

## Energy Matters

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## Energy contract and pricing updates

### Electricity: Contract issues

Letters of Authority - There was an issue at the start of the contract where EDF was requesting Letters of Authority; this is sorted out now, however any instances please contact [energy.team@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:energy.team@northyorks.gov.uk) .

MOP payments - Meter Operator invoices have been issued again this year. We have been working with EDF to have the costs added as a line on the supply invoices but unfortunately the change did not stick for this financial year. EDF are currently putting in place this change for coming years and investigating how they can make the change for this year. If you have paid your MOP invoice please retain all paperwork, and if you have not paid it yet then please don't until you hear from us again.

Billing - Any billing issues contact EDF in the first instance and [energy.team@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:energy.team@northyorks.gov.uk) if escalation is required.

### Electricity: Pricing

Estimated delivered average price based on info. provided 19/03/2024;

18.85p/kWh based on 49% purchased

### Gas: Contracts

The current contract (YPO as broker) with Corona ends on 31st March 2025.

The new contract (Laser as broker) with Corona from 1st April 2025.

You should have received emails from the service over last couple of months about this renewal. If your school has opted out but you change your mind between now and the end of the current contract, then please contact us at [energy.team@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:energy.team@northyorks.gov.uk) .

### Gas: Pricing

Monthly pricing remains until end of this contract.

Info. @ 04/05/2024:

Mnth	p/kWh	% purchased
July	4.16	77%
Aug.	4.17	77%
Sept.	3.92	74%
Oct.	4.27	85%
Nov.	4.05	58%
Dec.	4.05	50%
Jan.	4.03	63%
Feb.	4.04	64%
Mar.	1.07	74%

### Water: Contracts

The current contract with Smarta runs to 31st March 2025.

It is likely that the supplier will change on the 1st April 2025

We are experiencing ongoing issues with Smarta regarding billing and data. Please raise any problems with Smarta in the first instance, and then contact us at [energy.team@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:energy.team@northyorks.gov.uk) if the matter requires escalation. Also contact us if you have not received any invoicing, or only a couple of bills.

## The DFE and climate action in your school

“The challenge of climate change is formidable. For children and young people to meet it with determination, and not with despair, we must offer them not just truth, but also hope.” Secretary of State for Education.

The Department for education is currently leading a range of climate actions for schools they are hoping will be adopted. These include:

- ‘All education settings to have nominated a sustainability lead and put in place a climate action plan’.
- ‘Education settings to meet the requirements of the Environment Act 2021 – this will require settings to arrange for the collection of a core set of materials for recycling, including glass, paper and card, plastic, metal and food waste’.
- ‘School to apply for the Climate Leaders Award which will complement classroom learning. This can be done by developing their connection with nature and making a real contribution to establishing a sustainable future for us all’. Environmental education programmes like Eco-schools can assist with this.

We can help with all these elements, with over 15 years of supporting schools with various actions and generating a switch off culture in schools. Our award-winning service combines practical action and energy efficiency advice for schools with a range of environmental education specifically for primary aged children.

Schools across North Yorkshire can continue\* to have this support to help reduce their carbon footprint, save on their bills, and educate the future citizens. We offer a complete school’s package.

\*Unlimited access to this service is part of the Primary Package or can be purchased on half and whole days when a school needs it, via NYES or contact [peter.bell@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:peter.bell@northyorks.gov.uk) .





## North Yorkshire Council's school survey on sustainability and climate change

North Yorkshire Council would like your input into a survey regarding your school's actions on sustainability and climate change. Our Climate Change Strategy outlines our ambitions to become operationally Net Zero by 2030, and sets out how we will respond to the climate emergency by:

- reducing greenhouse gas emissions
- preparing for the changing climate
- supporting nature to thrive

North Yorkshire Council want to work with you to become a carbon negative region by 2040 and encourage and support young people to take climate responsible actions. We are working as an organisation to co-ordinate our support to schools around climate change. We would like to know about your current activities and your views on what support would help you do more.

Read our strategy here: [Climate change strategy 2023 to 2030 | North Yorkshire Council](#)

**Take part in the survey here or use the QR code below:**

<https://online1.snapsurveys.com/saj2dq>

**The survey closes 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024, so don't miss out – complete it today!**



**THANK YOU FOR TAKING PART**

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## Book “Power Down Pete”

Reduce your Carbon footprint, save on your bills, educate the future.

- ✓ Have you had your visit from the Energy and Sustainability team’s resident superhero?
- ✓ Is your school meeting the requirements of the DFE on sustainability and climate change?
- ✓ Are you progressing through the international Eco-school’s programme towards your green flag award?
- ✓ Have you placed sustainable practices in your school development plan and nominated a sustainability lead for your school?
- ✓ Do you have your DFE Climate action plan in place?



We can help with all this!

Not only do we offer advice support and guidance for staff leading these programmes we work with the children, school councils and eco teams.

We offer workshops and assemblies covering a range of topics. From energy and climate to rainforests and water supply. Waste to recycling. From an international Japanese experience to comparing the home front during WW2 to climate action today. We do it all, and your school can have the benefit of all this to support your curriculum.

For schools who purchase the Primary Package there are no extra costs to have Power Down Pete visit your school and access all this support. If your school does not take the service’s Primary Package then never fear, our superhero is available for full and half days as you need him. Book via NYES or the contact below.

Our award-winning service has been delivering to North Yorkshire schools for over 14 years, offering practical energy support with environmental education.

To book your visit, contact [peter.bell@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:peter.bell@northyorks.gov.uk)