



Bradford Council - Environment and Climate Change Unit

Information Factsheet: Gas Automatic Meter Reading (AMR)

What is a Gas Automatic Meter Reading Device?

Automatic Meter Reading (AMR) devices are attached to gas meters. The AMR can then communicate with the gas supplier using GPS. This provides the supplier with accurate real time data of a properties gas consumption.

The installation of an AMR means that gas bills will never be estimated and always based on accurate consumption data.

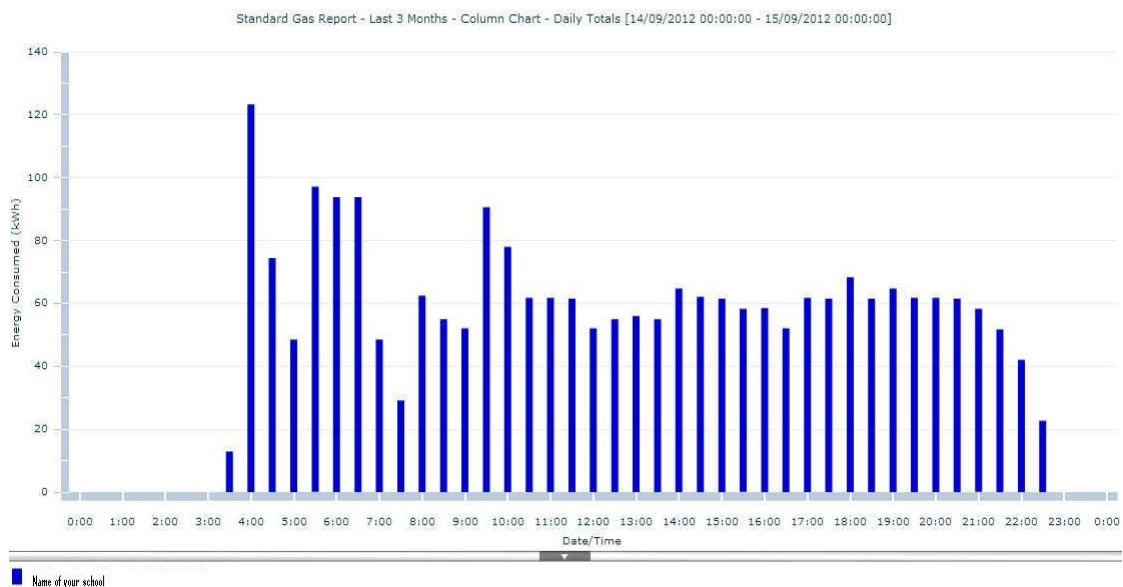
What are the benefits of Gas AMR Devices?

Save money

The removal of estimated billing can assist reduce your schools Carbon Reduction Commitment payments. This is because estimated utility bills can lead to the government adding a 10% uplift to CRC payments.

Monitor consumption and cost

Once an AMR is installed your school will be able to view the real time data by consumption, cost and carbon emissions. For weekly, daily and hourly periods via a web based system called BG 360.



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British Gas AMRs

If your school is supplied gas by British Gas you can obtain an AMR from British gas, however charges apply.

AMR Device from British Gas – brief contract conditions.

- Automatic meter reading devices are attached to compatible gas meters. Some meters are not compatible and may require amendment or exchange but meter exchanges (non-pulsing meters) are free.
- No charges are made for British Gas engineer aborted visits, whereas abort charges for the contractor's visit for meter exchange are £69 each.
- Monthly read/invoiced sites - AMR installation and BG360 access costs £106.83 + VAT per meter, per annum until the end of the British Gas supply contract - 31st March 2017
- The charge will be added to the schools invoices at £8.90 for monthly invoiced schools
- Quarterly read/invoiced sites - AMR installation and BG360 access costs £140.78 + VAT per meter, per annum until the end of the British Gas supply contract - 31st March 2017
- The charge will be added to the schools invoices at £35.19 for quarterly invoiced schools
- No cancellation charges will be incurred, if you move supplier or the current supply contract comes to an end.
- However, there are standard termination charges if the individual school decided to stop AMR before this happened. These charges would be between £43.00 and £172.00 depends on years remaining of contract.

BG 360 - the Meter Data Web Site provided by British Gas

- Consumption, cost and carbon emission data will be available to view from the date of the AMR installation
- Once your AMR goes live, the ECCU will no longer require your monthly gas meter readings
- All schools are to have the same username and password (please ensure individuals are aware of this and do not change to suit their own needs). Shared access will allow schools to view other schools consumption, compare similar sites and share best practice
- User guidance documents will be provided.
- Individual usernames and passwords will only be provided to schools at their own request (at extra cost) by emailing elliott.bermudez-galton@centrica.com the schools name, address, account details and meter details

If you wish to have an AMR device installed or wish to receive further information with regards to the AMR contract, please contact the Environment and Climate Change Unit on ECCU@bradford.gov.uk

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