



Amble Links Primary School
2-Year-Old Provision Admissions Policy



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The Governing Body of Amble Links Primary School is responsible for setting the Admissions Policy for the school's 'Little Pebbles' 2-Year-Old Provision. The criteria reflect 2 Year Old Provision within the wider community and not just the school's catchment area. There is an expectation that any child attending 'Little Pebbles' should remain in that setting until transfer to a nursery class.

We have the equivalent of 14 part time places available in Little Pebbles. All sessions are morning sessions and run during term-time only. **We do not currently offer 30 hours childcare in Little Pebbles.**

- Parents should contact the school as soon as possible and complete an application form for Little Pebbles. The school will record the application.
- Subject to availability of places, children who reach the age of 2 before 31st August will be considered to start Little Pebbles at the start of the Autumn term and would attend for 3 terms before joining a nursery class. Children who reach the age of 2 before 31st December will be considered to start Little Pebbles at the start of the Spring term and would attend for 3 terms before joining a nursery class. Children who reach the age of 2 before 31st March will be considered to start Little Pebbles at the start of the Summer Term and would attend for 3 terms before joining a nursery class.

Application to Little Pebbles

Applications forms for Little Pebbles and Nursery can be obtained from the school website or school office.

Free Early Education – Parents should apply here: <https://www.beststartinlife.gov.uk/childcare-early-years-education/15-and-30-hours-support>. An eligibility code will then be sent to parent which will need to be presented at school with details of parents National Insurance number and date of birth for validation. A copy of the child's birth certificate will also need to be seen.

Please note that parents should complete a separate application form for nursery even if their child has been attending Little Pebbles.

Admissions to Little Pebbles

Priority is given to those children who are eligible for a free funded place who have submitted applications before the deadlines in the table below. If available, places may then be allocated to paying families.

	Last date for applications (prior to 2nd birthday)		School will notify parents of a place by:	Date Child will start Little Pebbles
Children who reach the age of two before 31st August	31 st March	School will contact parents between these dates to arrange a meeting	31 st May	Start of Autumn Term (September)
Children who reach the age of two before 31st December	31 st July		30 th September	Start of Spring Term (January)
Children who reach the age of two before 31st March	30 th November		31 st January	Start of Summer Term (April)

Little Pebbles Admission/Induction Process

1. Parents submit an application (before the last admission date)
2. Parents will be invited to meet Little Pebbles staff to support the school in assessing a child's needs.
3. A place will then be offered if the school is able to meet the child's needs.
4. Parents should confirm their acceptance of a place after they have received an offer letter.
5. Prior to the child starting parents will be invited to visit the provision again to further discuss their child's needs to ensure a smooth induction.
6. The induction period into Little Pebbles will be led by the child's needs and how well they settle. Some children may settle very quickly and attend their full sessions almost immediately; **some children may take a little longer to settle and may need more induction sessions which could include visits with their parent and/or shorter sessions.**

Allocation of Places and Admission Criteria for Little Pebbles

The following criteria are used to decide upon eligibility for a place, where the number of applications exceeds the admission limit:

1. Looked After Children.
2. Children an Education and Health Care Plan (EHCP) naming Amble Links Primary School's 'Little Pebbles' as the appropriate provision to meet the child's needs.
3. Pupils who have a sibling living at the same address and who will still be attending Amble Links Primary School at the time of entry.
4. Pupils who reside within the catchment area of Amble Links First School or where firm evidence can be provided that they will do so by the proposed admission date.
5. Chronological order of dates of birth with the oldest being admitted first.
6. Applications from children who meet none of the criteria above.

Children who attend 'Little Pebbles' begin making transition visits to the school nursery class during the term in which they turn 3 years old. **Securing a place at Little Pebbles does not necessarily secure a place or give greater entitlement to a place in the Nursery class. These places must be applied for following the school's Nursery Admissions Policy.**

- Any places remaining unfilled can be allocated to late applicants who have missed the above deadlines.

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