



English as a Foreign Language 2023-2024

EFL Playgroup Classes

Playgroup sessions are in English and are suitable for children aged 3-6 years regardless of what language they speak at home. Our teaching staff are multilingual and take care to ensure that each child can follow the class activities. Children begin to be exposed to the English language during these classes in a happy and relaxed atmosphere. Various activities such as painting, crafts (cutting, colouring, glueing, assembling etc) and singing are offered at all levels.

During classes there is also time available for free and imaginative play with our many toys to further the development of social skills. The children also learn theme-based and activity songs throughout the year. All playgroups work with letters and numbers at the appropriate playgroup level, introducing basic readiness skills for kindergarten and school.

Special care is taken to offer activities that enable each child to participate at their own level and ability. Children are encouraged to attend classes twice a week whenever possible to promote language, socialisation and fine-motor skills.

EFL Reading & Writing Classes

Our English as a Foreign Language (EFL) classes focus on the four skills of reading, writing, listening and speaking. There is an emphasis on activities that develop both oral and written comprehension from beginner to advanced levels.

These classes are for children who have limited opportunities to practise and develop their English skills. Children are individually assessed to ensure that they are placed in the most appropriate class for their age and ability.

For our older beginners (EFL1o) and from EFL3, children have the possibility to take a Cambridge English: Young Learners test (Starters, Movers, Flyers). Test fees are not included in the **ESP**'s term fees and will be charged as an addition. The tests are taken in June.

All the levels described here are intended as guidelines only. The teaching staff will be pleased to answer your questions about your child's capabilities and progress during the school year.

By the end of the school year, your child should be able to:

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| Playgroup Level 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be aware that a different language code exists • pay attention for an extended period • listen to and respond to simple stories • listen to, follow and sing a number of songs • follow easy instructions • have developed their fine-motor skills e.g. cutting, using a pencil correctly • follow easy guidance to complete crafts with minimal assistance • have basic awareness of letters, sounds and numbers |
| Playgroup Level 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • concentrate for longer periods • listen to and respond to stories • sing a number of songs • respond appropriately to simple questions • develop fine motor skills further • follow instructions to complete crafts independently • recognise the letter sounds and write the upper case letters • write numbers 1-10 and have basic numeracy skills |
| Playgroup Level 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • concentrate and focus on tasks for longer periods • listen to and respond to longer stories • sing a number of songs • use English to communicate in the class • recognise the sounds, know and write all the letters of the alphabet (upper and lower case) • show confidence with numbers 1-10 • have all the necessary skills to start reading and writing |
| EFL Level 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • start to use basic English chunks in real life situations • follow a series of instructions • recognise and write simple phrases |
| EFL 1o Older beginners (8+ years) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • start to use basic English chunks in real life situations • start to recognise and use simple grammar structures • take the Cambridge English: Pre A1 Starters exam • move on to EFL Level 3 or 4 |
| EFL 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ask and answer basic questions • talk about themselves (interests, likes and dislikes) • read and understand easy texts • write simple sentences |
| EFL 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • speak more confidently on familiar topics • read and understand more complex texts • use simple grammar structures correctly • listen and respond to written and verbal tasks • use spoken and written English in small class projects • take the Cambridge English: Pre A1 Starters exam |

- EFL 4
- speak English with increasing confidence
 - read and understand increasingly complex texts
 - listen and respond to more complex dialogues
 - start to recognise more complex grammar structures
 - use all four skills (listening, reading, writing & speaking) in group work
 - take the Cambridge English: A1 Movers exam
- EFL 5
- speak English with increasing confidence in familiar situations
 - complete more complex listening tasks
 - read and understand a variety of texts
 - start to use more complex grammar structures in writing
 - use all four skills (listening, reading, writing & speaking) independently in group work
 - take the Cambridge English: A2 Flyers exam
 - possibly start an additional Cambridge English: A2 KEY exam course
- EFL 6
- speak English confidently in a variety of familiar situations
 - listen and respond to a variety of listening texts
 - read and respond to more complex texts
 - start to use more complex grammar structures with confidence in writing
 - possibly start an additional Cambridge English: A2 KEY or B1 PRELIMINARY exam course
- EFL 7
- speak English confidently in familiar and some unfamiliar situations
 - listen and respond to more complex listening texts
 - read and respond to more complex texts
 - use complex grammar structures with confidence in writing
 - possibly start an additional Cambridge English: B1 PRELIMINARY or B2 FIRST Certificate exam course
- EFL 8
- speak English confidently in familiar and unfamiliar situations
 - listen and respond to complex listening texts
 - use complex grammar structures with confidence and accuracy in writing
 - possibly start or continue an additional Cambridge English: B2 FIRST Certificate exam course

Timetable

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| Playgroup Level 1 | 3-4 year olds | P1a | Wednesday | 09:00 – 11:30 |
| | | P1b | Friday | |
| Playgroup Level 2 | 4-5 year olds | P2 | Thursday | 13:30 – 15:30 |
| Playgroup Level 3 | 5-6 year olds | P3 | Monday | 13:30 – 15:30 |
| | | P3 | Friday | |
| Reading & Writing EFL Level 1 | 6-7 year olds | EFL1 | Wednesday | 13:30 – 15:30 |
| Reading & Writing EFL Level 1o older beginners | 8+ year olds | EFL1o | Friday | 16:30 – 18:30 |
| Reading & Writing EFL Level 2/3 | 6-9 year olds | EFL2/3 | Friday | 13:30 – 15:30 |
| Reading & Writing EFL Level 4 | 8-10 year olds | EFL4 | Friday | 16:30 – 18:30 |
| Reading & Writing EFL Level 5 | 9-11 year olds | EFL5 | Wednesday | 16:30 – 18:30 |
| Reading & Writing EFL Level 6 | 10+ year olds | EFL6 | Tuesday | 16:30 – 18:30 |
| Reading & Writing EFL Level 7 | 11+ year olds | EFL7 | Wednesday | 16:30 – 18:30 |
| Reading & Writing EFL Level 8/9 | 12+ year olds | EFL8/9 | Friday | 16:30 – 18:30 |

Our EFL classes offer additional support to non-native English speakers with an extra focus on vocabulary and grammar. EFL1o, as well as EFL3 – EFL5 give students the opportunity to take the Cambridge Young Learner exams at the end of the school year. Students in EFL6 – EFL8/9 have the opportunity to also attend our Cambridge English exam courses.

Fees

Fees are invoiced at the beginning of each term at the following rates:

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| Annual membership fee (August – July) | Fr 15.00 |
| Initial non-refundable registration fee per student | Fr 50.00 |
| EFL Morning Playgroup class fee per session | Fr 38.00 |
| EFL Afternoon Playgroup class fee per session | Fr 32.00 |
| EFL Reading & Writing class fee per session | Fr 35.00 |
| *Supplies fee per term for up to 2 non-examination classes a week | Fr 30.00 |
| *Supplies fee per term if 3 or more non-examination classes attended each week | Fr 40.00 |
| Supplies fee per examination level class per term | Fr 30.00 – Fr 60.00 |
| Examination fees as set by Cambridge ESOL | Fr 115.00 – 140.00 |

* This fee can be higher depending on the actual cost of supplies being used.

We reserve the right to increase class fees if a class has fewer than 5 pupils.