

# Admission appeals - conducting hearings during COVID-19

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This webinar took place on 24th April 2020 and is now available on-demand.

Traditionally, the summer term is the busiest period for school admission appeals. Despite the current coronavirus outbreak, 2020 (and 2021) is expected to be no different. However, strict social distancing measures mean that all admission authorities must adapt their processes to ensure that families who submit an appeal are not disadvantaged and are able to have their appeal heard by an independent panel in a fair and transparent manner.

In this webinar education legal experts [Richard Freeth](#) and [Dai Durbridge](#):

- Highlight key elements of the School Admission Appeals Code 2012 and review the latest regulations and guidance from the Department for Education.
- Outline the process and main options for conducting appeals remotely.
- Set out how you can ensure hearings conducted remotely or on paper are fair and effective.
- Explain how we can help you prepare school staff, admission appeal clerks and panel members for the new processes.



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# Speakers



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