

Clean air plan for your school

Because every child should be able to breathe clean air, this guide helps school leaders to significantly improve air quality around a school. Together, a few hundred school leaders can protect the health of hundreds of thousands of children across the country.

Spare time to complete such a plan may be scarce and so this Clean Air Plan is designed to make tackling air pollution straightforward. Just follow these two steps:

1. Review the 15 clean air actions in the tables below and select 2 to 4 actions that are appropriate for your school to focus on over the next year.
2. Complete the Action Plan grid to map out how to implement those actions (p.3). Don't forget that involve governors, staff and students can be on the team for implementing these actions.

Also included is a short document of tips to help with implementing each of the individual 15 actions.

Ways of reducing air pollution at the school entrance:

1. Stop vehicles from idling near the school entrance.
2. Establish a suitable drop off point away from the main walking route.
3. Set a walking challenge for students.
4. Encourage car sharing for those who need to drive.
5. Hold a no car day to trigger people to try a new way to get to school.

Ways of reducing air pollution on school grounds:

1. Reduce the number of deliveries to school and make sure they arrive at quiet times.
2. Have a no idling policy on school grounds – especially for buses.
3. Upgrade to electric school vehicles and provide smarter driving training for drivers of school vehicles.
4. Ensure contractors reduce the impact of building work through limiting use of diesel generators, and suppressing dust.
5. Check that you have an efficient boiler, you may need to speak to your energy provider.



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Ways of reducing students' exposure to air pollution:

1. Train all staff on the risks of air pollution and how best to avoid it. Share knowledge through lessons and assemblies.
2. Share green routes to school with students so they know the least polluted ways to travel in.
3. On high pollution days, avoid polluted areas and make provisions for those with health issues to stay inside.
4. Shut out pollution. Shut windows in well ventilated rooms and use filters in air conditioning and ventilation systems.
5. Promote good health! Those with respiratory or cardiac conditions are most affected by pollution. Avoiding those health issues reduces how much students will be affected by air pollution.

Selected actions for our school:



Action Plan

Action	Timeline	Responsible	Future action/ embedding
e.g. Reduce number of stationery deliveries from weekly to fortnightly	Starting from September	School business manager	Add to school procurement policy