



# Internal Appeals Procedures

*This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment*

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## The Limpsfield Grange Values:

At Limpsfield Grange we believe in working together to make a difference.

We are a tolerant community; we accept value and understand others.

We care for all members of our community without judgement.

We are responsible for our own learning, behaviour and actions.

We accept that sometimes things go wrong. We work together to take responsibility for our mistakes and for putting things right.

We are a respectful community and we treat others as we would like to be treated, even if they have different views and opinions to our own.

We understand that good behaviour helps us to prepare for life beyond Limpsfield Grange.

We are positive and resilient. We celebrate difference in everything that we do.

We are all proud to be part of the Limpsfield Grange community.

*July 2024*

## Purpose of the procedures

These procedures confirm Limpsfield Grange's compliance with JCQ's **General Regulations for Approved Centres** (section 5.3z, 5.8).

These procedures cover appeals relating to:

- Internal assessment decisions (centre assessed marks);
- Decisions to reject a candidates work on the grounds of malpractice;
- Centre decisions not to support an application for a clerical re-check, a review of marking, a review of moderation or an appeal;
- Centre decisions relating to access arrangements and special consideration.

## Appeals relating to internal assessment decisions (centre assessed marks)

Certain qualifications contain components/units of non-examination assessment, controlled assessment and/or coursework which are internally assessed (marked) by the centre. The marks awarded (the internal assessment decisions) which contribute to the final grade of the qualification are then submitted by the deadline set by the awarding body for external moderation.

The qualifications delivered at Limpsfield Grange containing internally assessed components/units are:

- GCSE English Language
- GCSE Art
- BTEC Tech Awards

This procedure confirms Limpsfield Grange school's compliance with JCQ's *General Regulations for Approved Centres 2025-2026, section 5.7* that the centre has in place and available for inspection purposes "a written internal appeals procedure relating to internal assessment decisions and to ensure that details of this procedure are communicated, made widely available and accessible to all candidates" and that the centre "before submitting marks to the award body inform candidates of their centre assessed marks and allow a candidate to request a review of the centre's marking."

### Deadlines for the submission of marks to awarding body (Summer 2026 exam series)

Date	Qualification	Details	Exam Series
7 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	GCSE – English Language	AQA – Final date for submission of centre assessed marks for Spoken Language Endorsement	Summer 2026
31 <sup>st</sup> May 2026	GCSE – Art & Design (Fine Art)	AQA - Final date for submission of centre assessed marks	Summer 2026

### Procedures relating to centre assessed marks

Limpsfield Grange is committed to ensuring that whenever its staff mark candidates' work this is done fairly, consistently and in accordance with the awarding body's specification and subject-specific associated documents.

Candidates' work will be marked by staff who have appropriate knowledge, understanding and skill, who have been trained in this activity and do not have any potential conflicts of interest. If AI tools have been used to assist in the marking of candidates' work, they will not be the sole

marker. Limpsfield Grange is committed to ensuring that work produced by candidates is authenticated in line with the requirements of the awarding body. Where more than one subject teacher/tutor is involved in marking candidates' work, internal moderation and standardisation will ensure consistency of marking.

Limpsfield Grange will ensure that candidates are informed of their centre assessed marks so that they may request a review of the centre's marking before marks are submitted to the awarding body. On being informed of their centre assessed mark(s), if candidates believe that the above procedures were not followed in relation to the marking of their work, or that the assessor has not properly applied the marking standards to their marking, the candidate may make use of the internal appeals procedure below.

### **Procedure for appealing internal assessment decisions (centre assessed marks)**

1. Candidates may request copies of materials to assist them in considering whether to request a review of the centre's marking of the assessment. This request must be made to the Exams Officer within 2 working days of the candidate being informed of their mark.
2. Limpsfield Grange will, having received a request for materials, make them available to the candidate within 2 working days. This will either be the originals viewed under supervised conditions or copies.
3. Limpsfield Grange will provide candidates with 5 working days, to allow them to review copies of materials, reach a decision and submit a request for a review of centre's marking. Requests will not be accepted after this deadline. Requests **must** be made in writing on the internal appeals form and candidates **must** explain on what grounds they wish to request a review.
4. Limpsfield Grange will allow sufficient time for the review to be carried out, to make any necessary changes to marks and to inform the candidate of the outcome, all before the awarding body's deadline for the submission of marks.
5. Limpsfield Grange will ensure that the review of marking is conducted by an assessor who has appropriate competence, has had no previous involvement in the assessment of that candidate for the component in question and has no personal interest in the outcome of the review.
6. Limpsfield Grange will instruct the reviewer to ensure that the candidate's mark is consistent with the standard set by the centre.
7. Limpsfield Grange will inform the candidate in writing of the outcome of the review of the centre's marking.

8. The outcome of the review of marking will be made known to the head of centre. A written record of the review will be kept and made available to the awarding body upon request. The centre will inform the awarding body if it does not accept the outcome of a review.

The moderation process carried out by the awarding body may result in a mark change, either upwards or downwards, even after an internal review. The internal review process is in place to ensure consistency of marking within the centre, whereas moderation by the awarding body ensures that the centre's marking is in line with national standards. The mark submitted to the awarding body is subject to change and should therefore be considered provisional.

