

Objections to the Schools Adjudicator

In accordance with Regulation 21 of the Regulations and Section 88 of the SSFA 1998, any person or body who considered that any maintained school or Academy's arrangements are unlawful, or not in compliance with the Code or relevant law relating to admissions, can make an objection to the School Adjudicator. The following types of objections cannot be brought:

- a) Objections that seek to remove selective arrangements at a maintained school (which are permitted under Section 105 to 109 of the SSFA 1988) or a selective Academy;
- b) Objections about own authority admission's decision to increase or keep the same PAN;
- c) Objections about a decision by the admission authority of a voluntary controlled or community school to increase or keep the same PAN, unless the objection is brought by the governing body of the school;
- d) Objections in respect of an agreed variation from the Code in relation to admission arrangements for an Academy;
- e) Objections to arrangements which raise the same or substantially the same matters as the adjudicator has decided on for that school in the last 2 years; and
- f) Anonymous objections

Objections should be sent to: OSA, Bishopsgate House, Feethams, Darlington, DL1 5QE or emailed to osa.team@osa.gsi.gov.uk. Objections must be submitted by **15th May 2026**.

Further information can be located on the OSA website: www.schoolsadjudicator.gov.uk