

Lancashire County Council – School Admission Appeal Timetable for Schools and Pupil Access Team 2026

Please take note that some scheduled hearing dates and paper required dates may fall within a holiday period, contingency measures **Must** be taken to ensure that a representative is available to present on behalf of the school during this time and that papers are received by the Appeals Team on the requested date, this will help ensure that the Authority meets the required timescales in accordance with the School Admission Appeals Code. Please send applications through as one batch by the dates below. Please can these be sent electronically to the team mailbox at appeals@lancashire.gov.uk

Please could all headteachers/presenters ensure that their area dates are provisionally booked in their diaries. A member of the Appeals Team will confirm the scheduled date after the papers have been received. Please note dates could be altered due to the volume of appeals lodged and panel/clerk availability.

Academy/Free School Appeals will be scheduled along with the relevant VA District dates.

Monday 13th April 2026 (Secondary) – Deadline for lodging appeals for Lancashire School's/1st round of hearings.

Monday 18 May 2026 (Primary) - Deadline for lodging appeals for Lancashire School's/1st round of hearings.

District	Papers required by the Appeals Team (latest date)	Hearing Date
West Lancs VA Secondary	16 th April 2026	5 th & 6 th May 2026
Preston/South Ribble VA Secondary	16 th April 2026	5 th – 8 th May 2026 11 th – 15 th May 2026
Lancaster VA Secondary	16 th April 2026	5 th – 8 th May 2026
Fylde VA Secondary	16 th April 2026	7 th & 8 th May 2026
Lancaster Community Secondary	17 th April 2026	11 th May 2026
Wyre VA Secondary	17 th April 2026	11 th – 15 th May 2026
Burnley/Pendle VA Secondary	17 th April 2026	11 th – 15 th May 2026
Rossendale VA Secondary	17 th April 2026	14 th & 15 th May 2026
Hyndburn/Ribble Valley VA Secondary	24 th April 2026	18 th – 22 nd May 2026 & 1 st – 5 th June 2026
Chorley VA Secondary	24 th April 2026	18 th – 22 nd May 2026 & 1 st – 5 th June 2026

Fylde Community Secondary	24 th April 2026	19 th May 2026
Hyndburn/Ribble Valley Community Secondary	1 st May 2026	26 th May – 28 th May 2026
Preston/South Ribble/West Lancs/Chorley Community Secondary	8 th May 2026	1 st – 5 th June 2026 & 8 th – 12 th June 2026
Wyre Community Secondary	15 th May 2026	8 th – 12 th June 2026
Rossendale Community Secondary	15 th May 2026	8 th – 12 th June 2026
Pendle Community Secondary	22 nd May 2026	15 th – 17 th June 2026
Rossendale VA Primary	22 nd May 2026	15 th & 16 th June 2026
Lancaster VA Primary	22 nd May 2026	15 th & 16 th June 2026
Wyre VA Primary	22 nd May 2026	15 th – 19 th June 2026
Preston/South Ribble/Chorley/West Lancs VA Primary	22 nd May 2026	22 nd – 26 th June 2026 & 29 th June – 3 rd July 2026
Burnley/Pendle VA Primary	22 nd May 2026	22 nd – 26 th June 2026
Fylde VA Primary	5 th June 2026	29 th & 30 th June 2026
Wyre Community Primary	5 th June 2026	29 th June – 3 rd July 2026
Fylde Community Primary	5 th June 2026	1 st & 2 nd July 2026
Preston/South Ribble/Chorley/West Lancs Community Primary	12 th June 2026	6 th – 10 th July 2026
Hyndburn/Ribble Valley VA Primary	12 th June 2026	6 th – 10 th July 2026
Burnley/Pendle/Rossendale Community Primary	12 th June 2026	6 th – 10 th July 2026
Lancaster Community Primary	12 th June 2026	13 th & 14 th July 2026
Hyndburn/Ribble Valley Community Primary	12 th June 2026	13 th – 17 th July 2026