

Amble Links First School
Nursery Admissions Policy



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The Northumberland County Council Schools Admissions Policy states that:

Individual Governing Bodies set the Admission Policy for the nursery class attached to their own school. The criteria should reflect available nursery provision within the wider community and not just the school's catchment area. There is an expectation that any child attending a nursery class should remain in that setting until transfer to a reception class.

All children have an entitlement to 15 hours per week free early years education for 38 weeks a year from the beginning of the term following their third birthday. This entitlement can be accessed flexibly across a range of providers with LA maintained nurseries offering all or some of the free entitlement.

This is the nursery policy set out by the governors of Amble Links First School for admission into our maintained nursery provision.

- The admission number at Amble Links First School allows up to 52 part time places (26 morning and 26 afternoon).
- Parents should contact the school as soon as possible after the child's 1st birthday and complete an application form. The school will record the application.
- Subject to availability of places, children who reach the age of 3 before 31st December will be considered to start nursery at the start of the Spring term. Children who reach the age of 3 before 31st March will be considered to start nursery at the start of the Summer Term.

	Last date for applications (prior to 3 rd birthday)	School will notify parents by	Date Child will start school
Children who reach the age of three before 31 st August	31 st March	31 st May	Start of Autumn Term (September)
Children who reach the age of three before 31 st December	31 st July	30 th September	Start of Spring Term (January)
Children who reach the age of three before 31 st March	30 th November	31 st January	Start of Summer Term (April)

- Any places remaining unfilled can be allocated to later applicants.

Securing a place at nursery does not necessarily secure a place or give greater entitlement to a place in the Reception class. These places must be applied for following Northumberland County Council's Procedure.

- If the nursery is oversubscribed the following criteria, in order, will be used to allocate places:
 1. Looked After Children
 2. Children with a statement of special need naming Amble Links First School as the appropriate provision to meet the child's needs
 3. Children who have a sibling living at the same address and who will still be attending Amble Links First School at the time of entry.
 4. Proximity to the school with those living nearest being admitted first (distances will be measured using a straight line between school and home)
 5. Chronological order of dates of birth with the oldest being admitted first.

Nursery application forms are available from the school office.