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Waste Management Survey- Northumberland Schools

Tip: Completing this survey in a staff meeting might be the quickest and easiest option, whilst gaining the most accurate and complete information.
Please feel free to attach any additional information to your completed survey form.

School details

- **Name of school:**
- **Named contact for recycling/environmental projects:**
- **Tel:**
- **Number of pupils in school:**

How effectively do you think your school manages waste?

Very badly	Badly	Satisfactory	Well	Very well

If your current systems aren't very effective, what are the main problems/barriers to improving waste management in your school?

Are you planning to make any changes to your waste / recycling collections in the future?

Yes	No

If so, please can you say how?

If you would like to find out about school recycling/general waste collections provided by Northumberland County Council or to request a quote for a collection please contact Northumberland County Council on 0845 600 6400 or via email at ask@northumberland.gov.uk

Which of these materials do you recycle at school or plan to in the future?
Please tick the middle boxes for all that apply

Type of material	Recycle already	Plan to recycle soon	Name of company/ charity etc who collects this material from your school.
Mixed recycling for paper, cardboard, plastic bottles and cans			
Paper on its own			
Cardboard on its own			
Cans			
Plastic bottles			
Textiles			
Mobile phones			
Ink jet cartridges			
Stamps			
Batteries			
Spectacles			
Other, please state what these are			

Indoor recycling facilities for paper:
Do you have recycling containers in most classrooms/office areas for paper?

Yes	No

Do require any classroom recycling containers to collect paper?

Yes	No

N.B. We have no budget to provide **additional** classroom recycling bins to schools that have previously received containers from Northumberland County Council or the former Tynedale Council. Schools that have not yet received any containers will be added to a waiting list on request (subject to budget).

If you do require containers, how many containers/more containers would be useful and for which parts of the school? E.g. next to the photocopier, 3 classrooms without.

How well does your paper recycling scheme work within the school?

Very badly	Badly	Satisfactory	Well	Very well

Please tell us here if you have any comments you would like to share, which work well, or don't work well, about your paper recycling scheme.

In what way do the students help with the school paper recycling scheme?

How well does your back-door/kerbside waste/recycling collection work?
Please consider bin capacity (are you losing recyclable materials due to lack of space?), collection times, location of bins etc.

Very badly	Badly	Satisfactory	Well	Very well

Please tell us here if you have comments you would like to share which work well, or don't work well in your back-door/kerbside waste/recycling collection.

Waste Audits
When did you last complete a waste audit in school? This is an assessment of the types and quantities of different 'waste' types, recyclable and non-recyclable leaving your school.

Year:	No audits completed

If you would like to carry out a waste audit in your school please go to www.recyclenow.com/schools and click on activity lesson plans to find out how.

To find out how your school can reduce, reuse and recycle more, please visit our Recycling A-Z for Northumberland schools at www.northumberland.gov.uk/wasteeducation

Composting in school:

How many compost bins do you have?

0	1	2	3	4	More

If you do compost, how well does your school composting scheme work?

Very badly	Badly	Satisfactory	Well	Very well

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Please tell us here if you have comments you would like to share about things that work well, or don't work well in your composting scheme.

In what way are your students involved in the composting scheme?

Do you use any other methods for dealing with garden waste in school e.g. a larger compost heap, garden waste collection from Northumberland County Council, garden waste collection from a contractor?

Environmental/Community projects in your school:

Is your school part of the Eco-Schools Programme? (www.eco-schools.org.uk)

Yes	No	Not sure

If so, which awards have you achieved in the Eco-Schools Programme?
Please tick all that apply:

None	Bronze	Silver	Green Flag	Green flag renewal+

If there any barriers to stop you joining/progressing this programme or similar environmental/community projects within your school please comment here.

Which of the following environmental/community projects are your school involved in?

Project	Web page	Tick for yes
Schools Against Waste e-training for N.E. schools	www.schoolsagainstwaste.co.uk	
Envision	www.envision.org.uk	
Climate change exchange project	www.mtl-cec.org	
Other (please state)		

Use of resources:

Which of the following websites does your school use?

Web page	Web address	Tick for yes
Northumberland County Council waste education web page	www.northumberland.gov.uk/wasteeducation	
Recycle now web page	www.recyclenow.com/schools	
Schools against waste	www.schoolsagainstwaste.co.uk	

If you have been on any of these web pages, please feel free to comment on the content/how useful they have been to you.

Name of website: Comments:	Name of website: Comments:

Themed weeks/projects and activities in school

Please tell us about any environment/eco-week/recycling week or similar that your school has held within the last 3 years?

Please tell us about any environment/eco-week/recycling week etc you plan to hold within the next 2 years?

Please tell us about any other specific reduce, reuse recycle or waste management projects that your school has held within the last 3 years? *E.g. waste audits, junk fashion shows, recycling design projects, making plastic bottle green houses etc*

Please tell us about any project like this that you plan to do within the next 2 years?

Free waste management workshop for your school

Only open to schools completing this survey and subject to timetable arrangements.

Would you like the opportunity of a **free waste management workshop** for staff in your school? **Please tick yes if you would like to be added to our priority list.**

Yes	No

Name of member of staff to discuss this with:

Information provision to schools

In order to help us to improve the way we keep schools informed about waste/recycling projects, competitions etc in the future,

Please let us know what method of information provision works the most effectively for your school (Tick or circle the methods that you find useful and use numbers to show which are the most effective for your school- 1 being the most effective)

E-mail to a key member of staff	E-mail to the main school admin e-mail	Head teacher update by e-mail	Via websites	By post	Other (please state)

If you have a key member of staff/staff members that you would like to receive future waste/recycling project information please provide e-mail address's in the box below so that we can add these staff members to our contacts list.

Prize draw prizes

*** On completion and return of this survey your school will be entered into a prize draw up until Friday 2nd December 2011. One school will receive a prize in the prize draw. After this date, surveys will still be very useful to us, but these schools will not be entered into the prize draw.**

Prize: A session with a recycling magician worth £150 or £150 to spend on a school environmental project.

Competitions

Please check our website www.northumberland.gov.uk/wasteeducation for details of competitions for Northumberland schools.

Both competitions are open to all Northumberland schools and colleges

1) Recycling poster competition
Theme: Superheroes and recycling characters
Closing date: Friday 14th October 2011

2) The best school litter campaign
Closing date: Friday 9th December 2011