

## Air Quality Service

### Service provider

Environmental Health (Air Quality).

### Service description

To assist in matters relating to air pollution, specifically in relation to:

- Creating education material to be used in class
- Anti-idling
- Active Travel
- School Travel Plan
- Pollutant exposure reduction

### Who this service is for

Maintained Schools and Non-maintained Schools.

### Benefits to your school

- Environmental Education is part of the National Curriculum.
- Reduces child pollutant exposure and therefore can reduce sick days/asthma attacks.
- Can improve traffic safety around schools.
- Can improve air quality around schools.
- Contributes to the Healthy Schools London Program and can help schools in achieving their Bronze, Silver and Gold awards.

### What the Air Quality Team have done so far

**1. Clean Air For Schools project**, an air pollution education programme delivered to four schools in Waltham Forest.

This project involved delivering a number of science based air pollution lessons looking at local air pollution levels via GIS and an investigation activity into the particulate levels at participating schools. This was followed by a creative workshop chosen by the school (ranging from travel related workshops, solar oven building or arts and crafts based creative exploration of the air quality theme). Schools also had the opportunity to receive an interactive 'fun' animation session about air pollution using the schools individual messages they wanted to portray, as well as the option to go on a field trip on the topic of sustainable cities. This project was to raise awareness of the risks that are associated with air pollution and the actions that can be taken to improve air quality. The [videos can be watched on the Council's website](#). For further information about the project and how teachers have evaluated the air pollution education programme, **logged-in users can download the file below.**

### 2. Anti-Idling

With the help of volunteers the Council is engaging with drivers who leave their car engines on whilst parked outside of schools. At least one anti-idling session is held each month at different schools throughout the borough.

### Centrally funded

The following services are available to schools:

- Air Quality School Toolkits to be used as part of Environmental Education.
- Anti-idling around schools.

Funding can be sought from [GLA](#) and [Defra](#) to assist with costs for the installation of green wall/green screen (charges dependant on the type of green screen, size, maintenance requirements, etc).

**Further information**

Further information can be found on the [https://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/content/air-quality" target="\\_blank](https://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/content/air-quality).

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