

25. Statutory Appeals

All parents have the right to appeal if they are refused a place for their child at a school. The only exception to this is Nursery School as this is not statutory education. If parents are dissatisfied with the result of an application for a particular Community school, an appeal may be submitted to an Appeal Panel, which is independent of the council, and comprises of lay members who have experience in education, or who are acquainted with the educational conditions in the area, or are parents of registered pupils at a school. Separate and distinct Appeal Panels hear appeals against decisions of the Governors of Church and Foundation Schools. Guidance on such an appeal should therefore be sought from the school concerned. An appeal must be made in writing on the appropriate form by the prescribed deadline, setting out the grounds on which it is made. Parents who submit an appeal will be given the opportunity to speak before the Appeal Panel if they wish. The decision of an Appeal Panel is final and is binding on the Council or the Governors, as appropriate. In the case of an unsuccessful appeal, unless there is subsequently a significant change in the circumstances relating to the original application there will be no further right of appeal available as far as the academic year in question is concerned.

School admission appeals held during the academic year 2015 to July 2016

There were 84 appeals held during the academic year 2015/16. The outcomes were as follows:

School	Number of appeals	outcome
Albert Primary School	4	all dismissed
Barry Island	2	dismissed
Cadoxton	2	dismissed
Colcot Primary School	2	all dismissed
Cogan Primary School	4	All dismissed
Evenlode Primary School	9	8 dismissed, 1 upheld
Gladstone Primary School	1	dismissed
Llandough Primary School	3	dismissed
Palmerston primary School	2	All dismissed
Sully Primary School	9	8 dismissed, 1 upheld
Victoria Primary School	6	5 dismissed, 1 upheld

Y Bontfaen	2	All dismissed
Ysgol Iolo Morgannwg	3	1 upheld, 2 dismissed
Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg	3	All dismissed
St Cyres Comprehensive School	12	1 upheld, 11 dismissed
Cowbridge Comprehensive	20	all dismissed
totals	84	Of which 5 were upheld in second stage