Cricket in Partnership with Education
The England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) are the national governing body with the responsibility to deliver aims and objectives across all sections of cricket. Our mission statement ‘Developing cricket from playground to Test arena’ is the most concise and accurate description of our aims and the challenges ahead.

Since the formation of the ECB, great strides have been made, which include the establishment of the County Cricket Boards and the Cricket Development Officer (CDO) structure, to ensure that cricket has been accessible to as many schools as possible. Because of this more than 1 million children play cricket in Primary Schools and 800,000 in Secondary Schools.

ECB are committed to the ongoing development of cricket in schools and this features strongly as part of the ECB National Strategy for Cricket. The Strategy aims for every schoolboy and girl to be introduced to cricket and encourages schools to offer cricket, as both a curricular and extra curricular activity.

Within this booklet we have outlined the programmes and initiatives surrounding both primary and secondary schools, together with information regarding facilities issues. In addition, we have included the contact details of your CDO. By working with your CDO sustainable partnerships can be created and benefits secured for schools and clubs within your local community.

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Kwik Cricket is a simple game for all boys and girls from 5 years of age upwards.

It is the result of many years of detailed product development and research by ECB in consultation with cricket coaches, CDOs, education authorities, teachers and children.

The emphasis of Kwik Cricket should always be on participation and enjoyment. In practice any number of children can play, from 2 to 32. Simply adapt the game to your environment in terms of time available and numbers playing. In the Ideas for Playing the Game booklet included with the kit, we have suggested a number of game formats that can be adapted as necessary.

Kwik Cricket equipment is made from high quality moulded plastic and is light enough for small hands, yet extremely tough and hard wearing. The equipment has been designed as an alternative to traditional equipment, to allow the game to be played safely on any flat surface, either in or outdoors at any time of the year.

Over the years, the equipment has been constantly improved to meet the requirements of today’s children, teachers, coaches, young leaders, parents and other adults who help our future young cricketers.
KWIK CRICKET EQUIPMENT

A standard Kwik Cricket kit includes:
- 2 x bats (available in 3 sizes)
- 2 x Kwik balls
- 2 x Sets of stumps (with detachable bases)
- 1 x Ideas for Playing the Game booklet, Kwik Cricket Introduction booklet and Skills Award Scheme
- 1 x holdall

There is also a coaching kit, which is ideal for group coaching sessions and includes:
- 6 x bats (available in 3 sizes)
- 6 x Kwik balls
- 1 x Ideas for Playing the Game booklet, Kwik Cricket Introduction booklet and Skills Award Scheme
- 1 x holdall

Details of the full range of products and prices are on the Kwik Cricket equipment order form.

KWIK CRICKET SKILLS AWARD SCHEME

The Kwik Cricket Skills Award Scheme includes Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards. The awards test children’s catching, throwing and striking skills in a simple and easy to organise way. They have also been designed to meet Key Stages 1 and 2 of the National Curriculum. There is a simple instruction sheet to follow. Each award can be found in the Kwik Cricket Introduction booklet.

Certificates and badges are available for each award and can be ordered by using the form also included in the pack. To order your copy of the Information Pack simply call the Kwik Cricket Action Line on 0800 214314.

SUBSIDISED EQUIPMENT

Each year a number of Kwik Cricket kits are available at either a subsidised rate or free of charge for schools.

Please contact your CDO for details.
The ECB, together with Channel 4, have produced the HOWZAT! Education Programme as a resource for schools to ensure that cricket is used to deliver the needs of the National Curriculum.

HOWZAT! 1st Innings - ‘In the Classroom’ is a great resource, which uses the fun of cricket to deliver an exciting range of cross curricular exercises, supporting Key Stage 2 of the National Curriculum for English, Maths, Science, ICT, D&T, History, Geography, Art and Design and the framework for PSHE.

HOWZAT! 1st Innings - ‘Playing the Game’ is a Physical Education resource to assist the teaching of cricket at Key Stage 2. It supports teachers in the delivery of aspects of the National Curriculum relating to games activities and is designed to ensure that the absolute newcomer to teaching cricket can derive as much pleasure and satisfaction as the experienced coach.

This resource has gained government recognition and been acclaimed by countries around the world.

Teachers who wish to obtain a FREE HOWZAT! 1st Innings Education Resource Pack should contact their CDO or e-mail education@ecb.co.uk
ECB, in conjunction with Highway Safety Systems Limited, have produced innovative new markings for playgrounds at primary schools.

