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Dear Year 5 Pupils

I was so glad to receive your letters about the work you have been doing on air pollution in our city.

As your local councillor for Horfield it is really important to me that all the children growing up in Horfield are healthy and happy. We have some very busy roads that have lots of cars, lorries and buses that make lots of pollution every day.

I have spoken to our Metro Mayor, Mr Tim Bowles, who looks after transport for all of the West of England. He is also concerned that the large number of vehicles driving on our roads is making the air very unhealthy. He has explained to me how he is trying to get new railways and trains for Bristol, so that people going to work can go on a nice clean train rather than drive their cars. When these open in the next few years thousands of car journeys will be replaced by clean train journeys. That will help our air quality a lot and make our roads safer.

As a council in Bristol, we want to know how dirty our air is around schools. So this year we have started a new project. We are going to test the air, every month for one year, near 50 schools in the city. Although your school is not one of the 50, Orchard School and Filton Avenue Primary School near to you will be part of the scheme. When we get the results it will show us the quality of the air in Horfield.

If your school wants to use less fossil fuels to keep classrooms warm they can apply to have solar panels put on the school roof and you can learn more about sustainability by becoming an Eco School. If your teachers think it would be a good idea they can speak to a member of the Sustainable Learning Team. Their details are: [hello@sustainablelearning.com](mailto:hello@sustainablelearning.com), tel: 0117 357 4709 or Bristol Learning City can help you.

I want to say a big thank you to everyone who has worked so hard to send fantastic letters to the Bristol Mayor, the Metro Mayor, our Member of Parliament and myself.

Yours sincerely

Claire Hiscott  
Bristol City Councillor  
Horfield Ward