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Better Energy School Awards 2020 - Win up to £5,000 for your school

The Better Energy School Awards aim to encourage environmental education in schools for children aged 5-11. They promote cross-curricular work on the environment and ANY work you are doing at your school on any kind of environmental issue can be entered, including work done in the summer term of 2019. With over 50 prizes available its well worth taking part! The awards link with the National Curriculum for England and Wales and the Scottish Curriculum for Excellence.

To find our more visit www.betterenergyschoolawards.org.uk/



Deadline for entries is 1st May 2020

Birmingham Audit - Contracts and frameworks

When dealing with Procurement and deciding which contracts and/or frameworks to use to bring the most benefit to your school it can often be confusing. Find out more about :

- Types of Framework Agreements
- Whole Life Costs
- Buying In Bulk
- Governance and EU Law

Download a copy of The Auditor (see us on pages 10/11) here:

www.birmingham.gov.uk/downloads/file/13687/the_auditor_autumn_2019_issue_54



See us in The Auditor Pages 10/11

Birmingham Education Support Services - Autumn term training

Whether it's developing people's skills and knowledge through training or bringing colleagues together at an event, our BCC teams deliver training and events that reflect your current needs

View our full training calendar here : www.birminghameducationsupportservices.co.uk/Training

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Services**
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Certas Fuel - Preparing for Brexit and winter

With the winter months creeping up on us and Brexit on the horizon, the ESPO Energy team are encouraging customers to consider their fuel requirements and to start winter planning.

Along with the cold months ahead, it is worth considering the effect that Brexit may have on demand for fuels. Whilst we have been given no indication that fuel availability will be a problem for our customers, it is worth keeping storage facilities suitably filled to avoid last minute panics or shortages.

To find out more visit www.espo.org/Spotlight/News-And-Articles/2019/Managing-energy-preparing-for-Brexit-and-winter

If you would like more information on the contract and how to access the BCC pricing, please contact a member of the CPS helpdesk on: 0121 464 8000 | cps@birmingham.gov.uk



Cityserve's Brexit Planning – giving you peace of mind

The Cityserve procurement team sources around £10m in food annually. Its main customers are c.200 schools, civic catering and three BCC social care homes. Cityserve is also a key City Council disaster recovery partner. Largely due to storage restrictions, logistics management and perishability, clients receive frequent – generally twice weekly food deliveries via several procured suppliers; we rely upon suppliers' expertise in sourcing, holding and distribution; as such Cityserve isn't currently considering stockpiling and is deferring to supplier expertise.

All suppliers continue to monitor the situation carefully and are and have been implementing all available strategies to mitigate any risk associated with Brexit, deal or no deal. Cityserve will pro-actively implement alternative menu options depending upon any supply-line impacted with a view to maintaining the appropriate prescribed minimum standards as far as practically possible.

For more information visit www.birmingham.gov.uk/cityserve/news/6/news



Education Staffing Link Limited

We are acutely aware of the impact that current financial constraints create. With staff costs the largest element of any budget, we hope that ESL may be able to be part of your cost saving measures.

We have introduced a sessional hourly charge and we have reduced our daily charge rates. If you would like to arrange a convenient date and time so we can meet with you to gain a better understanding of your needs, wants and expectations please call or email the office.

For more information contact : Jonathan Dakin or Lucy Clifford on : 0121 414 1166 | support@esl.uk.net



Floral Decorating Team - Oh Christmas Tree, Oh Christmas Tree

It's never too early to talk about Christmas and there's nothing like a real tree to get pupils and staff into the spirit! Our award winning Floral Decorating Team are already busy preparing this years Christmas trees for schools.

Trees are available fully decorated, delivery & removal included and available in 1 - 4M sizes

For a free quote contact the team on: 0121 464 0422 | floraldecorations@birmingham.gov.uk



Order your tree by 22nd Nov 2019

Hays - Runs behavioural management workshop for their supply staff

Hays Education recently held a behaviour management workshop for our supply staff. We ensure that the staff we send to schools are appropriately equipped to deal with the challenges they are likely to face.

The session was run by behaviour specialist Mark Goodwin. He offered advice and demonstrated techniques that supply staff could confidently use to manage behaviour in the classroom.

Sukh Powar: 0121 236 4476 | Sukh.powar@hays.com | www.hays.co.uk

HAYS Recruiting experts in Education



ITN Mark became part of Academics in August 2019

ITN Mark have been operating since 1997 as such we now have the pleasure of employing a number of excellent staff with a wealth of experience within the education sector.

You will see the benefits of working with an enlarged team – Academics and ITN Mark will continue to provide the same high quality service to all of our clients and candidates. But we will now have a much larger database of teachers and teaching assistants, as well as client schools.

Academics Birmingham: 0121 616 7610 ITN Mark: 0121 616 1666



Monarch Education

Monarch Education are pleased to still be working as a supplier within the Birmingham area. We have access to nearly 1000 members of staff actively seeking work and can supply Teachers and Teaching Assistants. Our team has over 70 years combined experience of Education recruitment and pride ourselves on providing nothing short of an Outstanding service.

Sophie Banks: 0121 272 8645 | sophie.banks@monarcheducation.com | <https://monarcheducation.co.uk/>





Nobisco Limited - Rock Salt discount for BCC schools

Keep your pupils, staff and visitors safe this winter.

- White de-icing rock salt, 25KG @ £6.26p
- 25KG bags for easy distribution
- Salt leaves little or no residue
- Special bulk buy discount available - offer ends 2nd March 2020

Contact Nobisco on: 0121 328 3889 | sales@nobisco.co.uk



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Offer ends
2nd March 2020

Portable Appliance Testing (PAT) for schools - New provider

From the 1st November 2019 Churches Fire Security (previously Fire Safety Services) are no longer a provider for the provision of Portable Appliance Testing.

