

19<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers.

You may have seen on Wednesday that some of our Active Travel Ambassadors were greeting you at the school gates with leaflets about safer parking and messages about switching off your car engine when stationary.

We would like to share a little more information with you linked to cleaner air around schools, and have attached some posters which the ATAs have created.

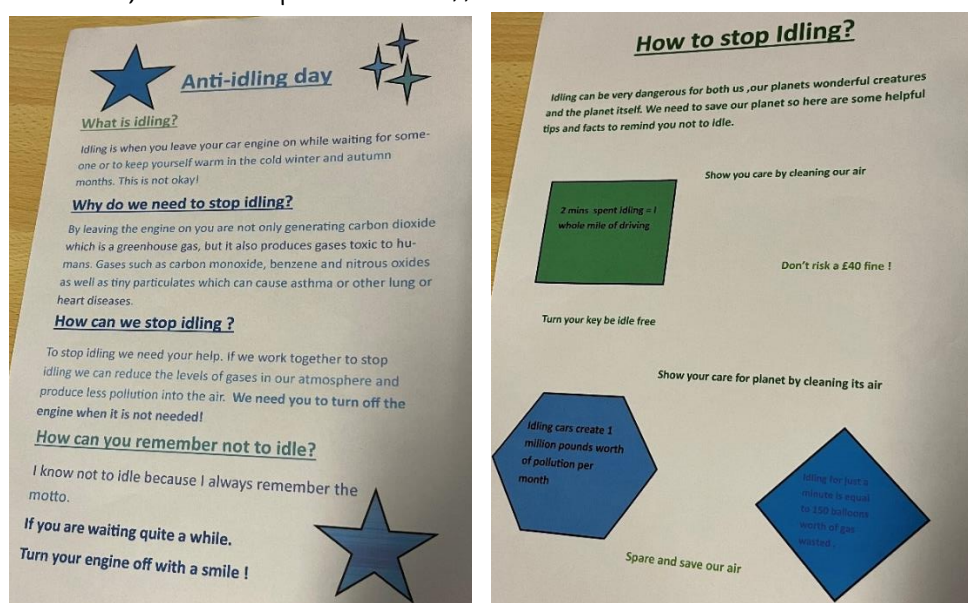
Did you know that the air in Hertfordshire is the **second worst in the country**, after London? The chemicals released make conditions like asthma, heart and lung disease worse, and are highest when multiple vehicles are idling together, for example in roads outside schools.

Leaving your engine running when you are parked creates **20 times** more pollution than when driving at 30mph.

We're supporting Hertfordshire's 'Let's clear the air' campaign. Leaving your engine running whilst you are not moving means your car is releasing polluting fumes into the air from your exhaust pipe. The fumes can cause damage to your health and the health of others around you as well as contributing to air pollution.

If you sit in the car whilst dropping off or collecting your children from school, make sure you turn your engine off. You'll be helping to keep the air clear for those around you but also yourself, as the air quality inside an idling car can be **twice as bad** as the air outside.

So please remember; "At a stop? Turn it off".



Many Thanks, **The Killigrew Active Travel Ambassadors**