



Northumberland County Council

APPEAL FORM

PLEASE USE BLACK INK OR TYPE TO COMPLETE THIS FORM

You should submit your appeal within 25 school days from the date of notification that your application for a school place was unsuccessful.

Please read this form carefully and the guidance which accompanies it.

All parts of this form must be completed. Incomplete forms will be returned to you and this will delay the date of your appeal.

Return your form to:

School Admissions Appeals, Democratic Services, Northumberland County Council, County Hall, Morpeth, Northumberland NE61 2EF.

schoolappeals@northumberland.gov.uk

1. I am appealing against the decision to refuse my application for
_____ (school name)

2. Name of present school or last school attended (include address)

Leaving date _____

The **child's** full name is (please use capital letters)

Date of Birth _____

Male / Female

4. Parent/Carer details (please use capital letters):

(Mr/Mrs/Ms)

Full Name:

Address:

Are you the child's parent or carer? _____

If you are the carer of the child and not the parent please provide evidence of guardianship.

Home address (if different to child's usual residence)

Contact Details:

Daytime Telephone No: _____ Mobile _____

Email address _____

5. The **exact** date you wish the child to be admitted to the chosen school is

6. (a) I wish to put my case to the Appeal Panel myself (or with my spouse/partner). YES/NO
- (b) I wish to put my case to the Appeal Panel myself and would like to be accompanied by a friend. YES/NO
- (c) I wish my representative to put my case to the Appeal Panel. (This may be a solicitor or another person you choose.) YES/NO
- (d) I am unable to attend the appeal (please tick)

Bearing in mind the importance of maintaining an informal atmosphere, legal representation will not usually be necessary, although parents are free to have such representation if they wish.

Please note that if you do appoint a representative or seek independent advice you will be responsible for any costs involved.

7. The name of my representative is (please use capital letters)

Full Name: _____

Nature of representation:

Representative's address

Daytime Telephone No:

Email:

You will have had a letter explaining the reasons why the local authority/the relevant admission authority for the school, has been unable to offer your child a place at your preferred school; you now need to give your reasons and explain why you think the Appeal Panel should agree to him/her being allocated a place in your preferred school. With this in mind, you should give your reasons in the space provided at **Section 8**, below, or in a letter sent in with this form.

If you wish to send in any documents in support of your case, please do so and if you would like to have them returned to you please let us know and we will take copies and return the originals either immediately or after the Appeal hearing.

It is the parent's responsibility to submit any professionally involved third party evidence, such as a doctor or a social worker as we cannot access this information on your behalf.

IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT YOU ATTEND however, if for some reason you are unable to do so, the Appeal Panel can decide the appeal in your absence on the basis of any written information you may have sent beforehand. It is therefore important to you to give as much information as possible when completing this form.

Declaration

I have read the information contained in the guidance which accompanies this form (also available on Northumberland County Council's website) before completing this application. **We are unable to process this form unless this box is ticked:**

DATA PROTECTION

GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION 2018 PRIVACY STATEMENT

Northumberland County Council is the data owner of the information collected by our service. The information collected will enable us to assess you/your child's requirements so that we can place them in the most appropriate setting. Where it is lawfully required, we will share your information with external organisations. Personal data will be held securely, then destroyed in line with the Northumberland County Council retention schedule. The Council's retention schedules and Privacy Notice can be found on the Council's website. 'How We Handle Your Information' notice can be found on the Councils Information and Governance website:

(<http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/NorthumberlandCountyCouncil/media/About-the-Council/information%20governance/School-Admissions-Inclusion.pdf>)

I certify that the information which I have given is correct. I also give permission for you to contact any relevant agencies to confirm that the information specified on this form is correct.

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____

Section 8

Statement of case

How do I make my case to the Appeal Panel?

Members of the Appeal Panel will receive a copy of your appeal along with copies of anything you send to support your case. In this way the Appeal Panel will know why you are appealing.

In considering this section, you ought to bear in mind the following points.

- The Appeal Panel will know nothing about your particular circumstances. It is up to you to put forward all your points now, even though you may have covered them previously on application. It is important that you should include all your reasons for appeal in your written statement.
- If you enclose original documents with this appeal notice and you would like them back, please tick this box and the documents will be copied and returned to you.

In the case of a number of appeals for the same school and year group the Appeal Panel may decide not to allow all the appellants a place in a school. In this case the Appeal Panel will have to make some difficult choices between individual children. You should therefore cover, in your response to this section, any points that you feel will convince the Appeal Panel to allow your appeal. It is for you to help the Appeal Panel to know about the factors which might make your case special.

If you are applying for a Reception, Y1 or Y2 class please be aware that infant class size legislation applies to these age groups. Which means that appeal panels can only uphold appeals in very limited circumstances and so most appeals for children of this age are unsuccessful.

Infant Class Size Legislation

Section 1 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 limits the size of an infant class (i.e. a class in which the majority of children will reach the age of 5, 6 or 7 during the school year) to 30 pupils with a single school teacher.

Where a child has been refused admission to a school on infant class size prejudice grounds, an appeal panel must consider the following matters:

- a) whether the admission of an additional child/children would breach the infant class size limit;
- b) whether the admission arrangements (including the coordinated admission arrangements) complied with the mandatory requirements of the School Admissions Code and Part 3 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998;
- c) whether the admission arrangements had been correctly and impartially applied in the case in question; and
- d) whether the decision to refuse admission was one which a reasonable admission authority would have made in the circumstances of the case.

Please write your statement below
(Continue on another sheet if you need to do so.)