



# Prestwich Cricket Club



## Club Policy - Wearing of Cricket Helmets

Since 2000 the ECB has issued safety guidance on the wearing of helmets by young players up to the age of 18. This guidance applies to all players up to the age of 18, both in open age group cricket and in all junior cricket played with a hard cricket ball. The guidance also applies during all practice sessions. This Policy has been adopted by the Club and is also mandatory through the Leagues in which our Junior Players participate. This guidance was further updated in 2025.

- Helmets\* with a faceguard or grille will be worn when batting against a hard cricket ball in matches and in practice sessions. Ensure that the helmet is the correct size and fit.
- Wicket keepers will wear a helmet with a faceguard, or a wicketkeeper face protector\*\*, when standing up to the stumps.
- All 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), as should young wicketkeepers wearing a face protector.
- It is highly recommended that 'neck protectors' should be included with the helmet for added protection. These should now be readily available for all helmets.
- Any player closer than 8 yards (7.3 meters) from the middle stump should wear a helmet (except behind the wicket on the off side).

\* Helmets are widely available and are covered by a British Standard (BS7928:2013).

\*\* A face protector represents an alternative head protection system for young wicket keepers. Wicketkeeper face protectors are covered by a new British Standard (BS7929-2:2009).