

If you have not been offered a place at The Bennett Memorial Diocesan School, the law entitles you to appeal against that decision to an Independent Appeal Panel. This panel is completely independent of the school and the Local Authority. The appeals are held at the school. Please note that some of the arrangements for appeals are different to previous years.

If you wish to appeal, please download an Appeal Form from the school's website. Please do NOT use the Kent County Council form.

You should include any evidence or supporting material with your appeal form and you MUST give the grounds for your appeal at the time you lodge your appeal form. Your appeal form will not be accepted unless you state the grounds for your appeal. You may appeal for more than one school.

The timetable for appeals is as follows: -

Last day for lodging appeal forms for a place in year 7 to start in September 2020	4 pm on Friday 27 March 2020. You MUST state the reasons for your appeal and supply any documentary evidence at this stage.
Appeal dates	5-7 May 2020
Invitation letter giving details about your hearing will be sent by the Clerk to the Independent Appeal Panel	At least 10 school days before the stage 1 hearing
Any <i>additional</i> or supporting evidence	Tuesday 28 April 2020. You are advised that additional paperwork received on the day of the appeal hearing may <u>not</u> be considered. Please provide the Clerk with FIVE copies of any additional evidence. All such evidence to be submitted in A4 format and NOT bound. But may be stapled on the top left-hand corner.
Letter from the Clerk informing you of the decision of the independent appeal panel	By Friday 15 May 2020