

DEVON SCHOOL APPEALS PANEL – VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

As you may be aware, the County Council is required to establish an Appeals body to consider appeals by parents against decisions of the County Council or the Governing Body (in the case of voluntary aided or trust schools), about which schools their children should attend. A smaller, although important part of the Panel's workload is also to consider appeals against permanent exclusion.

The Appeal body – known locally as the Devon School Appeals Panel – must comprise people who have no direct experience of the management or provision of education in a school other than as a governor or in a voluntary capacity and people who are acquainted with the educational conditions in the area or who are parents of pupils in school.

It goes without saying that the Appeal Panel relies heavily on people giving of their time in a voluntary capacity and obviously, the more people we have on the Panel the more the work can be spread more evenly.

Hearings are held during daytime, usually in Exeter and an individual members' workload can be flexible. Expenses may be claimed but there is no legal provision to allow payment of a salary.

If you are interested in becoming a member we would be glad to hear from you.

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Clerk to the Devon School Appeals Panel, County Hall, Exeter EX2 4QD

Further information can also be found at:-

Devon School Appeals Panel

www.devon.gov.uk/index/learningschools/schools/admissions/appeals_process.htm

Advisory Centre for Education (ACE)

www.ace-ed.org.uk

Statutory Code of Practice School Admission Appeals

www.dcsf.gov.uk/sacode