

ROTHERHAM LOCAL ADMISSIONS FORUM
SCHOOL ADMISSION APPEALS : STATISTICS

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This brief report is included on the agenda to inform the Local Admissions Forum of the numbers of school admission appeals received and hearings taking place.

September 2009 to August 2010

LEA PRIMARY SCHOOLS

appeals lodged = 199
appeals heard = 140
appeals allowed = 69

Church Schools :
30 lodged 25 heard 5 allowed

65 class size appeals – none successful

LEA SECONDARY SCHOOLS

appeals lodged = 224
appeals heard = 186
appeals allowed = 111

Church Schools :
22 lodged 14 heard 1 allowed

September 2010 to August 2011 (figures to date)

LEA PRIMARY SCHOOLS

appeals lodged = 158
appeals heard = 100
appeals allowed = 49

Church Schools :
36 lodged 25 heard 6 allowed

60 class size appeals – none successful

LEA SECONDARY SCHOOLS

appeals lodged = 177
appeals heard = 125
appeals allowed = 68

Church Schools :
21 lodged 15 heard 9 allowed

In terms of secondary schools, most of the pressure from admission appeals is centred upon the Wales Academy, Wath Comprehensive School and Wickersley School and Sports College – with the Saint Bernard's Catholic High School and Oakwood Technology College next in line. This pattern seems set to continue for the foreseeable future.

There continues to be pressure upon places at Rotherham town centre primary schools, especially Ferham and St. Anns – and Thornhill to a slightly lesser extent. Recently, there have been many appeals for both Broom Valley and the Sitwell primary schools. The increasing birth rates affecting demand for primary school places in the Wickersley & Flanderwell area have not yet resulted in an increased number of appeals for primary school places in that part of Rotherham.