



Clean Air
Parents'
Network

A Clean Air for Children Programme

Outline

The UK Government has a moral and legal duty to protect our health from illegal and harmful levels of air pollution. Urgent action is needed to get the most polluting vehicles out of the most polluted parts of our towns and cities. As part of this, to protect children as vulnerable members of our communities, the UK Government should fund and implement a National Clean Air for Children Programme that:

1. Carries out a comprehensive air quality audit of schools, nurseries and playgrounds in known pollution hotspots to identify all those affected by illegal and harmful levels of air pollution and identify and implement policies and actions to protect children's health.
2. Bans the creation of new schools, nurseries and playgrounds in pollution hotspots.
3. Brings in traffic exclusion zones around schools, nurseries and playgrounds where this will help to reduce children's exposure.
4. Promotes and enables walking, cycling and public transport as key options for journeys to and from schools, nurseries and playgrounds.
5. Provides schools and nurseries with a proactive alert system for high pollution events and guidance and support on how to protect children from air pollution throughout the year.
6. In the long-term, new clean air laws are needed to tackle our modern pollution problem and safeguard our right to breathe clean air. We can make the UK a world leader in clean air, developing the solutions that we and other countries need to protect our health.

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