The aims of playground markings are to develop sporting skills, improve health and attitudinal performance in the class/playground as well as providing benefits to the whole of the community.

Key points are:

- Bright, colourful targets and markings to motivate and encourage children to play games and participate in multi-sport activities
- Provides an invaluable aid for teaching the Physical Education curriculum for all sports
- Designed to develop the FUN-damental skills of agility, balance, coordination and speed... the ABC's of athletics
- Develops numeracy and literacy skills
  Helps address the challenge of children's inactivity and levels of obesity
- Provides structured play and enhances free play for children.
- Enables more contact time with children, less set up time for teachers, coaches, lunchtime supervisors, young leaders and parents
- Promotes cricket development from 'playground to Test arena'
- Emphasis on 'FUN' and enjoyment whilst, at the same time developing essential basic sports skills

To swing playground marking into action, contact your CDO or email facilities@ecb.co.uk
INFORMATION FOR PRIMARY/STUDENT TEACHERS

Listed below are examples of what your CDO can provide assistance with.

- Kwik Cricket Information and Skills Awards Scheme
- Coaching visits to schools by qualified ECB coaches working to the ECB Minimum Quality Standards
- Delivery of assemblies linking cricket with key educational messages (e.g. health and fitness)
- In-Service Training for Key Stage 2 teachers
- Advice on cricket equipment
- Information on competitions (Kwik Cricket and hardball cricket) available for your school to enter at years 5 and 6
- Resources to assist the delivery of the National Curriculum at Key Stage 2. (HOWZAT! 1st Innings, Key Skills Cricket Game and the Darren Gough Cricket Academy Video)
- Guidance and support on how to set up after-school cricket clubs, on either a school or club site.
- Provision of resources for Study Support Centres (out of school hours learning)
- Advice on grant aid, sponsorship and other funding schemes.
- Initial Teacher Training (student teachers)
- Facility development (e.g. playground markings and Flick pitches)
- Creating and working in partnership with local cricket clubs
- Helping schools to work in partnership with Local Authorities and Cricket Development Groups
- Advice on the benefit of the ECB National Coaching Scheme and Coach Education courses (for teachers)
Inter Cricket is a new format of the game, designed to bridge the gap between Kwik and hardball cricket.

Ideal for use indoors or outdoors Inter Cricket is fast, fun and encourages participation, whilst the innovative game formats aim to reward genuine cricket skills. The game lasts approximately 45 minutes, meets the requirements of National Curriculum and will fit into a PE lesson, lunchtime session, or after school session.

Inter Cricket has been developed for those children who have progressed beyond Kwik Cricket. Aimed at young people, ideally aged between 11-16, and who are not able to play hardball cricket either through a lack of ability or confidence and/or the lack of appropriate facilities.

A range of specially designed, colourful equipment has been produced by Kookaburra. Bats are wooden and the balls are rubberised with a stitched seam. Lightweight leg-guards, batting gloves and wicket keeping gloves are also part of the official Kookaburra Inter Cricket range.

Each year a number of kits are available at a subsidised rate for schools and clubs that have never previously had Inter Cricket equipment. If you feel that your school qualifies, call your CDO. Alternatively, you can call the ECB Development Hotline on 0800 214314 and ask for details of the Assisted Purchase Scheme for Inter Cricket.

To play Inter Cricket you do not need to use the designated Inter Cricket equipment. The emphasis for Inter Cricket is that it can be played with a minimum amount of equipment and is flexible enough to be played in many different environments. However, the use of the specially designed equipment and balls will certainly inspire young players to become involved in the game.

Inter Cricket can be played in schools and clubs, both indoors and outdoors. The rules are easy to follow and flexible enough to play the game in most spaces and does not rely on full size cricket grounds.

To find out more information about Inter Cricket or for a free Inter Cricket Information Pack, please contact your CDO or telephone the ECB Development Hotline on 0800 214314.
The ECB, together with Channel 4, have produced the HOWZAT! Education Programme as a resource for schools to ensure that cricket is used to deliver the needs of the National Curriculum.

The resource has been written, tested and developed in conjunction with PE specialists, practicing teachers and experts from the fields of ICT and initial teacher training.

Sport and Education are the two fundamental areas of young peoples development. HOWZAT! enables cricket to create strong links between these two key areas.

HOWZAT! 2nd Innings provides an innovative method to deliver cricket as part of the Physical Education curriculum and will enable PE teachers to provide activity, learning and enjoyment to secondary school students across Key Stages 3 & 4.

