

ESOL E1a

This course is at our Rochester Centre. Please note: You will need to phone 01634 338400 to book an initial assessment or apply online at the Medway Adult Education site. Online enrolment is not available for this course.

This course is for learners who are starting out on their ESOL journey and have little spoken or written English but are not complete beginners. If you attend well and make progress, you can enrol onto the next course where you will prepare for exams.

Start Date:	28 February 2025
Start Time:	09:30
Lessons:	18
Weeks:	18
Hours:	45.00

It may be necessary to temporarily move your course online if the centre needs to close due to bad weather, or other unexpected events.

Venue

Rochester Adult Education Centre
Rochester Community Hub
Eastgate
ME1 1EW

What will I learn on this course?

- To take part in very simple conversations (for example exchanging greetings, talking about likes and dislikes, answering basic questions).
- To read, say and understand common English words (for example days of the week, months, numbers, words for items in the house, at work or for family members).
- To recognise common signs and symbols.
- To write very short and simple texts in English (for example completing personal details on a form, writing two or three sentences about a familiar topic).

Is this course suitable for me?

This course is for complete beginners in English. You must be familiar with the Roman alphabet.

If you attend well, and make progress, you can enrol onto the next course where you will prepare for exams as guided by your tutor.

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Is there anything I need to know about the course?

- You must practise English outside the classroom and spend at least 1 hour a week on homework.
- We expect you to attend all lessons so you can make progress. If you are sick, or have an emergency, you must tell us.
- Your teacher will give you regular and helpful feedback to help you learn.

Will there be additional costs?

This course is free if you meet the funding criteria, i.e you are on a recognised benefit or earning less than £25,000 per annum. You will need to pay for the course if you do not meet the funding criteria.

You must bring to class:

- A ring binder folder
- An A5 notebook to write in
- A pen and pencil.
- Some learners must pay a small charge for exams.

What could I go on to do after this course?

If you attend well, and make progress, you can enrol onto the next level where you may prepare for exams. You will work towards targets and have regular assessments and reviews of learning. If you are ready you will prepare to sit exams in reading and/or writing at Entry 1. Your teacher will help decide which exams you are ready for. When you have passed all exams at Entry 1 you can move to a higher level.

If you wish to explore your learning, work, or career options, you can speak to a fully trained careers advisor on 0800 100 900. <https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk>

If you need further advice, please telephone 01634 338400.

Attendance Policy

You must complete all homework set and attend class for at least 85% of the time so that you can progress and sit exams. If you are ill or unable to attend, please contact our Absence Line 01634 338416, so that we can let your tutor know, and so they can give you any work you may have missed. Please do not book a holiday during term time.

How are digital skills used and enhanced on this course

You may have the opportunity to use computers with internet access in class time. You may need to use the internet for some of your course - using a mobile phone, tablet or computer. The tutor will speak to you about useful websites, apps, and online resources which you may be asked to use for homework.

Health and Safety

We try to make sure your class is as safe as possible. If you are worried about anything, please talk to your tutor or our Safeguarding Officer.

E-Learning Etiquette

If your class needs to go online due to bad weather or other unforeseen circumstances, please make sure you and everyone at home are fully dressed when you are joining classes, and that no personal information (address, bank details) can be seen.