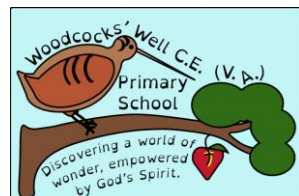


Appeals Process



Where the governors are unable to offer a place because the school is oversubscribed, parents have the right to appeal to an independent admission appeal panel, set up under the School Standards and Framework Act, 1998, as amended by the Education Act, 2002. Parents should notify the clerk to the governors at the school within 20 days of receiving the letter refusing a place, if they wish to appeal. Parents will have the opportunity to submit their case to the panel in writing noting additional evidence to support their appeal and also to attend in order to present their case. The Clerk to Governors will send appeal papers to the panel and parties. You will normally receive 14 days' notice of the place and time of the hearing. Decisions from the meeting will be sent within 5 school days of the hearing wherever possible.

If your child was refused a place in Reception or Key Stage 1 because of Government limits on Infant class sizes, the grounds on which your appeal could be successful are limited. You would have to show that the decision was one which in the circumstances on reasonable governing would have made, or that your child would have been offered a place if the governors' admissions arrangements had been properly implemented. Please note that this right of appeal against the governors' decision does not prevent you from making an appeal in respect of any other school.

Please contact the school office for details of the clerk to Governors. You can do this by phone 01782 512323 or email admin@woodcockswell.cheshire.sch.uk