

## YOUR RIGHT TO APPEAL

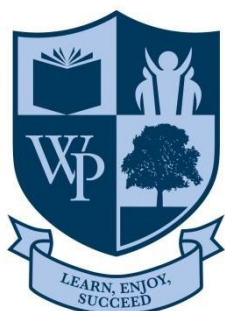
Whitehall Park School has allocated Reception places in accordance with the published oversubscription criteria, but you do have the right to appeal against the decision. Appeals are heard by an Independent Appeal Panel and you can attend the appeal hearing if you so wish.

If you have any queries about school appeals, please contact us on:  
[office@whitehallparkschool.org.uk](mailto:office@whitehallparkschool.org.uk)

Appeals for Whitehall Park School can be submitted by completing the form enclosed and submitting to [office@whitehallparkschool.org.uk](mailto:office@whitehallparkschool.org.uk) or post to: Whitehall Park School, Ashmount Road, Islington, London, N19 3BH

Timetable for appeals for primary reception admission in September 2017 to Whitehall Park School.

- 18 April 2017: you'll get an offer by email in the evening
- 18 May 2017: deadline for appeal forms to be submitted
- Appeal hearings to be held in June/July 2017



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## Appeals Against Admissions Decisions Guidance Notes

If your child has been refused a place at the school you wanted for him/her, you have the right to appeal against the decision under the 1998 School Standards and Frameworks Act.

Your appeal will be heard by an independent panel the members of which will be:

- People who have experience in education;
- who are familiar with educational conditions in the community;
- or who are parents of registered pupils at a school
- People who are eligible to be lay members. This means people without personal experience in the management of any school or the provision of education in any school (disregarding experience as a school governor or in any other voluntary capacity)

The independent panel will be guided by the Admissions Code for all schools prepared by the Department for Education.

### The decision of independent appeal panels is binding on Whitehall Park School

In coming to their decisions, the independent appeal committee must consider the following matters in relation to the child that is the subject of the appeal:

1. Whether the admission arrangements comply with the mandatory requirements of the School Admissions Code and Part 3 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998; and
2. Whether the admission arrangements were correctly and impartially applied in the case in question.

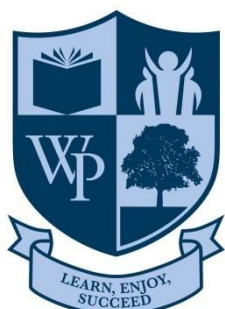
The panel must then decide whether the admission of additional children would prejudice the provision of efficient education or the efficient use of resources.

The admissions criteria for Whitehall Park School can be obtained from the School website Admissions Section at <http://www.whitehallparkschool.co.uk/admissions-policy/>

**You should be aware that by law, infant classes (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) where the majority of children will reach the age of 5, 6 or 7 during the school year, must not contain more than 30 pupils with a single school teacher. This, therefore, has an effect on entry to Reception classes at Whitehall Park School.**

In view of these regulations, there are now limits to the circumstances in which an appeal panel may uphold an appeal where a place was refused because admission would breach this class size limit. If measures required to keep to the statutory class size limit would result in prejudice to efficient education or the efficient use of resources an appeal panel can only uphold an appeal where it is satisfied either:

- That the child would have been offered a place if the admission arrangements had been properly implemented.

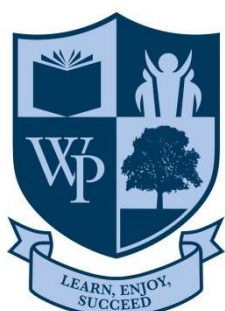


- That the child would have been offered a place if the arrangements had not been contrary to mandatory provisions in the School Admissions Code and the SSFA 1998; and or
- That the decision to refuse admission was not one which a reasonable admission authority would have made in the circumstances of the case.

The outcome of your appeal will not be influenced by the acceptance of a place at an alternative school.

If you would like independent advice regarding school admission appeals or any other education matter, you can contact Coram Legal Centre. Coram Legal Centre provides free, independent advice on the admissions process and a range of education issues, including bullying, exclusion, SEN and attendance. For advice/enquiries, please contact (Free phone) 08088 020 008 (8am-8pm Monday to Friday). Further information and guide for school admission appeals can be found at

[http://www.childrenslegalcentre.com/index.php?page=school\\_admissions\\_and\\_appeals](http://www.childrenslegalcentre.com/index.php?page=school_admissions_and_appeals)



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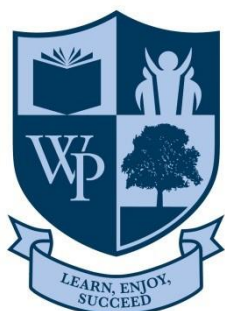
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**APPEALS FORM**

**Appeal against decision to refuse admission to Whitehall Park School to be  
completed by Parent/Guardian in BLOCK CAPITALS**

<b>Child's First Name(s)</b>		<b>Child's Surname</b>	
<b>Date of Birth</b>		<b>School Year Group</b>	RECEPTION
<b>Address</b>			
<b>Borough of Residence</b>			
<b>Tel. No (Home)</b>		<b>Tel. No (alternative)</b>	
<b>Parent's Statement</b>			
I wish to appeal against the decision not to offer my child a place at Whitehall Park School because:			
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**Parent's Statement (continued)**

<b>Signature of Parent / Guardian</b>	
<b>Names of Parent / Guardian (please print)</b>	
<b>Date</b>	

