

Anti Idling Statement

As a multi-academy trust we are introducing a policy to ban vehicle idling on all our school sites across Buckinghamshire. Idling is the act of sitting in a stationary vehicle with your engine running and producing harmful emissions.

An idling engine can produce up to twice the emissions of a car in motion, releasing unnecessary sulphur dioxide, particulate matter and nitrogen oxide. These chemicals have a negative effect on the environment by contributing to poor air quality, and they all contribute to asthma, heart disease and lung cancer.

Vehicle exhaust fumes are damaging to everyone's health, but it especially affects children, whose lungs are still developing. When they are exposed to elevated levels of these pollutants, children have an increased risk of developing asthma, respiratory problems and other adverse health effects. By turning off engines, drivers can improve the quality of air students, parents and teachers breathe while they are at school. Public Health England estimates long-term exposure to particulate air pollution has 'an effect equivalent to' between 28,000 – 36,000 deaths a year in England. This makes air pollution the largest environmental risk linked to deaths every year.

Insignis Academy Trust is committed to minimising our impact on the environment and to prioritising the health of our students and staff. We therefore ask anyone visiting our sites to adhere to our No Idling Statement.

If you are stationary in your vehicle, please turn your engine off. This applies to all vehicles on our sites.

The success of this strategy depends upon the thoughtfulness, respect and cooperation of all drivers. All students, employees, staff, and visitors share the responsibility of following and encouraging compliance with the strategy.