

# Independent School Appeals Panel

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Dear Parent/Carer

## **SCHOOL STANDARDS AND FRAMEWORK ACT 1998-SECTION 94 AND SCHEDULE 24 APPEAL TO SCHOOL APPEALS PANEL - IMPACT OF CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) ON SCHOOL ADMISSION APPEALS**

In Wirral, as in many other parts of the country, School Admission Appeals are considered by a Panel of at least 3 Independent Panel Members. These people are unpaid and trained volunteers, the majority of whom are retired and in the category of people being advised by the Government to self-isolate for an extended and currently indefinite period of time.

This unfortunately means that there will now be unavoidable delays to progressing and hearing school admission appeals this year due to the Coronavirus outbreak and a lack of available Panel Members. Admission Authorities will ask their appointed Clerks to contact parents with a revised date as soon as this is practicable, and we will keep you updated pending advice from the Department for Education about how all Education Appeals are to be administered in this unprecedented time.

Please note that telephone calls cannot be monitored at this time and if you wish to submit any additional information or have any other queries please use the email [schoolappeals@wirral.gov.uk](mailto:schoolappeals@wirral.gov.uk)

Yours sincerely

The Clerk to the School Appeals Panel