

Education Appeals – Admissions and Exclusions

Is your school its own admission authority? If so, it is your schools' responsibility to arrange an independent appeals process for both admission appeals and exclusion reviews. At Nottinghamshire County Council we can arrange these appeals for you. We have a long and proven track record of successfully arranging and clerking admission appeals and exclusion reviews in a completely independent manner, ensuring all statutory requirements are met.

By using our services, you do not need to go to the trouble of recruiting, appointing and training independent appeal panel members and clerks; we deal with all the necessary arrangements for appeals in line with the current statutory requirements.

Charges will only be incurred for any appeals logged, therefore you can agree to use our services even if your school has yet to receive any appeals, giving you peace of mind that we can respond within the required timescales when called upon.

What we offer

- Legally required information to publish on your school's website.
- Organisation of all aspects of appeals, including venues and refreshments, as appropriate.
- We can receive appeals and act as the initial point of contact and an independent source of information for appellants.
- Genuinely independent and fully trained clerks and panel members, in line with statutory requirements.

- Support and advice (at cost price) in responding to any enquiries and investigations by the Local Government Ombudsman and the Education Funding Agency (EFA).
- A translation and interpretation service (at cost price) to enable you to fulfil your obligations to any appellants requiring such services.

Our pledge

Our experienced and fully trained team members are professional and approachable, providing a friendly, high quality and independent service to enable your appeals processes to be undertaken in line with recognised best practice and statutory requirements.

Benefits to your school

- ▶ No need to worry about the practical and logistical difficulties faced in organising and hearing appeals within the relevant deadlines.
- ▶ We can act as the main point of contact for appellants, enabling you to concentrate your efforts on preparing your case for the appeal.
- ▶ By choosing our service, you do not need to place expensive advertisements for panel members and provide independent training.
- ▶ You can access a large pool of experienced and genuinely independent appeal panel members, with all necessary training provided by the County Council and nationally recognised independent trainers.
- ▶ You will have fully trained and independent clerks who can draw on a wealth of experience of admission appeals and access further specialist legal advice if required.
- ▶ You can utilise our experience of successfully responding to Local Government Ombudsman and EFA inquiries.



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Training

For those academies who are arranging their own appeals we can offer admission appeals training packages tailored to your own specific needs.

Costs

Admission appeals are charged at set costs per appeal – contact us for further information.

Translations/interpretations and input into Ombudsman/EFA investigations are charged at cost price. Non County Council venues will also be charged at cost price.

Exclusion Review fees are charged at cost price – contact us for further information.

