

APPEAL AGAINST GOVERNORS DECISION TO REFUSE ADMISSION
September 2020 Intake

To be completed by the parent (in black ink please) (See notes overleaf)

*Son/Daughter's First Name(s):	
Surname	Date of Birth
Address	
..... Tel No:	

I wish to appeal against the decision not to offer my *son/daughter a place at Bonus Pastor School because:

(Continue on additional pages if required)

Signature of parent(s) Date

Name(s) of Parent(s) (please print) Mr/Mrs/Ms*

*Please delete as appropriate

THIS FORM SHOULD BE RETURNED TO:
MRS J TOWNSEND, ADMISSIONS OFFICER
BONUS PASTOR CATHOLIC COLLEGE, WINLATON ROAD, BROMLEY, KENT. BR1 5PZ
BY FRIDAY 1st May 2020

ADMISSION TO SECONDARY SCHOOL APPEALS AGAINST ADMISSION TO VOLUNTARY AIDED SCHOOLS

If your son/daughter has been refused a place at the school you wanted for him or her, or if you are unhappy with the alternative you have been offered, under the 1996 Education Act you have the right to appeal against the decision.

WHO WILL HEAR YOUR APPEAL?

The members of the appeal panel will be selected in accordance with the DfEE Code of Practice for Appeals. The appeal panel will be guided by a code of practice prepared in consultation with the Council on Tribunals.

For all voluntary aided schools, the governors are responsible for admissions and for the appeal arrangements.

VOLUNTARY AIDED SCHOOLS

You can appeal if the governors or the head of a voluntary aided school refuse your son/daughter admission. Appeals against decisions made by voluntary aided schools.

You will have a minimum of 14 days from the original decision in which to appeal (or longer if the governors agree). You will be given 14 days notice of the hearing.

APPEAL DECISIONS

The decisions of appeal panels are binding on the Education Authority or on the governors of voluntary/special agreement schools.

In coming to their decisions, the appeal committees have to take into account:

- a) the wishes of parents
- b) the arrangements for admissions published by Lewisham Education or Governors – which include the number of children the Education Authority has authorised to be admitted to each school and other criteria for admission. The admissions criteria for voluntary aided schools are published each year in the Secondary Schools for Lewisham booklet.

Note: While these arrangements give you the chance to appeal against decisions, the 1996 Education Act does not give your son/daughter a right to a place at any particular school.

Even if you are appealing for a place at a particular school you should make alternative arrangements with another school in case your appeal is unsuccessful.

The main points of the appeal are:

- The Panel is independent and the decision is binding on the school and parents.
- The school presents its case.
- Parents may question or disagree with the school case.
- Parents present their case.
- The school may ask questions.
- Panel may ask questions of either party.
- Panel comes to a decision in private without school or parents present.
- Panel informs parents and school of decision.