



Information sheet (curriculum)

What is it?

The new phase of TOP Play and TOP Sport has been developed from the original programmes with enhanced resources and training for teachers. This new phase is linked with the Qualification and Curriculum Authority's units of work, the National Curriculum for Physical Education (PE) 2000 and the Foundation Curriculum.

Greater continuity has been achieved with our earlier TOP programmes; TOP Start and the later TOP Skill programme.

How does it work?

- Initially LEAs express an interest in involvement. LEAs then link with higher education institutes (HEIs) and attend an operational briefing. LEAs and HEIs then provide an annual plan and bid for resources.
- Nominated teachers or lecturers attend a national tutor training course on the new phase of TOP Play and TOP Sport.
- Having attended the national training course and in doing so becoming a local TOP programmes tutor, they are able to deliver courses at a local level for teachers and trainee teachers.
- Those teachers and trainee teachers who attend a local course then receive appropriate resources to assist in their delivery of high quality PE and School Sport.

Who is it for?

The new phase of TOP Play and TOP Sport will provide flexible continuing professional development (CPD) designed to support:

- aspiring, new and established teachers wishing to extend knowledge, skills and understanding
- initial teacher training (ITT) providers
- local education authorities (LEAs).

For the first time the resources and training are provided to individual teachers enabling them to build up their own portfolio.

What are the benefits?

The programmes provide an even more effective support tool for high quality PE and school sport opportunities.

Both TOP Play and TOP Sport resource cards now feature the four aspects of the National Curriculum 2000. The cards also feature a section on including young disabled people.

TOP Sport cards have now been developed under families of activities, e.g. invasion games, net and wall games, and striking and fielding games. The resource also incorporates new activities to complement existing sports resources including badminton, volleyball, baseball and softball.

TOP Dance, TOP Gymnastics, TOP Outdoors, TOP Athletics and TOP Swimming have all been aligned to the new phase of TOP Play and TOP Sport resource cards.

For further information on how to access the TOP programmes telephone the Youth Sport Trust on 01509 226600 or visit www.youthsporttrust.org

