



Tudor Grange Academy Redditch

Admissions Appeals March 2026

Introduction

This Admission Appeals Policy is part of the admission arrangements for Tudor Grange Academy Redditch (School), a secondary academy and sixth form, which is part of Tudor Grange Academies Trust (Trust), a multi academy trust.

Overview

What is an appeal?

If you applied for a place and were not offered one, you have the right to appeal against this decision. Please note however that appeals can only be upheld in very specific circumstances.

Why was my child not offered a place?

If we could not offer your child a place, this means that the children who were offered a place had greater priority, as set out in the oversubscription criteria in our Admissions Policy. For example, they may have a sibling at the school, or live closer.

If you have made an in-year application and this has been refused, it will be because the year group to which you have applied is full, therefore no spaces are available.

Find out more

It is the local authority's responsibility to ensure that every child has a school place, and we strongly advise you to contact your local authority to enquire about vacancies at other schools.

If you would like any further advice on how the school's waiting list operates, or admissions generally, please contact the School Admissions Officer, Andrea Green - AGreen@redditch.tgacademy.org.uk

How appeals work

Appeals for children refused admission will be heard according to the regulations in the School Admission Appeals Code (October 2022).

Your appeal will be heard by an independent panel of three people who will consider two main questions:

- Was the school's decision made properly and in accordance with admissions law and its own policy?
- Are your child's individual circumstances so exceptional that it would be worse for them not to have a place at a *specific* school than it would for that school to accept an additional child? This is called the balance of prejudice test.

The Process

Your appeal is made to Tudor Grange Academy Redditch via an online form; an independent clerk will then manage the case. Once the appeal deadline date has passed, all appeals have been checked for eligibility and panel dates have been confirmed, the clerk will write to you with further information. **You will therefore not hear from the clerk until after the appeals deadline and once hearing dates have been confirmed.**

Appeal hearings will normally take place remotely via video conferencing. Reasonable adjustments will be made where required to ensure accessibility.

Appeal Timetable for the Academic Year 2026 to 2027

Main round

Offer Date	Deadline for submitting appeal
Monday 2nd March 2026	Friday 27 th March 2026

Appeal panel hearings will take place within 40 school days of the deadline date for submitting an appeal i.e. on or before Monday 22 June 2026.

The independent appeal panel clerk will notify parents/carers of the date of their appeal.

In year

Appeals for children refused admission to all year groups other than Reception, Year 9 and Year 12 will be heard within 30 school days of receipt of the appeal. Parents/carers will be notified of their appeal hearing date by an independent appeal panel clerk.

On what grounds can I appeal?

You are not limited on the grounds on which you base an appeal, however, please be aware that the panel will only uphold an appeal in very specific circumstances. You would need to demonstrate that:

- the admission arrangements have not been properly followed
- the admission criteria do not comply with the school admissions code
- the school is the only school in the area that would be suitable for your child

Below are some common reasons that parents give for appealing, but which are unlikely to persuade a panel to override the school's decision.

- ***Q: Tudor Grange Academy Redditch is the best school in the area.***
A: The appeal process is not an opportunity to make a second application or to compare schools. While the panel will understand parental preference, places must be allocated strictly in accordance with the Academy's determined admission arrangements and oversubscription criteria.
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- **Q: My child is very able and would thrive at this school.**
A: Tudor Grange Academy Redditch operates a fair banding admissions arrangement. This is not academic selection; it is used solely to ensure a comprehensive and balanced intake across the full range of abilities. Places are not allocated on the basis of academic performance or aptitude.

- **Q: This is the closest school to my home.**
A: Distance is only used as a tie-breaker where it is specified in the oversubscription criteria and where relevant within a particular category or ability band. For oversubscribed schools, it is common for children living relatively close not to be offered a place because other applicants have higher priority under the criteria.

- **Q: My child's friends, cousins or wider family attend the school.**
A: The admission arrangements only allow priority to be given to siblings, as defined in the Admissions Policy. It would not be lawful to take account of friendships or wider family connections when allocating places.

Making an appeal

If you wish to submit an appeal, please use this form:

Appeal forms are available via the School website

here <https://www.redditch.tgacademy.org.uk/parents/admissions/> or can be requested in paper form from the School office.