

**School name:**

**Date:**

## Switch Off School Streets Campaign

Dear Parents/Carer,

We are launching a Switch Off Campaign to ask drivers to switch off their engines when stationary to help make the air around the school cleaner.

We encourage everyone to walk, cycle or scoot to school, however we realise that parents/carers sometimes may need to drive to drop off or pick up their children from school.

If you do need to use your car, please support our Switch Off Campaign simply by switching off your engine while stationary. By turning off your engine you will improve the quality of air both inside and outside of the car.

Air pollution affects everyone in Birmingham, but especially children. Pollutants from vehicle exhaust fumes are linked to health issues such as asthma, allergies, heart disease and other serious health issues. Children are particularly vulnerable to the effects of polluted air as their bodies are still developing.

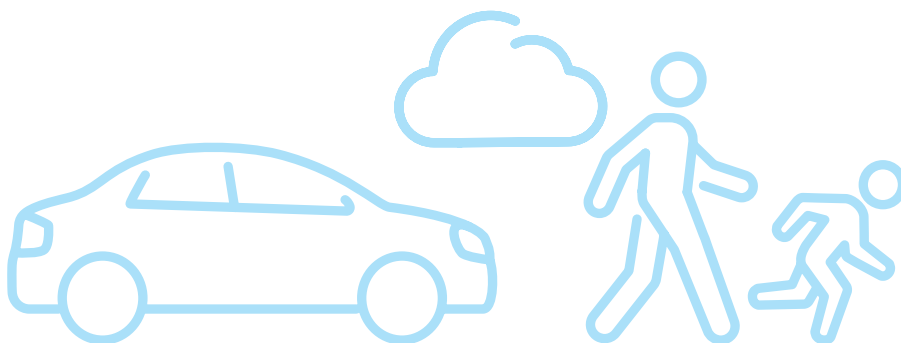
The good news is that small changes can make a big difference – and we can all play our part!

By switching off your engine when stationary, you can make a real difference and improve the quality of the air we all breathe.

Thank you for helping to make our School Streets a cleaner, happier and healthier environment for everyone.

For further information, please visit: [birmingham.gov.uk/cleanair](http://birmingham.gov.uk/cleanair) and [brumbreathes.co.uk](http://brumbreathes.co.uk).

Kind Regards,





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## Switch Off School Streets Idling Survey

<b>School name:</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	
<b>Location:</b>	
<b>Weather:</b>	
<b>Time at start of survey:</b>	<b>Time at end of survey:</b>

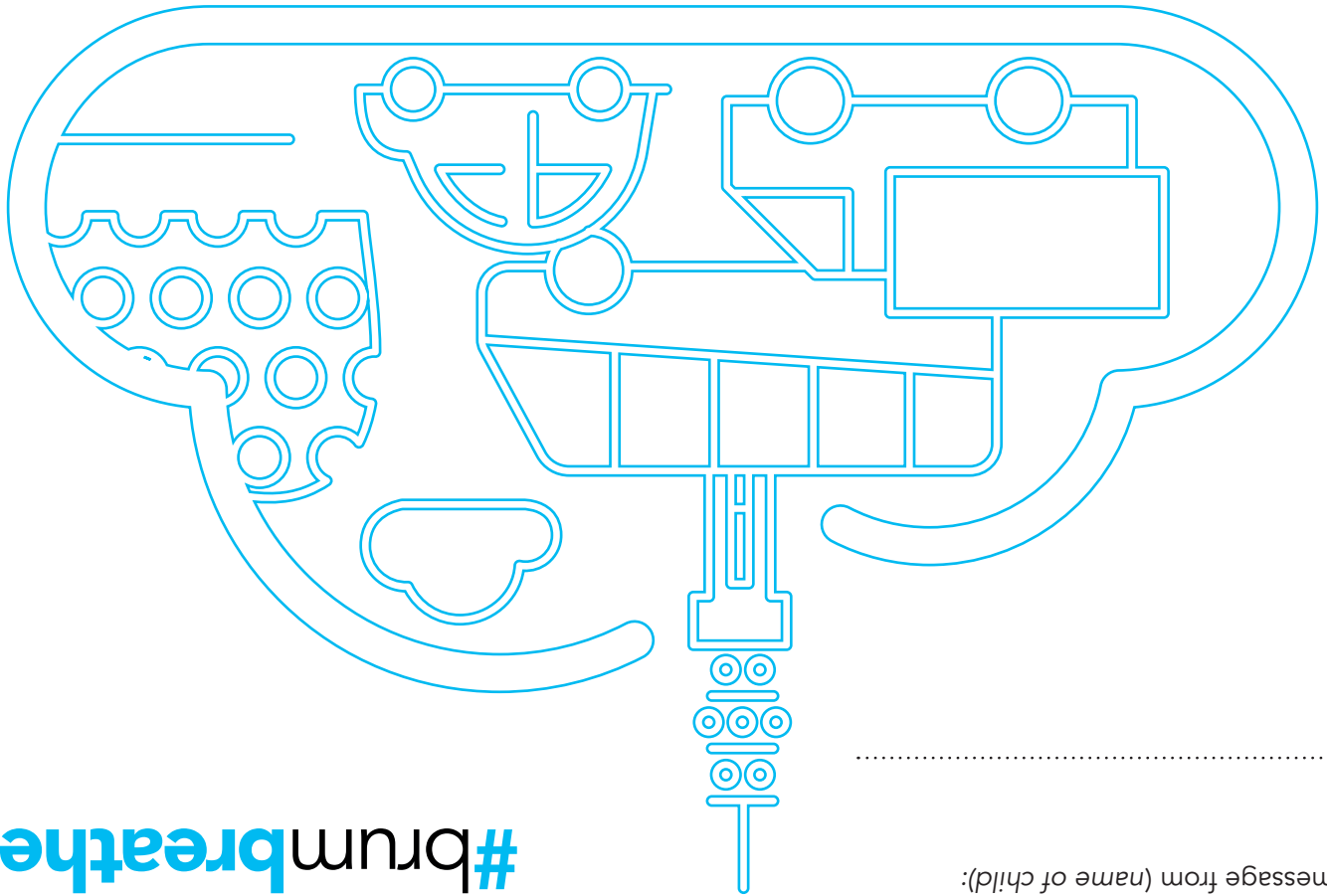
### Tips on how to identify an idling vehicle:

