



Appealing for a Place at Godinton Primary School

In Year Appeals

If you have not been offered a place following an in-year application, the law entitles you to appeal to an Independent Appeal Panel. Although engaged by Kent County Council, this panel is completely independent of the school and the Local Authority and acts with impartiality.

If you wish to appeal, please use [this link](#) to complete your appeal online. This will take you to the KCC appeals website where you will find the link to the In Year Admissions Appeal Form for In Year Admissions (scroll down the page).

The KCC website, provides all the information needed to guide you through the appeal process, including the timeline for the process.

All in-year appeals will be heard within 20 school days of the appeal form being lodged.

- **Last day for lodging appeal forms** – 20 school days after the decision letter informing you that you had not been offered a place.
- **Invitation letter giving details about your hearing will be sent by the Clerk to the Independent Appeal Panel** – at least 10 school days before the hearing.
- **Closing date for any additional supporting evidence** – at least 5 schools days before the hearing date
- **Letter from the Clerk informing you of the decision of the independent appeal panel** – Parents will receive notification of the outcome as soon as possible after the hearing. This is usually within five days.

Enquiries about the process can be directed to appeals@kent.gov.uk

Appeals regarding entry into primary school (reception classes) for September 2026

If your child is due to start primary school in September 2026, you can appeal if you are refused a place at one of your preferred schools on National Offer Day (Thursday 16 April 2026).

You must submit your appeal before Monday 18 May 2026 for it to be considered by Monday 20 July 2026. Any appeals received after this time will be heard within 40 school days from the deadline, or where reasonably possible in line with updated guidance from the Department for Education.

For late applications, appeals should be heard within 40 school days from the deadline for lodging appeals where possible, or within 30 school days of the appeal being lodged where reasonably possible in line with updated guidance from the Department for Education. Further information about this can be found in the KCC booklet '[Admission to Primary School in Kent 2026](#)'.