	Percentage upheld
2007/08	33	33%
2006/07	38	29%
2005/06	48	17%
2004/05	36	19%
2003/04	33	30%
2002/03	21	33%
2001/02	32	41%

Secondary transfer appeals for 2008/2009 school year Community and Voluntary Controlled schools

9. These are the figures for secondary transfer September 2008.

Appeal Panel Areas	Appeals lodged	Appeals Heard	* Upheld		Reject	Offered a place by LA	Appeal withdrawn by parents
			1	2			
East 1							
The Priory	3	2	0	2	0	0	1
Hitchin Boys'	18	12	0	7	5	4	2
Hitchin Girls'	57	48	0	9	39	6	3
The Highfield	2	1	0	1	0	1	0
Knights Templar	19	13	0	2	11	4	2
Barclay	9	1	0	1	0	4	4
Nobel	14	8	0	4	4	1	5
Thomas Alleyne	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Barnwell	18	12	12	0	0	4	2
Marriotts	2	0	0	0	0	1	1
Sub-total	143	97	12	26	59	26	20
East 2							
Chauncy	3	0	0	0	0	3	0
Broxbourne	24	23	0	3	20	0	1
Presdales	24	12	0	5	7	7	5
Richard Hale	9	0	0	0	0	8	1
Simon Balle	5	0	0	0	0	4	1
Turnford	6	4	0	2	2	1	1
Monks Walk	14	4	0	2	2	6	4
Bishop's Hatfield Girls	3	0	0	0	0	3	0
Stanborough	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
Onslow St Audrey's	2	0	0	0	0	2	0
Sub-total	91	44	0	13	31	34	13

West 2							
Beaumont	38	28	0	5	23	3	7
Roundwood Park	35	18	0	8	10	10	7
Sandringham	49	34	0	8	26	2	13
Sir John Lawes	37	20	0	10	10	7	10
St Albans Girls'	32	24	0	5	19	3	5
Verulam	2	0	0	0	0	2	0
Cavendish	4	2	0	2	0	1	1
Hemel Hempstead	49	43	0	4	39	3	3
Kings Langley	43	29	0	4	25	5	9
Adeyfield	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Tring	22	17	0	3	14	4	1
Sub total	312	215	0	49	166	41	56
West 1							
Francis Combe	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Sub total	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Grand Total	547	356	12	88	256	102	89

* Upheld 1 :The case was not proved that to admit more children would prejudice efficient education or the efficient use of resources.

* Upheld 2 :The circumstances of the parental case were sufficient to outweigh the prejudice arguments.

Trends

Year	Lodged	Heard	Percentage upheld
2008	547	356	28%
2007	486	291	25%
2006	534	279	27%
2005	579	370	39%
2004	703	436	29.5%
2003	874	537	28%
2002	837	522	25%

10. Customer Focus has provided a clerking service to the following schools.

Secondary transfer appeals for 2008/09 school year – Foundation schools

School	Appeals lodged	Appeals Heard	* Upheld 1 2	Rejected	Offered a place	Withdrawn by parents
Bushey Meads	47	39	0 3	36	1	7
Chancellors	4	4	0 0	4	0	0
Cheshunt	12	7	0 4	3	3	2
Goffs	18	7	0 3	4	7	4
John Warner	20	10	0 1	9	9	1
Marlborough	13	7	0 2	5	3	3
Mount Grace	10	5	0 2	3	5	0
TOTAL	124	79	0 15	64	28	17

Trends

Year	Heard	Percentage upheld
2008/09	79	19%
2007/08	76	14%
2006/07	57	19%
2005/06	72	33%
2004/05	122	14%
2003/04	150	15%
2002/03	112	10%

Secondary transfer appeals for 2008/09 school year - Voluntary-aided schools

School	Appeals Lodged	Appeals Heard	* Upheld		Rejected	Offered a place	Withdrawn by parents
			1	2			
Dame Alice Owen	39	37	0	4	33	1	1
Loreto College	17	13	0	0	13	4	0
Townsend C of E	20	7	0	0	7	13	0
Parmiters	45	43	0	1	42	0	2
John Henry Newman RC	36	31	0	5	26	1	4
Yavneh College	18	9	0	3	6	3	6
Watford Grammar School for Girls	40	38	0	2	36	2	0
Watford Grammar School for Boys	31	28	0	3	25	1	2
TOTAL	246	206	0	18	188	25	15

Trends

Year	Heard	Percentage upheld
2008/09	206	9%
2007/08	145	8%
2006/07	155	10%
2005/06	109	9%
2004/05	155	6%
2003/04	74	8%
2002/03	130	15%

Ethnic monitoring data for admission appeals in 2007/08 school year

11. The statistics for admission appeals for all schools by ethnicity are as below, which include only those parents who completed the monitoring form.