We are pleased to announce Electrical Installation & Appliance Testing UK Ltd will be the new provider under this contract. More information will follow shortly however in the meantime, feel free to contact the team to discuss your requirements:

Electrical Installation & Appliance Testing UK Ltd
01953 885000 option 1 | debbie.tennent@eiatuk.co.uk | www.eiatuk.co.uk

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Toshiba - Carbon neutral printing

Sustainability is a core part of our corporate philosophy and we do everything we can to help achieve a low-carbon society.

Through our [Carbon Zero Scheme](#), we work with carbon offsetting experts [CO2balance](#) to offset the CO2 emissions of our print devices by investing in community-based environmental projects, that save or absorb an equivalent amount of this greenhouse gas. This means we balance our emissions to become 'Carbon Zero' so we can provide you with a complete carbon neutral device upon delivery, and be safe in the knowledge that we are helping your organisation without harming the environment.

- Positive printing
- Reduce carbon emissions
- Corporate social responsibility
- Sustainability management
- Reduce environmental impact

To find out more contact Elizabeth Kingsland on : 07836626605 | Elizabeth.kingsland@toshibatec.co.uk
[Carbon Zero Scheme](#) : www.toshibatec.co.uk/sustainability/carbon-zero-scheme/
[CO2balance](#) : www.co2balance.com/



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Waterplus - Notice for centrally paid sites

Due to ongoing issues with Waterplus consolidated billing, Birmingham City Council have requested all sites to be unconsolidated and billed directly to sites. Birmingham City Council are currently waiting on a response from Waterplus and will provide an update in due course.

If you have any queries contact : 0208 466 2900 | BCChelpdesk@inspiredenergy.co.uk

Waterplus
with you every drop of the way

West Mercia Energy - Utilities Market update

Gas and electricity prices continued on their downward trend up to the middle of September 2019 at which point the markets moved sharply upwards as a result of three major 'incidents'.

View the full article here : www.westmerciaenergy.co.uk/Documents/2019/19.10MarketUpdate.pdf

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The Procurement Service - Tell us what you think

We want to make sure we give you the best service we can, and that's why we'd really like to find out what you think about our service offer and more importantly what you need from us. The survey should take no longer than 5 minutes of your time to complete and findings will help shape our offering.



Complete survey here : www.birminghambeheard.org.uk/economy/2a9fdd29

Actions for schools



CAUTION : Are you in a washroom services contract?

We have recently been made aware of a washroom services provider who is automatically rolling customers onto a 3 or 5 year contract. In some cases a 90 day termination period must be served.

Don't get caught out - We highly recommend you contact your current provider to ascertain and clarify the contract end dates for each piece of equipment listed for your school. Please check your records now and diarise when you need to give notice or you may be stuck in an out dated contract that you cannot escape for up to 5 years.

BCC's current contracted supplier is Initial Washrooms. If you have served notice to your current provider or are due to and would like a free, no obligation quote, please contact Mindy Jagpal at Initial Washrooms on:

07789 864872 | 0121 326 2960 | mindy.jagpal@rentokil-initial.com

G4S 2020 collections for subscribers of The Procurement Service - ONLY

For all subscribers of The Procurement Service who use the G4S contract please download and complete a 2020 service planner to ensure collections are made in 2020.

If you are unsure whether you subscribe to The Procurement Service or would like to discuss subscription options please contact the CPS helpdesk on : 0121 464 8000 | cps@birmingham.gov.uk

Completed service planners should be emailed directly to: g4scustomerservices@uk.g4s.com

[Download your G4S Service Planner for 2020 collections here.](#)

Please note service planners take up to 10 working days to action. To avoid delays in processing your request please ensure you quote the below information:

Customer Name : BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

Customer Site Name : FULL NAME OF SCHOOL

Contract/Account No : 2230674

Postcode of site : xxxx

School Contact Name : xxxx

School Contact Number : xxxx

If you have any queries on your cash collections or would like to raise a missed collection please call G4S on the day of the missed collection - 0844 800 4205

Total Gas & Power / Inspired Energy

Invoicing for schools

- Invoice queries must be reported to BCChelpdesk@inspiredenergy.co.uk within 5 days of invoice being received.
- Schools should continue to pay invoices whilst query resolution is taking place.
- Payments terms under this contract are - 28 days

Automatic Meter Reading (AMR) roll-out

What's happening?

Total Gas & Power are currently undergoing the installation of AMR meters for all sites. If you have not already had a meter exchanged, one of the below contractors will be in contact to arrange the meter exchange.

Who will carry out the work?

The two sub-contractors that will be used are UPLD (SMS) and BMET. They will be in charge of scheduling the meter exchanges and carrying out the meter exchanges at the various sites. Therefore if you have any questions regarding the scheduling of the meter exchanges, it is best to contact them directly on the below details:

UPLD contact information: TGPLMOP.Queries@sms-plc.com | 02920 893810

BMET contact information: MOPPlanning@EnergyAssets.co.uk | 01506 405445

If you have any further queries/concerns over the legitimacy of the sub-contractor please contact the Total Gas & Power AMR team on 01737 275794

Waterplus : Meter readings

Please ensure that you take a reading from your water meter(s) as Waterplus will otherwise estimate your water usage.

Water meter readings should be sent directly to Water Plus on : 0345 072 6072 | service@water-plus.co.uk