

What is idling?

Idling is when you are in a car and the engine is on, even when you're not moving your car! You might be stuck in traffic, or waiting for someone, or just not moving for whatever reason!

What did our research show?

Our research showed that _____ % of students get a car to school. We want to tell these drivers and everyone else why it's important to NOT idle!

We also did a short experiment outside school and we found that _____ % of cars idled!

Why should we stop idling? (because it leads to air pollution!)

We want drivers to stop idling as it **leads to air pollution**. Things such as carbon monoxide and Particulate Matter are released into the atmosphere. These are dangerous to our health.

Children's lungs are still developing. When we breathe in air pollution, it can lead to asthma, make asthma worse, and other lung problems. It also affects other parts of our body, like our heart and brain. So air pollution is dangerous to our health.

It can also affect adults too! But children are more at risk.

Idling is also against the law! You can be fined £20 for refusing to switch off your engine.

It also affects the environment. It can harm animals and negatively affects our planet. These gases enter our atmosphere and contribute to climate change.

What can you do? 3 things.

1. Idling is most common in the afternoon when parents pick up their children at school. If you drive to school or get a lift, politely ask the driver to not idle.
2. Simply tell all drivers to stop idling! Do it politely and explain why idling is bad.
3. If you usually take a car to school, maybe you can try a different method, like walking, cycling, scooting, or taking public transport.