

Apply now to join the next Froebel Trust Online Course

Our online course offers continued professional development for everyone who works with young children (birth to 7 years). Previous participants have described the course as '**life changing**' and rate our tutors very highly.

You don't need any particular qualifications to join the course. It includes lots of discussion and opportunities to reflect. There are no assessed assignments.

The next Froebel Trust online course starts in September 2026. The course is popular and places are limited. The application portal will close when all places have been taken.

All places are subsidised by the Froebel Trust, which reduces the course fee to £360 for all Six Elements (24 sessions). If your application is successful, you will receive a registration letter and invoice in the week beginning 13 April 2026.

Inspiring and supporting knowledgeable and nurturing educators

The course covers six themes, which are central to a [Froebelian approach to early childhood education and care](#). We call them the Elements of Froebelian practice:

1. An introduction to the principles and practices of a Froebelian approach to early childhood Education
2. The Gifts (and modern wooden blocks) and the Occupations
3. The importance of engaging with nature and outdoor learning
4. Play and the symbolic life of the child
5. Lullabies, family songs, finger plays, action songs and movement games
6. Equality, equity, diversity and inclusion

The course includes plenty of practical activities and it will:

- build on your current knowledge
- develop your practice
- inspire you in your ongoing work with young children
- help you to embed Froebelian practice in your school, setting or organisation
- connect you with other educators who want to develop a Froebelian approach

The course is live and interactive, taking place via Zoom with experienced Froebel Trust Endorsed Tutors. Each Element is covered in four online sessions and each session lasts 2.5 hours. The whole course involves 24 online sessions / 60 hours of online learning.

Course timetable

The Froebel Trust's online course takes place on 24 dates between September 2026 and July 2027. Please check the timetable on page 3 before you apply.

In the application form, you will be asked to choose the time of day that suits you best for learning. We offer three different groups:

Morning Group (UK time)- Sept 2026 to July 2027

- Session time Tuesday 7:00 to 9:30am (UK time)

Afternoon Group (UK time)- Sept 2026 to July 2027

- Session time Tuesday 3:30 to 6:00pm (UK time)

Evening Group (UK time) - Sept 2026 to July 2027

- Session time Wednesday 6:30 to 9:00pm (UK time)

How to apply for a place on the course

Please read all the guidance notes before completing the application form. You must be working with young children to apply for a place. If you work in an advisory or other capacity, please contact us to discuss alternatives options.

Email: courses@froebeltrust.org.uk

1. Fill in the online application form via this link:

<https://froebeltrust.moodlecloud.com/mod/feedback/complete.php?id=40&courseid=1>

2. After you submit your application you will see an automatic message on screen, which confirms we have received your application. If you do not see that message, please check that you have clicked 'Submit'.
3. Applications will be reviewed and we aim to respond to all applicants within 10 weeks. Our courses are very popular and we regret that it may not be possible to offer places to all applicants. We do operate a waiting list.
4. If you have any questions about the course, or need the application form in a different format, please get in touch with us by email: courses@froebeltrust.org.uk

Froebel Trust Online Course Timetables for September 2026 to July 2027

Tuesday Course Sessions

Morning 7:00 to 9:30am UK time or Afternoon 3:30 to 6pm UK time

Element 1	Element 2	B R E A K	Element 3	Element 4	Element 5	Element 6
01-Sep	27-Oct		05-Jan	02-Mar	20-Apr ¹	08-Jun ²
15-Sep	10-Nov		19-Jan	16-Mar	04-May	22-Jun
29-Sep	24-Nov		02-Feb	30-Mar	18-May	06-Jul
13-Oct	08-Dec		16-Feb ³	13-Apr	01-Jun	20-Jul

Wednesday Course Sessions

Evening 6:30 to 9pm UK time

Element 1	Element 2	B R E A K	Element 3	Element 4	Element 5	Element 6
02-Sep	28-Oct		06-Jan	03-Mar	21-Apr ⁴	09-Jun ⁵
16-Sep	11-Nov		20-Jan	17-Mar	05-May	23-Jun
30-Sep	25-Nov		03-Feb	31-Mar	19-May	07-Jul
14-Oct	09-Dec		17-Feb ⁶	14-Apr	02-Jun	21-Jul

What to expect

Prior to starting your online learning journey, you will receive a handbook for your Element 1 training. This handbook will contain important information regarding your upcoming sessions such as a short bio on your two tutors, your Zoom link and course dates, what will be covered within each session, what you must bring to your sessions, your takeaway tasks and links to relevant reading / resources.

When arranging your place on this course, please factor in that you will need to complete some tasks in between some of the sessions. For example, taking a photo of your setting to discuss in the group or preparing a reflection on what you have learned so far. Participation in the online course does not involve any tests or examinations, but tasks must be submitted and a majority of sessions must be attended live via Zoom.

The Zoom sessions will involve open discussion with your tutors and other participants on your course, sometimes using Zoom's breakout rooms feature. Most participants value the learning community they develop with others. There are points in the course where you might be expected to present results of discussions, takeaway tasks etc.

At the end of each Element, you will receive a certificate of completion if you have attended all four sessions or have reported that a recording of a missed session has been watched. It is important to note that you must complete the foundation Element (Element 1) to progress onto subsequent Elements (2-6). If for any reason you do not attain your Element 1 certificate, you will not be able to continue with the rest of the course.

