



Waste and Recycling Site Visits

Thank you for your interest in visiting **Exeter Energy from Waste plant (EfW)**, EX2 8QE and **Pinbrook Road Recycling Centre**, Exeter, EX4 8HH.

These visits are available for year 4 pupils and above. Year 3 pupils may be accepted at our discretion in the summer term and after discussion with the Waste Education Officers. The trip is for a maximum of 35 pupils and these must be accompanied by a minimum of 3 adults. See notes below for more details, please discuss with Lucy if you have any queries.

Cost: FREE

All timings are approximate:

10.00am – Arrive at Pinbrook Road recycling centre

We will meet you at the entrance and direct your coach/minibus to a specific parking area. There is enough space for a 52 seater coach to park and to drive out without needing to turn around. Please wait inside your coach/minibus until instructed by the lead officer. The lead officer will ask for the signed risk assessments and a list of all the names of the attending children and adults. This list will be used as a register should the sites need to be evacuated during the visit.

10.15am – After a **Health and Safety talk**, pupils will be split into two groups; each will do the following:

- Tour around the Recycling Centre where the children will see different collection points for recyclable materials and discover what they can be recycled into.
- Visit the education room where children will learn more about waste through different activities and games.
- There will be a chance for a quick break for a snack and toilet stop between the two activities

12.00 midday – Leave Pinbrook Road recycling centre and drive to the EfW plant

12:15pm - Arrive at Exeter EfW plant

12.20 – 12:40pm – Lunch break Children will be able to wash hands and use toilet facilities at the EfW plant.

12.45pm - Health and Safety talk and watch EfW video

Pupils will then be split into three groups; each will do all of the following:

- Visit the plant control room. They will see the grabber being manually operated to lift waste into the hopper and, hopefully, lorries unloading waste.
- 3R's (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) activity
- EfW quiz

2.30pm - Depart and return to school



Please note the following points before requesting a visit:

Supervision

- Adult supervision: there is a maximum of 35 pupils and these will need 3 adults. If you bring fewer children you will still need a minimum of 3 adults as we split the class into smaller groups.
- If an individual pupil has particular (behavioural or physical) needs, an adult will be required to stay with this pupil at all times during the visit, in addition to the 3 as requested above.
- Please ensure that non-teaching adult helpers are aware that they might be required to supervise / discipline children when the group is split during the visit.
- Teachers / group leaders are responsible for the behaviour, control and discipline of the group at all times; they must ensure that pupils obey all instructions given by the lead officers. They must also be vigilant of potential hazards in order to help keep the children safe.

Health and Safety

- At the start of the visit the pupils and adults will be given a health and safety talk. Whilst all precautions have and will be taken, it is of the up most importance that the children behave and listen to all instructions given to them.
- All pupils and adults, must wear **long trousers and stout, enclosed footwear** (no open sandals, crocs or flip flops). Any children without the required clothing or adequate footwear will be asked to stay inside the coach / minibus, accompanied by an adult. If this means the number of adults with the main group of children is insufficient, then the visit will be terminated.
- Please ensure the children bring weather appropriate clothing. Sun hats and lotions are required on sunny days.
- The lead officer reserves the right to end the visit at any time during the day if they feel that any health and safety considerations have been breached.

If you have any queries or would like to book a visit, then contact Lucy Mottram, Waste Education Officer, Devon County Council on lucy.mottram@devon.gov.uk or 01392 383519.

When the visit date has been confirmed, you will be sent risk assessments for each site.

If there are any problems on the day, contact Lucy on 07970 531587.