

## ENGLAND AND WALES CRICKET BOARD

### Letter from Club/School to parents

In February 2000 the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) issued new safety guidance on the wearing of helmets by young players up to the age of 18. This guidance document can be found at [www.play-cricket.com](http://www.play-cricket.com) in the ECB Information section.

In brief, the guidance recommended that:

- helmets with a faceguard or grille should be worn when batting against a hard cricket ball in matches and in practice sessions
- young players should regard a helmet with a faceguard as a normal item of protective equipment when batting, together with pads, gloves and, for boys, an abdominal protector (box)
- young wicket keepers should wear a helmet with a faceguard when standing up to the stumps.

With the assistance of schools, cricket clubs and leagues, the wearing of helmets by young players is now a common sight on playing fields throughout England and Wales. Helmets are widely available and are covered by a British Standard.

However, despite the guidance and the risk of injury some young cricketers playing with a hard ball do not wear a helmet. The ECB has advised all coaches, teachers, managers and umpires that they should not allow a young player without a helmet to bat or to stand up to the stumps when keeping wicket against a hard ball except with written parental consent.

Attached to this letter is a consent form which parents (or guardians) are being asked to complete. It allows you to decide if you want your young player to wear a helmet and asks if you are able to provide the helmet.

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Either: [Club/school] will include helmets with faceguards in the club/school equipment bags for use as required.

Or: [Club/school] cannot provide helmets for use by young players. Accordingly if you wish your young player to wear a helmet for cricket, you must provide the helmet or your young player will be unable to play.

Please complete the consent form and return it to Mr/Mrs/Ms \_\_\_\_\_  
at the following address:

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**For legal reasons players will not be able to bat or to stand up to the stumps when keeping wicket without a helmet in practice sessions or matches involving a hard ball until the consent form is received.**

This consent form will remain in full force and effect until the young player reaches the age of 18 or unless revoked in writing by the parent or guardian.

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If Mr/Mrs/Ms \_\_\_\_\_ is unable to answer any questions that you may have on the ECB's safety guidance please feel free to contact Frank Kemp at the ECB on 020 7432 1216 or via e-mail ([frank.kemp@ecb.co.uk](mailto:frank.kemp@ecb.co.uk)).

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**Parental Consent Form**

**Wearing of Cricket Helmets**

Name of Young Cricketer: \_\_\_\_\_

Club or School: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

(please circle)

I want him/her to wear a helmet with a  
faceguard when batting against a hard ball

Yes No

I want him/her to wear a helmet with a faceguard if  
standing up to the stumps when keeping wicket

Yes No

I will provide the helmet

Yes No

I confirm that I have read and understood the letter attached to this consent form.

I acknowledge and agree that this consent form shall remain in full force until the young player reaches the age of 18 or the consent form is revoked by me in writing.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian (delete as applicable)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_