

Energy Strategy for Schools & Academies



Diocese of Westminster

What is happening?

The diocese is working with its strategic partners, Churchmarketplace and IFM Ltd, to deliver savings to schools on energy.

Following the huge success of the national buying group for Catholic parishes, established in summer 2016, as directed by the Diocesan Trustees, the Diocese of Westminster Schools are joining up with other Catholic schools nationally, to form one big Catholic Schools' Energy Buying Group.

The benefits of the buying group are:

- Competitive pricing
- OJEU compliant contracts
- Working together to make green energy affordable (already achieved by the parishes)

Building the buying group

Contract end date and notice period date are being collected across the diocese. So far, we have 45% of data. The most common end date is the **30th September 2020**.

Nationally, all new contract end dates are being aligned to **30th September 2020**, so that, for September 2020, we will go to market with all the Catholic schools whose contracts are up for renewal, maximising savings.

Actions:

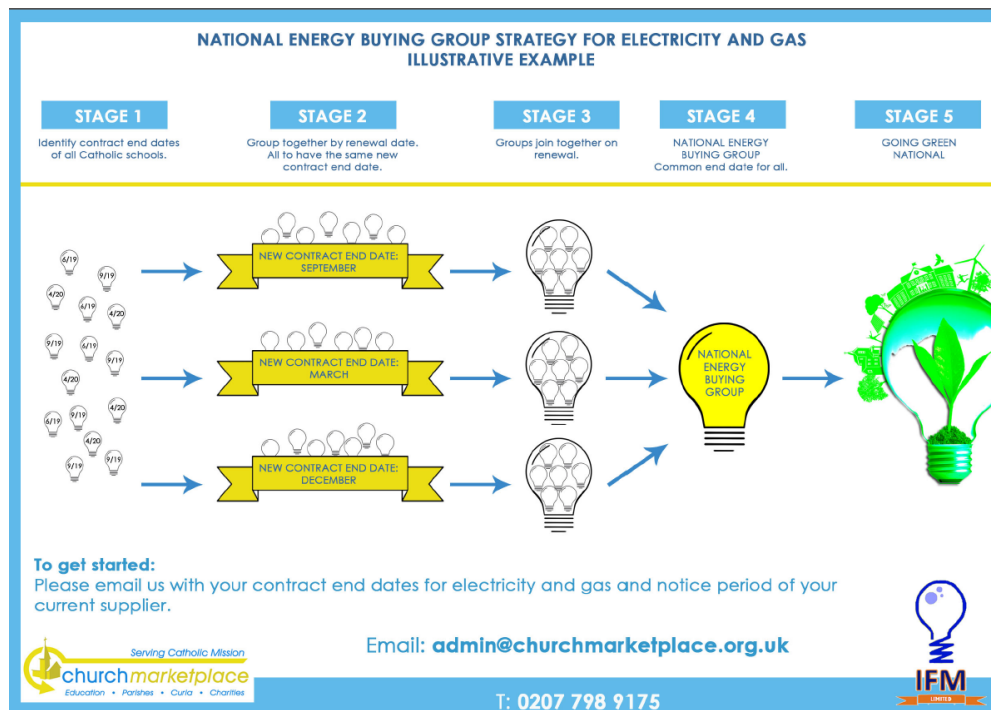
1. Make sure Joanne Hill has your contract end date and notice period info for all energy contracts.
2. If your energy contract is up **on or before September 2020**, complete the application forms—link below.

Tips to ensure best pricing

There are multiple factors that affect pricing, many of which are out of our control. However, there are two key things that we can control: **A) when you go to market** and **B) how many you go to market with**.

A) Timing - Did you know that leaving it to the last minute to renew your contract will mean less competitive pricing—suppliers know you're in a fix—so get your renewal pricing early at least 90 days in advance (set a review date in your calendar)!

B) Volume - The more schools going to market on the same day to get their pricing means you'll get a better price—it's about volume, volume, volume. This is how DOWAT sealed their best price.



Actions:

1. **Send your energy contract end date and notice period info to Joanne Hill at joannehill@rcdow.org.uk**
2. **September 2019 renewals?** Get your completed application forms in now so we can start to aggregate
3. **Renewal on or before September 2020?** Complete the application forms via this link ASAP.

[Application pack link](#)

Key date: September 2020

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