¹NOTES TO TIMETABLES ABOVE

Only 1 week between Element 4 session 4 and Element 5 session 1

² Only 1 week between Element 5 session 4 and Element 6 session 1

³ Falls in England half term holiday

⁴ Only 1 week between Element 4 session 4 and Element 5 session 1

⁵ Only 1 week between Element 5 session 4 and Element 6 session 1

⁶ Falls in England half term holiday

Course terms and conditions - please read carefully.

- You must be working with young children to apply for a place on this course.
- You do not need to be working in the UK to apply for this course but you should consider whether the UK session times are suitable for your time zone. Please remember that UK clocks change in October and March.
- You need to have a stable internet connection and be able to sign into Zoom meetings.
- You must provide us with an email address that will be valid when the course starts. This is so we can send you the course handbook and Zoom link.
- Each participant will need their own webcam and microphone and a quiet space to learn.
- A course place is unique and cannot be shared with others. Course recordings are private and only available to members of the course group.
- Children must not be visible while you are on screen.
- You or your employer will need to pay the course fee by the date stated on the invoice. Payments should be made via bank transfer and in UK pounds.
- If you are offered a place, you will be allocated to a course group of around 25 participants.
- We will do our best to offer your preferred timetable and session time.
- It is not normally possible to swap between timetable options or session days / times once you have been allocated to a group and the course has begun.
- By taking part in a course, you agree to sessions being recorded. Recordings are password protected and time-limited. They are only shared with people who are involved in a Froebel Trust course. This means that if you receive a link to watch a recording, you must not share it with anyone who is not a member of your course group. Course recordings may also be used by the Froebel Trust for evaluation purposes. No participant will be named in any reporting unless express permission has been sought and given.
- All participants are subsidised and as such will be asked to take part in the Froebel Trust's surveys to assess the effectiveness and impact of the sessions. You will also be asked to complete an Equalities Monitoring Form. All responses are voluntary and anonymous. The answers help the Froebel Trust to understand how well its funding and activities support the Early Years sector.
- You should commit to attending all the live course sessions. There are 24 sessions in total.
- If unexpected events prevent you from attending a live session, you must let us know by sending apologies to courses@froebeltrust.org.uk. You will be sent a link to watch the recording and complete the associated task before the next course session takes place. It is your responsibility to let us know that you have watched a recording and completed a task.
- To be awarded course certificates (one per Element) you must complete all the sessions. A minimum of 3 per Element must be completed via attendance at the live sessions.
- The course language is English. Subtitles can be enabled in Zoom.
- Please ensure that you have read through our 'What to expect' notes and have viewed our course infographic below.

Cancellation Policy

- If you are offered a place on the course but decide you don't want to take it, please tell us as soon as possible so we can offer it to someone on our waiting list.
- By law, you have 14 days from the date your payment is due to cancel your place and receive a full refund, if you have already paid. You should email courses@froebeltrust.org.uk.
- The Froebel Trust cannot issue refunds once a course has started.

YOUR GUIDE TO THE FROEBEL TRUST ONLINE COURSE



COURSE AT-A-GLANCE

24 TOTAL SESSIONS

The complete course is delivered over 24 interactive online sessions.

6 CORE ELEMENTS

The course is structured into six distinct elements, or modules.

4 SESSIONS PER ELEMENT

Each of the six elements is broken down into four dedicated sessions.



2.5 HOURS PER SESSION

Each live session is approximately two and a half hours long.

EXPERT-LED ON ZOOM

All sessions are taught live on Zoom by two of the Froebel Trust's expert tutors.

HOW THE COURSE WORKS



RECEIVE YOUR HANDBOOK

At the start of each element, you will get access to a course handbook which must be read before starting.



PRACTICAL & INSPIRING ACTIVITIES

Engage in practical activities that build on your knowledge, develop your practice, and inspire your work with young children.



CONNECT WITH FELLOW EDUCATORS

The course connects you with other educators who are also developing a Froebelian approach in their settings.



COMPLETE 'TAKE-AWAY' TASKS

Alongside sessions, you will complete tasks such as reflections or preparing short presentations on your learning.

HAVE QUESTIONS? GET IN TOUCH

 courses@froebeltrust.org.uk

PARTICIPANT REQUIREMENTS



YOUR OWN DEVICE

Each participant must have their own laptop or personal computer with a working microphone and camera.



A QUIET SPACE

To ensure full participation, you must join the live sessions from a quiet space.



ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IS KEY

The sessions are highly interactive; participation in discussions, break-out groups, and presentations is required.

ATTENDANCE & CERTIFICATION



NO ASSESSMENTS, MANDATORY ATTENDANCE

There are no formal assessments to pass, but attendance is mandatory to earn your completion certificate.



WHAT IF I MISS A SESSION?

Let tutors know in advance to receive a recording; you must watch it and submit any associated tasks.



CERTIFICATES AWARDED BY ELEMENT

Certificates are awarded separately for each element, so you can still earn certificates even if you miss too many sessions in another element.



ELEMENT 1 IS FOUNDATIONAL

You must attain the certificate for Element 1, the foundation course, before moving on to any other element.