- The vehicle is still.
- Look for the vibration of the vehicle.
- Listen for the engine.
- Look for exhaust fumes.



Put a tally or tick in the chart below for each vehicle that you count:

	TALLY	TOTAL
Stationary vehicle with engine switched off		
Stationary vehicle with engine switched on		



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A message from (name of child):

# Please switch off your engine at my school!



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Dear .....  
(name of grown up/s)

By signing this pledge you are helping the school community breathe cleaner air by switching off your car engine when stationary.

I ..... (name of parent/carer)  
pledge that I will switch off my engine when my car is stationary.

**Signed:** (parent's signature) .....

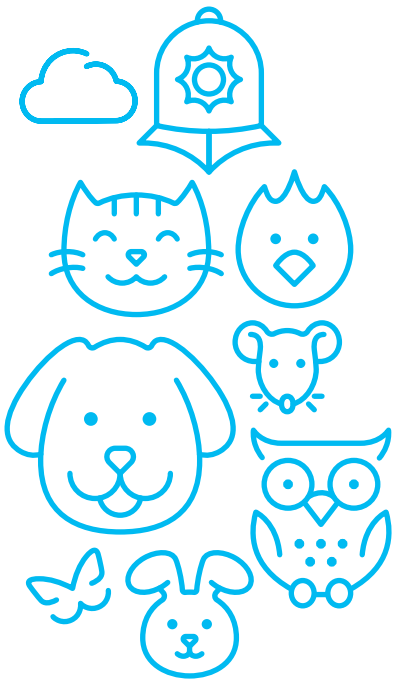
**Witnessed:** (child's signature) .....

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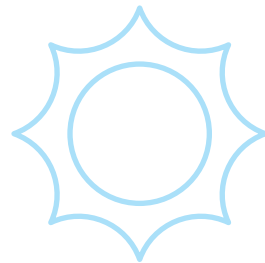
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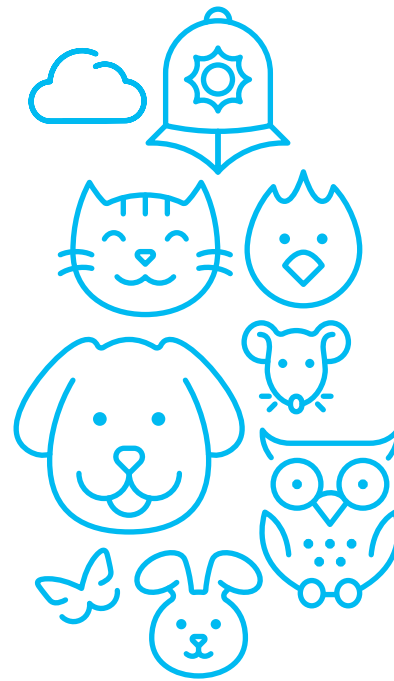
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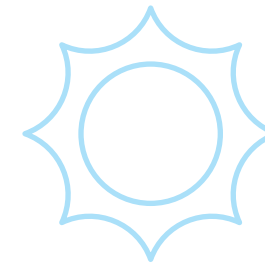
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