Ethnic Group	Appeals Lodged	Appeals Heard	* Upheld		* Upheld		Rejected	Offered a place	Withdrawn by parents
			1	2	A	B			
White									
British	1357	977	35	238	9	5	690	199	181
Italian	13	9	0	1	0	0	8	2	2
Irish	19	17	0	2	0	1	14	1	1
Turkish	10	7	0	4	0	0	3	3	0
Gypsy/Roma	6	6	0	1	0	0	5	0	0
Traveller	12	7	0	6	0	0	1	2	3
Any other White Bgd	82	53	1	19	1	0	32	10	19

Mixed									
White & Black Caribbean	46	37	1	6	0	1	29	6	3
White and Asian	24	18	0	4	0	0	14	3	3
White and Black African	8	4	0	1	0	0	3	3	1
Any other mixed Bgd	26	17	1	6	0	0	10	5	4
Asian and Asian British									
Indian	96	81	4	6	0	0	71	6	9
Bangladeshi	30	19	0	3	0	0	16	5	6
Pakistani	35	27	0	3	0	0	24	5	3
Any other Asian Background	42	35	1	4	0	0	30	3	4
Black or Black British									
African	61	46	0	8	1	1	36	5	10
Caribbean	32	19	0	7	0	1	11	6	7
Any other Black Bgd	21	14	0	5	0	0	9	3	4
Chinese	21	14	0	3	0	0	11	6	1
Any other ethnic Group	44	32	1	7	0	0	24	8	4
Information not obtained	194	126	3	24	0	3	96	33	35
TOTAL OVERALL	2179	1565	47	358	11	12	1137	314	300

Percentage of appeals heard upheld in parents favour

Ethnic Group	%	Ethnic Group	%
White		Asian & Asian British	
British	28	Indian	12
Italian	11	Bangladeshi	16
Irish	18	Pakistani	11
Turkish	57	Any other Asian Bgd	14
Gypsy/Roma	17	Black or Black British	
Traveller	86	African	22
Any other White Bgd	40	Caribbean	42
Mixed		Any other Bk Bgd	36
White & Bk Caribbean	22	Chinese	21
White & Asian	22	Any other ethnic group	25
White Bk African	25	Info not obtained	24
Any other mixed Bgd	41	OVERALL	27

Overall volume of school admission appeals heard for school year 2007/08.

12. This chart shows the volume increase or decrease over the previous years.

School year total	Increase over previous year	Decrease over previous year
2007/2008 (1545)	6%	
2006/2007 (1463)		17%
2005/2006 (1771)		4%
2004/2005 (1852)		3%
2003/2004 (1914)		8.6%
2002/2003 (2095)	1%	
2001/2002 (2071)	0.8%	
2000/2001 (2055)	9.6%	

(These figures include the secondary transfer appeals for the respective school years).

The actual difference in number overall was an increase of 82 appeals.

Secondary transfer appeals administered by Customer Focus for the 2008/09 school year, heard in the summer term 2008, were 25% up on those for secondary transfer 2007. The actual difference was an increase of 129 appeals. Primary Reception appeals administered by Customer Focus for the 2008/09 school year, heard in the spring term 2008, were 23% up on those for primary reception 2007. The actual difference was an increase of 92 appeals.

SCHOOL EXCLUSION APPEALS

School Exclusion Appeals – all LA maintained schools

13. In 2007/2008 there were 17 appeals lodged by parents against the permanent exclusion of their child. Of these 5 were rejected, 2 were upheld 6 were withdrawn and 4 are outstanding to be heard in 2008/09.

Trends

Year	Number of Appeals	Upheld for parents	Rejected	Withdrawn	% successful appeals
2007/08	13	2	5	6	28
2006/07	24	5	17	2	23
2005/06	32	12	17	3	41
2004/05	20	7	10	3	41
2003/04	16	4	10	2	29
2002/03	26	6	20	0	23
2001/02	24	8	14	2	36
2000/01	29	12	14	3	46
1999/00	13	3	5	5	37.5
1998/99	14	3	4	7	43

Ethnic monitoring data for exclusion appeals in 2007/08 school year

14. The statistics for exclusion appeals for all schools by ethnicity are as below.

Ethnic Group	Appeals Lodged	Appeals Heard	Upheld	Rejected	Offered a place	Withdrawn by parents
White						
British	6	5	2	3	0	1
Any other White Bgd	1	1	0	1	0	0
Mixed						
Any other mixed Bgd	1	0	0	0	0	1
Black or Black British						
Caribbean	1	1	0	1	0	0
Any other Black Bgd	1	0	0	0	0	1
Info not obtained	3	0	0	0	0	3
TOTAL	13	7	2	5	0	6

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