The main element of the resource is a series of animated cricket activities providing a unique way of showing teachers over 60 drills, skills and game related ideas covering batting, bowling and fielding.

Teaching using ICT is now a key part of the Physical Education curriculum and the use of the HOWZAT! 2nd Innings as a mechanism to deliver cricket activities will give teachers a perfect opportunity to show how ICT can be integrated into lessons and enhance the teaching of a traditionally low-tech subject.

Ideas for cross curricular activities are included in the resource, showing the ways in which cricket can make an impact in education by providing teachers, across different subject areas, a link to the national summer sport.
Comprehensive schemes of work, across the four units (Link, Development, Intermediate and Advanced), allow teachers to select units in the scheme to find the best way of adapting it to their own needs and circumstances. In addition, an innovative process for lesson planning is included, allowing teachers and students to utilise the Animated Skill Drills to:

- Acquire and develop their cricket skills
- Select and apply those skills using tactics and performance ideas
- Evaluate and improve their own performance
- Provide a knowledge and understanding of fitness and health

HOWZAT! 2nd innings will help to ensure that teachers can deliver cricket in PE lessons, after school clubs and in the classroom in a way that will enthuse and encourage students to develop an interest in a great game.

Teachers who wish to obtain a FREE HOWZAT! 2nd Innings Education Resource Pack should contact their CDO or e-mail education@ecb.co.uk

HOWZAT! 2nd INNINGS NETWORK LICENCES

A network licence version of HOWZAT! 2nd Innings, for multi use applications, is available to all schools and Local Education Authorities.

The HOWZAT! 2nd Innings resource has also been given Curriculum On-Line certified product recognition by DfES. This means that schools can buy HOWZAT! 2nd Innings network licences using government funded e-learning credits.

For details of how schools can obtain the network version of Howzat! 2nd Innings please contact education@ecb.co.uk or Tacklesport (Consultancy) Limited Tel: 01905 24713 (producers and designers of HOWZAT! 2nd Innings)
NATIONAL FACILITIES STRATEGY FOR CRICKET

Cricket has addressed the need to identify minimum levels of facility provision at all levels of the game.

Cricket will depend on 3 resources to deliver this:
1. National Facilities Strategy
2. County Cricket Board Facilities Strategy
3. External Partners

If you are a school that focuses on cricket or would like to start a cricket programme, you will need to be aware of both the National Strategy for Facilities and the Technical Specifications which set the perimeters for playing cricket safely.

If you are rebuilding your sports hall or regenerating green space and cricket is a focus sport, please contact your CDO.

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS 3 TO 6

The ECB has formulated 3 documents that apply to schools to complement the National Facilities Strategy:
• Technical Specification 3 (Indoor Sports Halls)
• Technical Specification 4 (Pitch Maintenance)
• Technical Specification 6 (Non Turf Pitches)

The documents are minimum standards and are recognised by Sport England as definitive documents.

The specifications should be used to assist purchases and the upgrading of current facilities.

The Technical Specifications are vital to any cricket activity.

THE NEW OPPORTUNITIES FUND

The ECB has developed a strategy document to assist Local Education Authorities in the delivery of the New Opportunities Fund PE and Sport in Schools programme.

The strategy outlines the levels of provision the National Governing Body recommends at both primary and secondary schools, as well as recommendations for Specialist Sports Colleges and the strategic placement of high standard facilities across England and Wales, whilst outlining the benefits/added value the game can bring to the delivery of the National Curriculum.

The strategy provides guidelines on products and an overview on cricket's relationship with Education, both in the present and in the future.

The ECB is committed to providing consultation at a local level through our extensive network of 85 CDOs, who have been briefed by Government officials and provided with useful tools to assist the development of the programme in your area.

Schools that have been given an indication that they are eligible for NOF phase 3 for the PE Sport in Schools programme by their LEAs can contact their local CDO on cricket related facility matters.
SOURCES OF FUNDING FOR EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES

If you need to raise money for new equipment and facilities, you could consider the following:

- Ask your Head Teacher if PE Capitation can be used for this purpose
- Ask your parents and friends or PTA to raise funds for new PE and Sports equipment?
- Your school could apply for an ‘Awards for All’ grant for up to £5,000. For further information contact your Regional Office of Sport England at www.sportengland.com
- Run and after school cricket club
- Supermarket Community Liaison Funds
- Local Authority Sports Development Officers (SDO)
- Charitable Trusts
- Local businesses
- Community Police
- Rotary Clubs
- Local Cricket Development Groups
- CDOs

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