



switch it off... 2011

don't just 'stand by' and waste energy

THINGS TO CHECK ARE SWITCHED OFF!

Especially at the end of the day / before the weekend!

Lights / whiteboards/ projectors / computers **but not servers!**
photocopiers / chargers.....



Switch It Off Weeks 21st November –2nd December 2011!

This annual campaign has been continued to show how much energy we all waste and how much we could save if we all use it more carefully! We want schools, families and local businesses across the County to take part and **switch off** any unnecessary electrical appliances and save energy.

Switch it Off for Schools!

PART 1 ~ week beginning 21st November

The first part of your mission is to carry out an **Undercover Energy Check** of your school before Switch It Off Week, to find out where lights, computers and other energy-gobbling items have been left on. An **Undercover Energy Check** sheet has been enclosed to help you. Remember to take **meter readings** ~ Monday morning and Friday pm OR the next Monday morning is ideal!!

To make your results all the more dramatic, only discuss the special mission with your Eco Committee, Caretaker and Head teacher ~ keep it *undercover!*

PART 2 ~ week beginning 28th November

The next part of your mission is to tell the whole school about your findings at an Assembly (ideally) on **Monday 28th November** and tell them all about **Switch It Off Week**. There are posters and stickers to download from www.worcestershire.gov.uk/switchitoff to help promote your campaign.

During Switch It Off Week carry out another *Energy Check*. This will help you see whether people are participating and whether switching things off helps make a difference. A sheet is provided to help you take notes and readings.

Please turn over...

PART 3

The final job is to discuss whether there was any difference between the 2 weeks and share this with the whole school, parents, a local business you want to challenge (see cover letter)! What changes could be made to help you to continue to save energy over the months or years that follow?

PLEASE be aware that the **weather** can have an impact on energy use, so it is very important to record the weather over the 2 weeks!

PREVIOUS RESULTS: Over 2008-9 **Perdiswell Primary School** managed to reduce their electricity use (and bills!) by 18% over 6 months compared with the same period the previous year!

Home Energy Check

We have enclosed a Home Energy Check sheet to enable children and young people in your school to take the message of energy saving home. Please make these sheets available for any classes / year groups interested (and if you can, keep some completed copies to show us!).

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU TAKE PART & SEND US YOUR FINDINGS: a simple email, with your results noting how many units you used over the first & second weeks would be great!

Please email us at rbrakspear@worcestershire.gov.uk / alunt@worcestershire.gov.uk .

Don't forget to check opportunities to engage through The Pod (www.jointhepod.org) and to keep your data safe for your Eco Schools folder!

We wish you success with your energy-saving mission!

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