

Club-School Link Document



A club-school link is an agreement between a cricket club and school, with the purpose of a club-school link to provide a pathway from school sport to cricket club. Establishing a club-school link allows young people to make the most of their experiences in both settings, to ease the transition from school to club and feel more comfortable in a club setting. The club-school link will look to enable sustainable delivery within the school supported by the cricket club.

Benefits of the Club-School Link for both the School and Cricket Club

School	Club
The club-school link will align with the partnerships section of the School Self Review and Evaluation document.	More young people and increased participation in the club.
Pathways for sport – easy exit routes for children into on-going involvement. More active, happier and healthier pupils.	Raised profile within the community and opening up the club to access the wider community.
Access to qualified coaches enhancing the PE and sport provision within school. Opportunities through the year to access cricket coaching (see below).	Potential access to school facilities and equipment.
Potential support and assistance with extra-curricular teams/activities.	Increase the potential to recruit new volunteers as well as creating a pool of young leaders, coaches and officials of the future.
Opportunities for staff to access teacher training, ICC qualifications and CPD.	Opportunity to identify talent of the future.
Potential access to facilities and equipment to enhance provision.	

Club-School Link Delivery Outline

Cricket delivery options/priorities will be dependent on the club and school's capacity to offer cricket at various stages of the school year. Selection of priorities from the menu of options will be agreed by the school, club and IOMCA as part of the club-school agreement and individual action plan.

Club-School Year to Year Plan

Year	Number of Delivery Priorities	Cricket Delivery Priorities
Year 1	3 delivery priorities	Manx Youth Games, CricStart (CricKids and CricSoft) and PSSP preparation
Year 2	2 delivery priorities	Chosen by school and club
Year 3	1 delivery priority	Chosen by school and club - moving towards sustainable delivery between school, club and external parties (MSR).

Year Group Delivery

Year Group	Recommended Delivery Months	Delivery Options
Reception	October, November & December	CricStart - CricKids
Year 1	October, November & December	CricStart - CricKids
Year 2, 3 & 4	October, November & December January/February	CricStart - CricSoft Manx Youth Games
Year 5 & 6	March, April & May	PSSP Festival Preparation
All year groups	June & July	Taster days (if time permits)

Delivery Option Outlines

Year Group	Programme Name	Programme Outline
Reception	CricStart - CricKids	The CricStart programme is an initiative from the IOMCA aimed at providing children with a great first experience in cricket split into two age groups. CricKids (age 3-6) gives a great first introduction to cricket and focuses on developing children's athletic, social and very basic cricket skills. The emphasis is on having fun and being active.
Year 1	CricStart - CricKids	CricKids is a great first introduction to cricket and focuses on developing children's athletic, social and very basic cricket skills. The emphasis is on having fun and being active.
Year 2, 3 & 4	CricStart - CricSoft	CricSoft (age 7-9) is a high-speed version of cricket where the emphasis is on participation and enjoyment. It is designed to help participants learn the basics of cricket in an inclusive, enjoyable and safe environment, where all children take equal turns at batting, bowling and fielding.
Year 2, 3 & 4	Manx Youth Games	The Manx Youth Games scheme will involve CricSoft coaching to encourage children to participate in their local Manx Youth Games sessions.
Year 5 & 6	PSSP Festival Preparation	Schools will be able to receive coaching for Year 5 and 6 to support entry into the PSSP festivals. As of 2021 the PSSP festivals are regionalised at one of the cricket clubs in each of the four regions across the island. Children will have the chance to receive coaching from IOMCA qualified coaches and take part in a number of soft ball cricket matches during the festival with certificates for all the players.
All year groups	Taster days	All primary schools will have the opportunity to have one day of free cricket coaching from IOMCA qualified coaches to encourage transference to clubs. Sessions will be based on batting, bowling and fielding skills including modified games.

The school and club agree to contact each other regularly with updates. This agreement will be reviewed yearly to ensure high quality, reflection, continued planning and progression.

Contact details (Please provide the main contact for this club-school link)

	School	Club
Name of Organisation		
Name of Contact & Role		
Telephone Number		
Email		
Signed		
Date		
	Agreement Review Date:	

Club-School Link Agreement Form

The Club agrees to ...	Tick	The School agrees to ...	Tick
Safeguard all young people by using suitably qualified coaches with DBS checks (Mandatory).		Safeguard all pupils and coaches (Mandatory).	
Provide coaching support (where possible) in conjunction with the IOMCA for curriculum delivery including the CricStart programme, Manx Youth Games and PSSP support.		Offer the sport as a curricular activity to all year groups at various stages throughout the school year. Ensure delivery of cricket by external coaches to all year groups.	
Help to run extra-curricular sessions (where possible).		Offer the sport as an extra-curricular activity to appropriate year groups. Offer cricket within break-time and lunchtime provision/activities.	
Help support schools enter their regionalised PSSP festival (where possible).		Enter teams in the annual regionalised PSSP festival.	
Assist (where possible) teacher training and CPD opportunities for school staff in conjunction with the IOMCA.		Take up teacher training and CPD opportunities and utilise in curricular and extra curricular activity. Ensure external coaches have appropriate cricket training and qualifications.	
Provide the school with up to date information and suitable promotional material (e.g. posters, newsletters, flyers).		Ensure up to date club information is made available to pupils and promote club success within the school (notice board/hand-outs/newsletter/website/Facebook).	
Provide new opportunities for pupils to participate.		Promote opportunities to participate at the club within the school.	

Action Plan Ideas

Please select from the below (or any additional ideas you might have) to populate the below action plan to supplement the minimum offer above:

- The school could provide a space on the school notice board and/or website/Facebook for the club to advertise itself.
- The school could advertise club competitions.
- The school could include the club in the planning of an “open week” of activities.
- The school could include the club in a parent’s evening / school fair.
- The school/club could use each other’s facilities for events.
- The school...
- The school...

- The club could do a talk at a school assembly to encourage children to join/promote club activity or promote cricketers from their club.
- The club could assist the delivery of the IOMCA in the above yearly school cricket provision.
- The club could provide Manx Youth Games or coaching sessions on the school site.
- The club/IOMCA could provide/lend the school equipment to support the delivery of their sport.
- The club could offer taster sessions, fun days for new participants from the school.
- The club could assist with the entry in to the PSSP festival by being a coach for the afternoon.
- The club...
- The club...

Individual School/Club Action Plan 2021/2022

School

Club

IOMCA

Please send completed club-school link forms to the IOMCA;
Email: communitycoach@iomcricket.co.uk