

# North Essex Schools Partnership

Simplifying and streamlining school utility provision.



North Essex Schools partnership is a group of 17 primary and special schools in North East Essex.

The partnership's core principle is to create a first-class education for its pupils at every stage of their education.

The partnership is based on agreed collaborative working and is managed by an executive committee that supports a variety of services and operational processes.

### An outsourced utilities partner providing piece of mind

Zenergi has supported the schools within the consortium for more than 15 years by acting as an outsourced utilities partner. Zenergi arranges the consortium's energy and water contracts, identifying the best contracts to suit individual schools' budget and needs, validating bills ahead of payment, and liaising directly with suppliers to address and resolve any queries.

Zenergi's procurement service offers each school a wide choice of contracts and suppliers that are regularly market tested through a Public Contracts Regulations (PCR) compliant framework, providing peace of mind that the consortium is accessing the most cost-effective and compliant contracts.

### A seamless service that ensures compliance

By providing attentive service and access to Zenergi's online portal, North Essex Schools Partnership have easy access to their energy consumption data 24/7 and advice to help them understand, manage and reduce it. A seamless addition to the procurement service comes in the form of Zenergi's technical division who carry out the Display Energy Certificates for the schools, helping them to stay compliant.

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I must say thank you to Zenergi for making the change to new fuel suppliers so easy. I love the online signing, it is so simple and we had it all sorted in under an hour and that included waiting for the Headteacher to come out of a meeting so we could have her approval.

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