

HMC Schools Cricket Directive (April 2016)

Helmets: The position is currently that though some cricketers will be required to adopt the new standard of helmet, this is not mandatory for schools. However, it is strongly recommended that schools should adopt the new standard from 2017. Though there are some costly models it is perfectly possible to buy helmets at a reasonable price.

Junior cricket:

Since 2000, the ECB has published safety guidance regarding the wearing of head protectors by all cricketers under the age of 18. The ECB's current guidance is that all cricketers under the age of 18 must wear a head protector whilst batting in matches or practice sessions. The ECB also now strongly recommends that junior players use head protectors which have been tested against the junior sized ball.

Wicketkeepers under the age of 18 should wear a head protector with a faceguard, or a wicketkeeper face protector, at all times when standing up to the stumps.

The latest ECB guidance and list of helmets that meet the standard can be found here:
<http://www.ecb.co.uk/information/ecb-and-pca-guidance-head-protectors/helmets>.

This list is being regularly updated by ECB.