

Appeal information for schools refused on Infant Class Size grounds for the Reception Intake for the 2026/2027 school year

If your child has been refused a place at any of the schools listed below, their application has been refused because of Infant Class Size (ICS) or Future Infant Class Size (FICS) legislation. Further information can be found in the 'Guide to Education Admission Appeals' and the 'Notice of Appeals Form' from the [Education Appeals Office](#).

Infant class size legislation states that it is against the law for children in an infant class, which is defined as a class in which the majority of children will reach the age of five, six or seven during the school year (Reception Year, Year 1 and Year 2) to be taught in a class of over 30 pupils with a single qualified teacher.

There are very limited grounds for success for infant class size appeals. The panel can only offer a place where it is satisfied that:

- a) The admission of additional children would not breach infant class size; or
- b) The admission arrangements did not comply with admissions law or were not correctly and impartially applied and the child would have been offered a place if the arrangements had complied or had been correctly and impartially applied; or
- c) The decision to refuse admission was not one which a reasonable admission authority would have made in the circumstances of the case.

In relation to c) the threshold for finding that an admission authority's decision to refuse admission was not one that a reasonable authority would have made is high. The panel will need to be satisfied that the decision to refuse to admit the child was 'perverse in light of the admission arrangements, that is it was 'beyond the range of responses open to a reasonable decision maker' or 'a decision which is so outrageous in its defiance of logic or of accepted moral standards that no sensible person who had applied his mind to the question could have arrived at it.'

If your child has been refused a school which doesn't appear in this list, then their application has been refused because to admit a further child would cause overcrowding and would be prejudicial to the efficient education of children already admitted to the school and the efficient use of resources.

Name of School Refused	Refused on Infant Class Size (ICS) or Future Infant Class Size (FICS)
Acton CEVC Primary School	ICS
Barnham CEVC Primary School	ICS
Birchwood Primary School	ICS
Boxford CEVC Primary School	ICS
Bramfield Church of England Primary School	FICS
Bucklesham Primary School	FICS
Chelmondiston Church of England Primary School	FICS
Dale Hall Community Primary School	ICS

East Bergholt CEVC Primary School	ICS
Easton Primary School	ICS
Elmswell Community Primary School	ICS
Exning Primary School	ICS
Freeman Community Primary School	ICS
Glemsford Primary Academy	ICS
Grace Cook Primary School	ICS
Great Barton Church of England Primary Academy	ICS
Great Waldingfield CEVC Primary School	ICS
Grove Primary School	FICS
Heath Primary School	ICS
Holton St Peter Primary School	FICS
Ickworth Park Primary School	ICS
Kedington Primary Academy	ICS
Nayland Primary School	ICS
New Cangle Community Primary School	ICS
Oulton Broad Primary School	FICS
Place Farm Primary Academy	ICS
Risby CEVC Primary School	ICS
Rougham Church of England Primary School	ICS
Rushmere Hall Primary School	ICS
Sproughton Church of England Primary School	FICS
St Christopher's Church of England Primary School	ICS
St John's CEVA Primary School	ICS
St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Ipswich	ICS
St Pancras Catholic Primary School	ICS
Stanton Community Primary School	ICS
The Albert Pye Community Primary School	ICS
The Oaks Primary School	ICS
The Pines Primary School	ICS
Wells Hall Primary School	ICS
Wenhaston Primary School	FICS
Wood Ley Community Primary School	FICS
Woods Loke Primary School	ICS