# BRING THE POWER OF CRICKET INTO YOUR SCHOOL









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# HOWZAT!

Welcome to the new Chance to Shine primary schools programme: A fun, active and inclusive set of activities to inspire 5-11 year-olds to play and learn through cricket. Chance to Shine is a charity that provides free coaching and teaching resources for state schools. Since 2005 – working in close partnerships with all 39 County Cricket Boards in England & Wales, and with hundreds of local cricket clubs – we have introduced the game and its educational benefits to millions of boys and girls.

That's a lot of playing and learning, and along the way we've learned a lot about how the game can inspire, engage and develop young people of all abilities. Now, for the first time, we have captured, documented and shared our learning.

# WHY CRICKET?

We've developed this programme because we know through experience that cricket can be a powerful and lasting component of a young person's learning and development, in turn bringing wider educational and social benefits



Teachers report how cricket coaching sessions can help improve pupil attendance, behaviour, concentration, motivation and general attitude towards education



Children learn how to co-operate with others by playing team sports. They learn to support their peers and this positive behaviour is often brought back into the classroom.



When it comes to fair play, cricket is special. Using the MCC Spirit of Cricket 'fair play' message, we teach young people to respect their team-mates, opponents and the umpire.



We provide competitive opportunities for children so they can aim high, work hard towards a goal and learn how to win and lose graciously. They also build resilience to bounce back.



Cricket has an amazing ability to cross cultural, social and gender divides. Boys and girls can play equally alongside one another. Cricket reaches all of our ethnic communities like no other sport.



Cricket insists on high standards of conduct and provides positive role models. Pupils respond well to the structure and laws of the game.

## THE POWER OF CRICKET

We believe that Chance to Shine can do the following:

### For Schools

We have designed our new resources to support you in achieving existing priorities you have for the children in your class, focused clearly on National Curriculum outcomes. We want the resources to become a vital part of your curriculum planning, rather than extra work or a nice to do.

In addition to coaching resources, there are activities for many national curriculum areas including maths, English, science, geography, history, art, computing and PSHE. These are designed to complement your existing curriculum with exciting and engaging activities designed to enable you to hit your National Curriculum targets.

All activities have practical elements to encourage children to engage in their learning through presenting learning episodes in a fun and active way.

### For Students

Cricket is a fun and inclusive sport which has the ability to teach important life skills such as:

- Physical literacy cricket develops fundamental movement skills young people require;
- Personal responsibility, teamwork and mutual respect through the MCC Spirit of Cricket 'play hard, play fair' message;
- Motivation, self-confidence and hard work, leading to higher educational attainment;
- A sporting habit through exercise and a healthy lifestyle – promoting physical and mental well-being.

It is a game for all shapes and sizes!

### For Cricket

Chance to Shine has and continues to provide a positive impact on the lives of millions of children. These great experiences are the start of a relationship with the game which will last a lifetime – as a player, volunteer, supporter or all three!

Specifically, Chance to Shine encourages young people to take the next step as players in their local community. This could, among other things, be at their local All Stars Cricket Centre (ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars), at a Chance to Shine Street session (chancetoshine.org/street) or their local cricket club.

## **FREE RESOURCES**

We have created a powerful bank of free resources, which we hope will be used by schools and other partners in several different ways:



teachers.chancetoshine.org

# Each year, we will inspire at least 500,000 YOUNG PEOPLE to play and learn through cricket.



#### Coach-led

Our coaches deliver the Chance to Shine programme directly in approximately 4,000 state primary schools each year. These resources set out the programme structure for coaches – and will give classroom teachers (who we expect to actively participate alongside our coaches) a clear expectation about the activities their students will enjoy.

#### Teacher-led

We can't deliver the programme directly in every school, and we know that many teachers are keen and able to offer cricket themselves. These resources will help you to do that; and you don't need any prior knowledge or be a cricket expert to share the fun!



Chance to Shine is a fantastic programme that has given our pupils opportunities to develop their physical literacy but also their thinking skills and well-being through team play and promotion of values."

KS2 Teacher

- 1 To give young people (aged 5-11) a great first experience of cricket.
- 2 To support teachers to build a sustainable culture of cricket in state schools.
- To help young people to play regularly (in school, club, community and informal settings) and to learn key life skills.

To achieve these goals, we've organised the programme (and the supporting resources) around six key components (see opposite). This structure builds on our experience of bringing cricket to thousands of schools and millions of young people for more than a decade.

Of course we recognise that every school is different, and coaches and teachers will need flexibility to adapt the programme to specific needs.



### The six key components combine to create an impactful, sustainable programme for both schools and students:



Resources to excite your students about playing cricket at school: assemblies, player appearances, professional coaches and digital materials.



A core coaching plan for cricket in KS1 and KS2, mapped to National Curriculum outcomes and linked to England & Wales Cricket Board (ECB) All Stars Cricket programme.



A new classroom curriculum programme, with cricket-themed resources and lesson plans for KS1 and KS2 in reading, maths and character education, aligned to the National Curriculum.



A package of support for teachers including informal training, ECB coaching qualifications, incentives & rewards via an ambassador programme, and a digital platform to house all the resources teachers need.



Support and resources for intra- and inter-school competition.



Clear signposting and support to help players progress into regular participation in school, club and community settings; simple evaluation tools to help coaches and teachers assess student progress.

### **THANK YOU**

### We are grateful to many partners and supporters for their help in developing these resources. They include:

- The England & Wales Cricket Board, which is the major funder of our new primary schools programme and which has supported us in the development of the coaching activities;
- The 39 County Cricket Boards and their hundreds of coaches, who deliver the Chance to Shine programme throughout the year;
- The Marylebone Cricket Club, with whom we have integrated the world-famous MCC Spirit of Cricket into our lesson plans;

- The Youth Sport Trust, which has helped us to develop our teacher and coach resources;
- Friend Studio, who designed all our new teaching resources;
- Deloitte Digital, who provided pro bono support to help us develop our digital strategy;
- All the hundreds of teachers and students who helped us to pilot, improve and refine the programme.

### Any questions?

If you would like support to deliver the Chance to Shine programme in your school, please contact your local county cricket board. Details can be found at:

### ecb.co.uk/county-cricket-boards

If you have any questions or comments about these resources, please contact:

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