

**ROTHERHAM LOCAL ADMISSIONS FORUM
SCHOOL ADMISSION APPEALS STATISTICS
Up to 31 August 2025**

(1) Introduction

This report is included on the agenda as the means of informing the Local Admissions Forum of the numbers of school admission appeals received and the appeal hearings taking place.

Statistics are included for the full academic years 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25 school years.

The separation of Local Authority schools and Faith schools has been used in this analysis, but there is no separation for the Academies.

(2) The calendar year of appeal hearings

The following table lists the number of school days, in each calendar month, when school admission appeal hearings took place. All were full days.

NUMBER OF FULL APPEAL DAYS				
	2022	2023	2024	2025
January	5	10	8	5
February	2	4	7	4
March	6	9	10	6
April	7	7	10	5
May	14	22	12	15
June	15	18	17	18
July	13	17	7	14
August	-	-	-	-
September	10	11	7	
October	7	8	7	
November	10	13	9	
December	4	8	4	
TOTAL	93	127	98	

(3) School Year 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25 - All Schools – Summary Statistics

(a) 2022/2023, 2023/24 and 2024-25 - Secondary Schools

Secondary School	Number of Appeals			Upheld / Allowed			Dismissed / Refused			Allocated before hearing			Withdrawn		
	22/23	23/24	24/25	22/23	23/24	24/25	22/23	23/24	24/25	22/23	23/24	24/25	22/23	23/24	24/25
Aston	14	1	5	5	0	1	0	1	2	4	0	1	5	0	1
Brinsworth	21	16	4	7	5	0	1	1	1	8	5	2	5	5	1
Clifton	47	50	22	25	29	9	2	0	1	3	5	3	15	16	5
Dinnington	8	6	3	2	2	0	2	0	1	1	1	2	3	3	0
Maltby	17	6	13	3	3	4	3	0	1	11	0	5	-	3	2
Oakwood	92	62	62	20	17	19	25	21	21	16	8	11	31	16	7
Rawmarsh	32	18	20	13	5	16	4	1	0	3	6	2	12	6	2
Swinton	18	14	16	5	4	1	4	4	5	3	4	7	6	2	1
Thrybergh	12	7	6	5	3	1	4	3	2	3	0	4	-	1	1
Wales	90	36	31	38	5	5	26	10	12	2	7	1	24	14	9
Wath	123	87	94	44	24	23	38	41	44	5	3	6	36	19	20
Wickersley	132	46	42	63	24	21	36	13	7	4	0	6	29	9	6
Wingfield	82	55	52	46	24	22	13	20	20	2	2	5	21	9	3
Winterhill	54	21	7	14	7	1	7	1	1	12	2	3	21	11	1
Faith schools															
St Bernard's	127	34	53	30	5	12	67	17	28	1	4	1	29	8	9
St Pius X	73	50	55	13	13	17	36	24	24	11	6	5	13	7	6
TOTALS	942	509	485	333	170	152	268	157	170	89	53	64	250	129	74

(b) 2022/2023 and 2023/24 - Primary Schools

Primary School	Number of appeals received			Upheld / Allowed			Dismissed / Refused			Allocated before hearing			Withdrawn		
	22/23	23/24	24/25	22/23	23/24	24/25	22/23	23/24	24/25	22/23	23/24	24/25	22/23	23/24	24/25
Primary – all years	307	325	331	95	86	76	82	106	88	47	52	75	83	45	69
Faith Schools	85	41	41	20	9	8	12	12	12	9	11	9	44	6	10
TOTALS	392	366	372	115	95	84	94	118	100	56	63	84	127	51	79

(c) 2024/25 - Appeals received to date

Schools	Number of Appeals received
Primary	331
Faith Primary	41
Secondary (All Schools)	485
TOTALS	857

- Grouped summer appeals – due to panel member availability, it was not possible for some schools appeals to be heard by just one panel on consecutive days; the hearings had to be split between a number of different panels and over different weeks. It looks likely that this will be the same in future years.
- Late Y6/7 appeals - it is hoped that this academic year, schools will work closely with parents to ensure all appeals are received on time.
- Reception/FS2 appeals – it is hoped that school will support families to ensure they are aware that they do not automatically receive a school place when attending the school's nursery.

- Appeals have now moved from 2 full days per week to 4 half days per week in response to feedback from panel members and clerks who were concerned about the length of the full days and the time they were required to sit in front of IT screens. This is working well, with longer days arranged as needed.
- Full panels now scheduled for November 2025.
- Recruitment of new panel members continues this continues to be a challenge.
- Training – School admissions appeal training completed by all panel members and clerks (in either Oct 2024 or Feb 2025).
- Additional Training – all panel members and clerks have been asked to complete Equality, Diversity and Inclusion training and updated GDPR training (Sept 2025) modules via Virtual College.