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## Guided Tour and Visit Information For School Visits

### How to find us

We are located between Woodham and Waddesdon, off the A41. The only access to the facility is via the A41. There is no direct access from Calvert.

Please note the SATNAV postcode is HP18 0QE. This brings you to the industrial estate at the end of the access road. The access road is nearly 3 miles long with a 30mph speed limit and allow at least 10 minutes for this part of the journey. If your visit is during the daytime, this may be significantly longer due to waste trucks using the road

### From the direction of Bicester

1. Take the A41 towards Aylesbury.
2. Go through Kingswood, Woodham, the Akeman Inn pub is on your left and the Mazda dealership on your right.
3. At the next, (the new), roundabout take the first exit into Woodham Industrial Estate and continue on this road for 2.7 miles. Please ensure that you adhere to the 30mph speed limit
4. Take the road to the left of the facility and follow the signs towards the visitors car park.

### From the direction of Aylesbury

1. Take the A41 towards Bicester
2. Go through Waddesdon
3. At the next, (the new), roundabout take the second exit into Woodham Industrial Estate\* and continue on this road for 2.7 miles. Please ensure that you adhere to the 30mph speed limit
4. Take the road to the left of the facility and follow the signs towards the visitors car park.

### On arrival at site

- Please ensure that if arriving by bus or minibus the driver stops at the designated bus stop only. The bus stop is next to the path to the facility entrance
- If arriving by car please adhere to the one way system and reverse parking rule
- Please enter using the entrance at the far end of the car park
- The Education Manager will meet you at the car park and escort you to the visitor centre.
- For preliminary visits the Education Manager will meet you in reception



### **Preliminary Visit**

It is essential that the lead teacher makes a preliminary visit to the facility to undertake risk assessments, site inductions and finalise plans for the day.

### **What can you expect from your visit to Greatmoor EfW?**

During your visit your class will work in rotating groups. Please organise your groups beforehand to ensure as little time as possible is spent organising the groups.

The visit will comprise of a tour of the facility and activities investigating waste reduction, reuse and recycling in the Visitor Centre.

While one group is undertaking the site tour the other(s) will be undertaking the other activities.

The site tour will be led by the Education Manager, also requiring a 1:5 adult:child ratio . Tour groups will visit the Control Room, where the waste bunker and grab crane can be viewed, then the grate. If time allows then the groups can also visit the turbine and condenser fans, however this will not be possible for large group visits.

The other activities will be led by school staff – however the Education Manager will run through the activities with you during a pre-visit. Details of the activities will be agreed beforehand and explanations of the activities are available for download from the website and/or will be emailed to you in advance.

All participants (both child and adult) will need to wear PPE during the site tour. This will include Hi-Viz tabard, Hard Hat, Glasses, Gloves and Steel Toe Cap Boots. Anyone unwilling to wear these items will not be allowed onto the plant.

**It is essential that for the visit, all staff and students are wearing long sleeves, long trousers and suitable footwear.**

### **Example Itinerary**

10.30	Arrive / toilets etc
10.45	Introduction
11.00	Activity 1
11.45	Activity 2
12.30	Lunch
13.15	Activity 3
14.00	Summarising
14.15	Prepare for departure
14.30	Depart

### **Waste Free Lunch Challenge**

To promote waste reduction we would like to challenge your class to take part in the Waste Free Lunch Challenge.

We will weigh all of the waste generated by your group's lunch – that's crisp packets, clingfilm, etc

The schools with the lowest weight per person each year will win the challenge and a prize

### **Access and Wellbeing**

The visitor centre is on the 3rd floor and accessible by lift or stairs.

The tour starts in the Control Room which is on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor, again accessible by lift or stairs. The tour continues along narrow walkways, often consisting of metal grating, including some at height (the maximum height a tour group will access is 23m) with occasional short flights of steps. The tour also usually includes using the large goods lift.

All tour group members must be able to complete the tour as the group cannot be split once the tour has started.

The generator in the turbine hall creates a powerful magnetic field, which may affect medical devices such as pacemakers.

If any members have any health, mobility or behavioural issues that may potentially be relevant to visiting the facility it is extremely important that the information is passed on to us before the visit.

These include (but are not limited to)

- Fear of heights
- Heart conditions
- Fear of enclosed spaces / lifts
- Mobility issues
- Asthma / breathing conditions

### **Early Leavers**

There is no possibility of any visitors leaving early. If anyone needs to leave before the scheduled finish time of the visit then we need to be notified in advance. If there is no opportunity to make arrangements for them then they may not be allowed to attend the tour.

### **Group Size**

We can accommodate groups of up to 15 pupils plus staff during a tour.

The most tours then we can run on one visit is three, therefore the maximum number of pupils that can be accommodated is 45.

### **What to Bring**

Please bring at least three copies of a list of attendees with you and hand two to the Education Manager or your tour guide.

### **Cancellation of Tours**

**We want you to enjoy your visit to Greatmoor and the safety of our visitors is a primary consideration**

**The tour takes place in a working industrial facility, which means that there may be work being undertaken on site which affects tour groups.**

**This means that we may have to cancel visits at short notice. If this is the case then every effort will be made to contact you as early as possible. (please see Terms and Conditions)**

