

Frequently asked questions

Q: Do you come to us, or do we travel to your lab in Reading?

A: You travel to us, the Baylab is onsite at our HQ in Green Park In Reading, 400 South Oak Way, RG26AD

Q: How much do the sessions cost?

A: All Baylab workshops run free of charge

Q: Is it just schools that can attend the Baylab?

A: No, we also offer term time sessions to home schools groups and bespoke request. To discuss bespoke sessions for a group of students whether that's a topic, particular educational or physical needs, please get in touch

Q: Do you provide transport to the Baylab?

A: No, we do not currently have a travel grant scheme in place but we do plan to reinstate one in the future.

Q: How many sessions can we book at once?

A: Because of how our booking system works, you can only book sessions one at a time. However, we do offer up to three sessions per school per year if you manage to book them one by one.

Q: Do you provide food for the students?

A: No, food is not provided and must be brought with the students. Teachers and parents are invited to buy food in the restaurant if they wish too.

Q: Are there facilities for lunch at the Baylab?

A: Yes! Many of our workshops have an afternoon segment, so lunch time is included in the timetable. We cannot provide food for everyone, so only teachers may typically purchase food. However, there is usually a space in the restaurant or room next to the lab for students to eat their packed lunches.

Q: Are you allowed to take pictures in the lab?

A: Yes, pictures are fine as long as you have photo permissions from the parents/carers in your group. Should Bayer wish to take pictures we would let you know in advance and seek the appropriate permissions.

Q: Can you book as an individual?

A: Typically no, the lab is bookable by groups of students from schools/homeschools, however, on occasions if we have space in sessions we maybe able to accommodate individuals

Q: How many students can you have in one session?

A: We ask for a minimum of 10 students, and depending on the workshop a maximum of either 24 or 30.

Q: My child is part of a home education group, do I have to stay with them for the session?

A: This depends on the child's age and needs, the adult/child ratio needed will vary but typically 3 or 4 adults, would be fine for ages over 8 years, below this for groups of ages 4-7 its 1 adult to every 6.

With home school groups they normally have a team leader/organiser that attends with the group and are responsible for supervising them outside of the lab space (during lunch and break, for example).

If your child prefers that you be in the room while the session runs, you will have space to stand in the lab available to you, unless we spare seats available but this depends on the student numbers.

Q: Can teachers and adult take part in the session too?

A: This depends on the class size and ability of the group, if we have a small group this maybe possible with prior arrangement but unfortunately if we have full class sizes we can not accommodate teacher requests to do the experiments and would ask teachers to help with the classroom management of the group whilst on site.

Q: What research goes on in the UK labs at Bayer?

A: The Baylab is not an R&D lab, it is purely for educational purposes. As a global German company, Bayer has its main research labs in Germany, the US, and Asia.

Q: Do you offer work experience in the Baylab?

A: As stated above, it is often misconceived that we are capable of offering research-based work experience here in the UK.

Bayer however offers work experience weeks and lab experience days in the Baylab for older students but we do not have the infrastructure and resource to offer lab research placements.

For any further questions please contact us on baylabinfo@bayer.com