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ACTION FOR SCHOOLS : SAVE THE DATE - 1st July 2020

Following the success of our first Suppliers & Services conference last year, we are pleased to announce our second conference 'Procurement Made Easy For Schools' will take place on **Wednesday 1st July 2020** at a Birmingham venue to be confirmed.

- **FREE to attend**
- **FREE interactive workshops**
- **FREE tips and tools to save your school time and money**
- **Q&A sessions - Ask the experts!**
- **Meet more of our BCC contracted suppliers and traded services for schools**

Further information will follow shortly, in the meantime please save the date, we wouldn't want you to miss out.



Axcis - New website

Axcis are proud to announce that our new website has now launched – why not come and take a look – it's more user-friendly than ever! www.axcis.co.uk

As leaders in special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) recruitment, we can help schools, colleges and alternative provisions across the Midlands to source specialist leadership, teaching and support staff. Whether you need help with short-term or day-to-day cover, or longer-term and permanent roles, we can help. We can find you staff with specialist knowledge and training, in areas such as autism, behaviour support, non-verbal communication, residential care support and much, much more. Get in touch with the Midlands office today to find out more.:

Louise Linehan | 0121 516 3024 | midlands@axcis.co.uk | www.axcis.co.uk/contact/midlands-team

Better Energy School Awards 2020 - Deadline for entries is 1st May 2020

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/

Birmingham Education Support Services— Spring term training

It's still not too late to book your Spring Term training provided by our professional support services for schools.

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



Cityserve - Do your students bring in packed lunches?

Do you have to spend time monitoring what's in the lunchboxes?

We are aware that packed lunches from home do not always meet the nutritional needs that children require to focus at School, so for the same price as a hot meal, your students will be able to have a 'Picnic Option' at School, and can choose what they have every day.

The Picnic Option includes:

- Sandwich, wrap or pasta pot
- Salad Snack
- Dessert or fruit portion
- Juice or water

Providing the Picnic Option has worked well at our other schools; increasing uptake and decreasing lunches from home, giving you peace of mind about what your students are eating. The full content of the Picnic Option meets the School Food Standards and is tasty and nutritious.

Benefits of your child having a lunch at School:

- Teaches your child about good nutrition
- Encourages healthy eating from a young age
- A School meal helps with attainment and development
- Eating together helps develop lifelong social skills

By everyone having a School lunch hot or cold, allergens are easily monitored as there are no external foods brought in from home. We will work with you and your students at your School to develop a menu inclusive of both hot and cold options that suit the tastes of your students and meet the School Food Standards.

Speak to us today about setting up and promoting the 'Picnic Option' at your School.
0121 464 9002 | Cityserveinfo@birmingham.gov.uk | www.birmingham.gov.uk/cityserve

Coming Soon : Minibus Hire for Schools

A new contract for the provision of Minibus Hire for Schools will be available soon in readiness for your summer trips. Further information will follow shortly.

Education Staffing Link Limited - Information

We are Birmingham's longest established, independent education recruitment agency. We are the first port of call for our client schools when they need cover and we work in partnership with them to ensure the best possible provision of education for their pupils. Our values of safeguarding, integrity, partnership, financial fairness, service and compliance are deep-rooted in our business.

We understand the financial constraints of most schools in our region and our competitive rates reflect this, whilst maintaining the highest levels of service that our schools expect. We offer sessional hourly charges as well as daily rates. If you would like to arrange a time to meet to discuss further, please call or email the office.

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

Initial : Good hygiene and handwashing

Initial are one of the UK's leading providers of washroom services, with an extensive range of products and services to enhance your washroom and make you **compliant with important legislation**.

[View tips for good hand hygiene here](#)
[Download FREE handwashing posters here](#)

View full letter from Dr Tim O'Neill - Director Education and Skills, and Dr Justin Varney - Director of Public Health, following the high levels of Norovirus that have been seen across the West Midlands this year.:
www.birmingham.gov.uk/downloads/download/3169/hygiene_and_handwashing



Office removals : contract update

Please note Movecorp Limited are no longer a provider for the provision of office removals. You may continue to use : Harrow Green Limited | 0121 326 0810 | www.harrowgreen.com

View all contracted suppliers here : www.birminghameducationsupportservices.co.uk/Page/10927

Toshiba: Schools across the UK save money on printing solutions

Schools all over the UK are having to work to ever-tighter budgets and as a result, they are looking for cost-effective printing solutions that are eco-friendly, fast and reliable.

Toshiba's latest series of devices provide the answer by delivering on the promise of Together Information. This is our commitment to collaborating with school managers to develop tailored solutions with features that meet their specific print and document management needs – like our fast, low-cost printing options that helps schools to save both time and money.

[View full case study here](#)

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Total Gas & Power : Tired of estimated billing?

To minimise the need for estimations and to ensure correct billing, please submit your meter reads regularly.

When should I send my meter reads?

Meter reads can be submitted at any time, but for accurate billing please submit:

Electricity meter reads: between 20th and 28th of each month

Gas meter reads: from 25th to the last day of each month

How do I give you my meter reads?

1 - The easiest way to submit meter reads is online by clicking here.

2 - You can also do this by calling our Customer Care Team on 0333 003 7874, selecting option 3, then option 1 for gas / option 2 for electricity.

3 - Alternatively, email your meter reads to GP.redhill.WME.BirminghamCity@totalgp.com along with your MPAN/MPR and account number.

Useful links:

PORTAL : <https://services.totalgp.com/cas-web/login?service=https%3A%2F%2Fservices.totalgp.com%2Fc%2Fportal%2Flogin>

FAQS: <https://services.totalgp.com/web/tgp/faq/>

If you have any queries regarding your readings or billing please call the Customer Services Team on: 01737 275693 (Gas) | 01737 275630 (Electricity / Power)

