

## Apply now to join the next Froebel Trust Online Course

Our online course is 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 written assignments.

The next Froebel Trust online course starts in September 2024 and we are accepting applications until 24 May 2024.

Our trustees have set aside bursary funding to help make the course more affordable for applicants who do not have the means to pay the full fee of £720. A bursary could reduce the cost of the course to as little as £252.

## 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 on-going 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. So the whole course involves 24 online sessions / 60 hours of learning.

## Course timetable

The Froebel Trust's online course has four timetable options. If you apply for a place, you will be asked to tell us which one you prefer. We will do our best to match applicants to their preferred option. Please check the timetables on page 3. Sessions are UK time<sup>1</sup>.

**Extended timetable** - sessions mostly every other week with breaks in Dec & April.

- Option A: Sept 2024 to July 2025. Session time Tuesday 3.30 to 6pm
- Option B: Sept 2024 to July 2025. Session time Wednesday 6.30 to 9pm

**Compressed timetable** - sessions mostly every week with a break in Dec.

- Option C: Sept 2024 to April 2025. Session time Tuesday 3.30 to 6pm
- Option D: Sept 2024 to April 2025. Session time Wednesday 6.30 to 9pm

## How to apply for a place on the course

1. 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: [office@froebeltrust.org.uk](mailto:office@froebeltrust.org.uk)
2. Fill in the online application form and submit it by **5pm on Friday 24 May 2024**.
3. **To complete an application** click this link or copy and paste it into your browser:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FroebelOnlineCourse24-25>
4. 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'.
5. **We will contact you by 2 June** to tell you whether you have a place on the course. Our courses are very popular and we regret that it may not be possible to offer places to all applicants.
6. 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: [office@froebeltrust.org.uk](mailto:office@froebeltrust.org.uk)

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<sup>1</sup> UK clocks change from BST (UCT+1) to GMT (UCT+0) on 27 Oct 2024 and revert to BST on 30 March 2025.

### **OPTION A – Extended timetable (Tuesday)**

Tuesday 3.30 to 6pm on the following dates

Element	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4
1	3 Sept	17 Sept	1 Oct	15 Oct
2	29 Oct	12 Nov	26 Nov	10 Dec
3	7 Jan	21 Jan	4 Feb	18 Feb
4	25 Feb	4 March	18 March	1 April
5	29 April	13 May	27 May	3 June
6	17 June	24 June	1 July	8 July

### **OPTION B – Extended timetable (Wednesday)**

Wednesday 6.30 to 9pm on the following dates

Element	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4
1	4 Sept	18 Sept	2 Oct	16 Oct
2	30 Oct	13 Nov	27 Nov	11 Dec
3	8 Jan	22 Jan	5 Feb	19 Feb
4	26 Feb	5 March	19 March	2 April
5	30 April	14 May	28 May	4 June
6	18 June	25 June	2 July	9 July

### **OPTION C – Compressed timetable (Tuesday)**

Tuesday 3.30 to 6pm on the following dates

Element	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4
1	10 Sept	17 Sept	24 Sept	1 Oct
2	8 Oct	15 Oct	22 Oct	29 Oct
3	12 Nov	19 Nov	26 Nov	3 Dec
4	7 Jan	14 Jan	21 Jan	28 Jan
5	4 Feb	11 Feb	18 Feb	25 Feb
6	11 March	18 March	25 March	1 April

### **OPTION D – Compressed timetable (Wednesday)**

Wednesday 6.30 to 9pm on the following dates

Element	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4
1	11 Sept	18 Sept	25 Sept	2 Oct
2	9 Oct	16 Oct	23 Oct	30 Oct
3	13 Nov	20 Nov	27 Nov	4 Dec
4	8 Jan	15 Jan	22 Jan	29 Jan
5	5 Feb	12 Feb	19 Feb	26 Feb
6	12 March	19 March	26 March	2 April

## Course terms and conditions – please read carefully.

1. You must be working with young children to apply for a place on this course.
2. 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.
3. You need to have a stable internet connection and be able to sign into Zoom meetings.
4. 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.
5. You will need a webcam and microphone enabled for all the sessions and a quiet space where you can learn without interruptions or distractions.
6. The Trust has a limited amount of funding to support applicants who cannot afford the full course fee of £720. If you are awarded a bursary, the course fee will be reduced. The maximum bursary award will be £468, which would reduce the course fee to £252.
7. You or your employer will need to pay the course fee by 31 July 2024. Payments should be made via bank transfer and in UK pounds.
8. We will consider requests to pay the fee in two instalments. You would need to pay 50% of your course fee by 31 July and the balance by 31 August 2024.
9. If you are offered a place, you will be allocated to a course group with other applicants. Groups are usually limited to 25 participants.
10. We will do our best to offer your preferred timetable (Extended or Compressed) and session time (Tuesday from 3.30 to 6pm or Wednesday from 6.30pm to 9pm UK time).
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. You should commit to attending all the live course sessions. If unexpected events prevent you from attending a live session, you must let us know and you will be asked to watch a recording to catch up.
14. Certificates are awarded to participants who have completed at least 75% of the course sessions - that is at least 3 sessions per Element.
15. If you accept a place on the course and later cancel, you will be entitled to a refund of anything you or your employer have paid for the course fee providing (a) you cancel in writing before 31 July and (b) we are able to fill your place.
16. Bursaries are awarded at the Froebel Trust's discretion and are non-negotiable.
17. The Trust cannot guarantee to provide a bursary to all applicants who have requested one or the amount requested by an applicant.
18. If you accept a bursary and do not attend at least 75% of the course sessions, you may be asked to pay the Trust the amount of bursary that was awarded to you in addition to any course fee that you have already paid.
19. The course language is English. Subtitles can be enabled in Zoom but we cannot provide translation into other languages.