



Curriculum Time Coaching in Schools

Why?

Curriculum Time coaching provides a great opportunity for a large amount of children to access and benefit from a progressive block of coaching.

You can promote your club sessions and other opportunities at the end of each session, to attract more players to your programme.

Curriculum Time coaching is ideal for teachers and teaching assistants to shadow you as a coach, to both assist with the delivery of the session and develop their skills to deliver in the future.

How?

Curriculum Time Coaching would normally take place in the school hall or playground. If the tennis club is very close to the school, then the school may agree for the sessions to take place at the club, but this brings huge transport and logistical issues and therefore should not be expected. If it is not possible to transport the children to the club each week and the school are keen, why not hold the last session of each block at the club?

Curriculum Time Coaching should be conducted by a qualified and licensed coach, or teacher. It's a great opportunity for Teaching Assistants, Level 1&2 coaches and Tennis Leaders to assist.

There should never be a charge to the pupils to take part in coaching during curriculum time coaching.

Programming

Curriculum Time sessions can take the place of existing scheduled PE lessons and should fit around the school timetable.

The length of Curriculum Time sessions is dependent on the school timetable, but would normally be between 30 – 60 mins in duration. An example is shown below:

Wednesday afternoons at Anytown Primary School:	
1:15 – 1:55pm	Class 3A
1:55pm – 2:35pm	Class 3B
2:35pm – 3:15pm	Class 3B

So that as many children can benefit from Curriculum Time sessions as possible, it is suggested that each selected Year Group receives a 4-6 week block and then rotate each half term. An example is shown below:

Wednesday afternoons at Anytown Primary School:	
Spring Term (1 st half)	Year 3
Spring Term (2 nd half)	Year 4
Summer Term (1 st half)	Year 5
Summer Term (2 nd half)	Year 6

Where teachers from the school are keen to deliver and/or have attended a Teacher Training course, encourage them to assist you in delivering the sessions, maybe helping less able pupils. Alternatively, you can alternate who delivers each week, as shown below:

Wednesday afternoons at Anytown Primary School:	
Week 1	Coach delivers session – teacher assists
Week 2	Teacher delivers session
Week 3	Coach delivers session – teacher assists
Week 4	Teacher delivers session
Week 5	Coach delivers session – teacher assists
Week 6	Teacher delivers session

More Information

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