



Let's '*Kick the Habit*' and protect our children's health from air pollution this #CleanAirDay on 17 June 2021.

Every year, air pollution causes up to 36,000 deaths in the UK. It is the largest environmental health risk we face today. Poor air quality causes heart and lung diseases, is linked to low birth weight and can damage children's lung development. It has also been linked to mental health issues and lower child IQ.

What can you do to improve air quality outside school?

Vehicle idling is an unnecessary source of air pollution. If you drive to school please help improve air quality by switching off your engine whenever you are waiting, and politely remind others to do the same.

You could also consider parking further away from school and walking, scooting or cycling for some of the way.

There is lots more information about air quality and how to improve it on the Clean Air Day website: <https://www.cleanairday.org.uk/free-resources>

Is stationary vehicle idling an offence?

It is an offence to idle your engine unnecessarily when parked on a public highway. If you don't switch off your engine when requested by an authorised council officer you could be served with a Fixed Penalty Notice.

To find out more about York's anti-idling campaign visit <https://www.york.gov.uk/EngineOff>