## Appeals against decisions to reject a candidate's work on the grounds of malpractice

The JCQ [Information for candidates documents](#) (Coursework, Non-examination assessments, Social media) which are distributed to all candidates prior to relevant assessments taking place, inform candidates of the things they must and must not do when they are completing their work.

Limpsfield Grange ensures that those members of teaching staff involved in the direct supervision of candidates producing work for assessments are aware of the potential for malpractice.

Malpractice by a candidate discovered in a controlled assessment, coursework or non-examination assessment component prior to the candidate signing the declaration of authentication, does not need to be reported to the awarding body but will be dealt with in accordance with the centre's internal procedures. The only exception to this is where the awarding body's confidential assessment material has potentially been breached. The breach will be reported to the awarding body immediately.

If there are doubts about the authenticity of the work of a candidate or irregularities are identified in a candidate's work before the candidate has signed the declaration of authentication/authentication statement (where required) and malpractice is suspected, Limpsfield Grange will:

- follow the authentication procedures and/or malpractice instructions in the relevant JCQ document (*Instructions for conducting non-examination assessments/Instructions for conducting coursework*) and any supplementary guidance that may be provided by the awarding body. Where this may lead to the decision to **not** accept the candidate's work for assessment or to reject a candidate's coursework on the grounds of malpractice, the affected candidate will be informed of the decision.

If a candidate who is the subject of the decision disagrees with the decision:

- a written request, setting out as clearly and concisely as possible the grounds for the appeal including any further evidence relevant to supporting the appeal, should be submitted
- an **internal appeals form** should be completed and submitted) within 3 working days of the decision being made known to the appellant

The appellant will be informed of the outcome of the appeal within 5 working days of the appeal being received and logged by the centre.

## Appeals regarding centre decisions relating to access arrangements and special consideration

This procedure confirms Limpsfield Grange's compliance with JCQ's **General Regulations for Approved Centres** (section 5.3z) that the centre will:

- have in place and available for inspection a written internal appeals procedure which must cover at least appeals regarding centre decisions relating to access arrangements and special consideration

Limpsfield Grange will:

- comply with the principles and regulations governing access arrangements and special consideration as set out in the JCQ publications **Access Arrangements and Reasonable Adjustments** and **A guide to the special consideration process**
- ensure that all staff who manage and implement access arrangements and special consideration are aware of the requirements and are appropriately supported and resourced

### Access arrangements and reasonable adjustments

In accordance with the regulations, Limpsfield Grange

- recognises its duty to explore and provide access to suitable courses, through the access arrangements process submit applications for reasonable adjustments and make reasonable adjustments to the service the centre provides to disabled candidates.
- complies with its responsibilities in identifying, determining and implementing appropriate access arrangements and reasonable adjustments

Failure to comply with the regulations have the potential to constitute malpractice which may impact on a candidate's result(s).

### Special consideration

Where Limpsfield Grange has appropriate evidence signed by a member of the senior leadership team to support an application, it will apply for special consideration at the time of the assessment for a candidate who has temporarily experienced illness, injury or other event outside of their control when the issue or event has had, or is reasonably likely to have had, a material effect on the candidate's ability to take an assessment or demonstrate his or her normal level of attainment in an assessment.

## **Centre decisions relating to access arrangements, reasonable adjustments and special consideration**

If a candidate who is the subject of the relevant decision (or the candidate's parent/carer) disagrees with the decision made and reasonably believes that the centre has not complied with its responsibilities or followed due procedures, a written request setting out the grounds for appeal should be submitted using the internal appeals form, within 10 working days of being informed of the decision.

To determine the outcome of the appeal, the head of centre will consult the respective JCQ publication to confirm the centre has complied with the principles and regulations governing access arrangements and/or special consideration and followed due procedures.

The appellant will be informed of the outcome of the appeal within 14 days.

## **Appeals relating to the centre's decision not to support a clerical check, a review of marking, a review of moderation or an appeal**

Following the issue of results, awarding bodies make post-results services available.

If the centre or a candidate (or their parent/carer) has a concern and believes a result may not be accurate, post-results services may be considered.

The JCQ post-results services currently available are listed below.

### **Reviews of Results (RoRs):**

- Service 1 – clerical re-check
- Service 2 – review of marking
- Service 3 – review of moderation (this service is not available to an individual candidate)

### **Purpose of the procedure**

The purpose of this procedure is to confirm the arrangements at Limpsfield Grange for dealing with candidate appeals relating to any centre decision not to support an application for a clerical re-check, a review of marking, a review of moderation, or an appeal.

This procedure ensures compliance with JCQ regulations (GR 5.13) which state that centres must have available for inspection purposes and draw to the attention of candidates and their parents/carers, a written internal appeals procedure to manage disputes when a candidate disagrees with a centre decision not to support an application for a clerical re-check, a review of marking, a review of moderation or an appeal.

