

To: Kent Admission Forum
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Subject: Appeals by Parents against non-admission to schools
2008/09 statistics released by DfE

Background

Each year the DfE releases statistics on the number of appeals heard and upheld in England and Wales. The statistics for 2008/09 were released in June 2010. An analysis of the decisions and a comparison of statistics for Kent schools and other local authorities is attached.

Secondary school appeals

In 2008/09 appeal panels in England and Wales heard 37,830 appeals of which 33.3% were upheld. Kent's figures were slightly higher than this at 39%. Kent panels hear by far the largest number of appeals, in 2008/09 they heard 2463 appeals, 38% of all appeals heard in the southeast. The next highest number was in Birmingham where 1,716 appeals were heard.

If you look at neighbouring authority appeals the % upheld varied from 9.9% to 52.7%. Comparing Kent with those authorities that have five or more grammar schools the % upheld in Kent is low with Buckinghamshire showing 55% of appeals upheld.

An analysis of the appeals heard for places in Yr 7 in September 2010 shows that the % of appeals upheld in Kent increased slightly to 40.7%. The % by schools status shows quite wide variations with grammar school appeals dropping to 35.4% and appeals for all other schools increasing to 50.6%.

Primary school appeals

In 2008/09 appeal panels in England and Wales heard 25,890 appeals of which 25% were upheld. Kent's figures were similar to this at 25.3%. Kent panels heard 803 appeals whilst a large number, most were heard by panels in Bradford who heard 1,263 appeals. If you look at neighbouring authority appeals the % upheld varied from 7.7% to 35.2%.

The number of Infant class size appeals which were upheld in 2008/09 was high in Kent at 16% only west Sussex were higher at 19.5%

An analysis of the appeals heard by panels, clerked by legal and democratic services, for admission to primary schools up to 22 July 2010 shows that the % of appeals upheld, dropped to 12.2% and infant class size appeals to 5.7%

Appeals by Parents against non-admission to schools 2008/09 Statistics released by DfE in June 2010

All Secondary Schools - England and Wales

	Total appeals heard	% decided in parents favour
Community and VC Schools	20,900	36.6%
Voluntary Aided	7,830	27.2%
Foundation	9,100	21.0%
Total	37,830	33.3%

Kent Statistics and neighbouring authorities

	Number of school admissions	Number of Grammar schools	Appeals heard	% upheld
Bexley	3652	4	156	44.9%
Bromley	4597	2	313	9.9%
Essex	17136	4	785	29.3%
East Sussex	5892		296	30.4%
Hampshire	14957		283	52.7%
Kent	18530	33	2463	39%
Medway	3928	6	188	47.9%
Surrey	11779		540	37%
West Sussex	9610		402	22.4%

Kent statistics and other LAs with more than 5 grammar schools

LAs with 5+ Grammar schools	Number of school admissions	Number Grammar Schools	Appeals Heard	% Upheld
Bucks	6653	13	282	55%
Kent	18530	33	2463	39%
Medway	3928	6	188	47.9%
Gloucestershire	7986	7	377	38.7%

Kent Statistics- 2010 In round appeals

	heard	upheld	
Academies	91	20	21.9%
Foundation and VA	1255	533	42.5 %
Community	561	223	39.7%
Appeals	1907	776	40.7%

	heard	upheld	
Grammar School Appeals	1249	443	35.4%
All other School Appeals	658	333	50.6%
	1907	776	40.7%

All Primary Schools – England and Wales

	Total Appeals heard	% upheld	Of which are Infant Class size Appeals	% upheld
Community and VC Schools	21,980	23.9%	14,390	14.7%
Voluntary Aided	3,540	32.1%	1860	23.6%
Foundation	370	22.2%	160	21.5%
Total	25,890	25%	16,410	15.8%

Kent statistics and neighbouring authorities

	Number of school admissions	Total Appeals heard	% upheld	Of which are Infant Class size Appeals	% upheld
Bexley	3806	54	35.2%	32	15.6%
Bromley	5068	25	Not given	20	Not given
Essex	22508	556	20.7%	330	8.5%
East Sussex	7121	142	7.7%	112	Not given
Hampshire	24075	368	25.8%	204	8.8%
Kent	22307	803	25.3%	632	16%
Medway	5184	54	35.2%	0	0
Surrey	19564	370	13.8%	238	4.2%
West Sussex	14134	688	22.4	281	19.5%

Kent Statistics 2010

Appeals clerked by Legal and Democratic Services - in round to 22 July 2010

Total Appeals heard	Upheld	% upheld	Of which are Infant Class size Appeals	Upheld	% upheld
599	73	12.2%	505	29	5.7%