### **Post-results services**

At Limpsfield Grange:

- Candidates are made aware of the arrangements for post-results services prior to the issue of results by the issue of the Exam Handbook in November with a reminder on results day

- Candidates are also informed of the periods during which senior members of centre staff will be available/accessible immediately after the publication of results so that results may be discussed, and decisions made on the submission of reviews of marking

### **Centre actions in response to a concern about a result**

Where a concern is expressed that a particular result may not be accurate, Limsfield Grange will:

Look at the marks awarded for each component part of the qualification alongside any mark schemes, relevant result reports, grade boundary information etc., when made available by the awarding body, to determine if the concern may be justified

For written components that contributed to the final grade, Limsfield Grange will:

Consider accessing the script by:

- (where the service is made available by the awarding body) requesting a priority copy of the candidate's script to support a review of marking by the awarding body deadline OR
  - (where the option is made available by the awarding body) viewing the candidate's marked script online to consider if requesting a review of marking is appropriate
  - Collect written consent/permission from the candidate to access the script
- On access to the script, consider if all parts of script had been included and marked
  - Support a request for the appropriate Review of Results service (clerical re-check or review of marking) if any error is identified
  - Collect written consent from the candidate to request the Review of Results service before the request is submitted
  - Where relevant, advise an affected candidate to inform any third party (such as a university or college) that a review of marking has been submitted to an awarding body

For **moderated** components that contributed to the final grade Limsfield Grange will:

- Confirm that a review of moderation cannot be undertaken on the work of an individual candidate or the work of candidates not in the original sample submitted for moderation
- Consult the moderator's report/feedback to identify any issues raised
- Determine if the centre's internally assessed marks have been accepted without change by the awarding body – if this is the case, a Review of Results service 3 (Review of moderation) will not be available
- Determine if there are any grounds to submit a request for a review of moderation for all candidates in the original sample

### **Candidate consent**

Limsfield Grange will:

- Acquire written candidate consent (accepting informed consent via candidate email) in all cases before a request for a Review of Results service 1 or 2 (including priority service 2) is submitted to the awarding body
- Acquire informed candidate consent to confirm the candidate understands that the final subject grade and/or mark awarded following a clerical re-check or a review of marking, and any subsequent appeal, may be lower than, higher than, or the same as the result which was originally awarded
- Only collect candidate consent after the publication of results

### **Centre actions in the event of a disagreement (dispute)**

Where a candidate disagrees with a centre decision not to support a clerical re-check, a review of marking or a review of moderation Limpsfield Grange will:

- Inform the candidate that if a request for a review of marking (Review of Results service 1 or 2) is required, this must be submitted by the deadline set by the centre by providing informed, written consent and the required fee for the centre to request the service from the awarding body
- Inform the candidate that a review of moderation (Review of Results service 3) cannot be requested for the work of an individual candidate or the work of a candidate not in the original sample

### **Appeals**

Following a Review of Results outcome, an external appeals process is available if the head of centre remains dissatisfied with the outcome and believes there are grounds for appeal.

The JCQ publications Post-Results Services and JCQ Appeals Booklet (A guide to the awarding bodies' appeals processes) will be consulted to determine the acceptable grounds for a preliminary appeal.

Where the head of centre is satisfied after receiving the Review of Results outcome, but the candidate (or parent/carer) believes there are grounds for a preliminary appeal to the awarding body, an internal appeal may be made directly to the centre. Candidates or parents/carers are not permitted to make direct representations to an awarding body. Following this, the head of centre's decision as to whether to proceed with a preliminary appeal will be based upon the acceptable grounds as detailed in the JCQ Appeals Booklet.

To submit an internal appeal:

- An internal appeals form should be completed and submitted to the centre within the time specified by the centre from the notification of the outcome of the review of the result
- Subject to the head of centre's decision, the preliminary appeal will be processed and submitted to the awarding body within the required 30 calendar days of the awarding body issuing the outcome of the review of results process

- Awarding body fees which may be charged for the preliminary appeal must be paid to the centre by the appellant before the preliminary appeal is submitted to the awarding body (fees are available from the exams officer)
- If the appeal is upheld by the awarding body, this fee will be refunded by the awarding body and repaid to the appellant by the centre

<b>Internal Appeals Form</b>	<b>FOR CENTRE USE ONLY</b>	
	Date received	
	Reference No.	

Please tick to indicate the nature of your appeal and complete all white boxes on the form below

- Appeal regarding an internal assessment decision and/or request for a review of marking
- Appeal regarding the centre decision not to support a clerical re-check, a review of marking, a review of moderation or an appeal
- Appeal regarding centre decisions relating to access arrangements and special consideration

<b>Name of appellant</b>		<b>Candidate name</b> <i>if different to appellant</i>	
Awarding body		Exam paper code	
Subject Qualification type		Exam paper title	

Please state the grounds for your appeal below

*(If applicable, tick below)*

- Where my appeal is against an internal assessment decision, I wish to request a review of the centre's marking

*If necessary, continue on an additional page if this form is being completed electronically or overleaf if hard copy being completed*

**Appellant signature:**

**Date of signature:**

**This form must be signed, dated and returned to the exams officer to the timescale indicated in the relevant appeals procedure**



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