Staggered collection times during pick-up hours due to after-school activities substantially reduces traffic congestion and, subsequently, traffic emissions.

**FACT #2**
CONCENTRATIONS OF FINE PARTICLES DURING PICK-UP HOURS ARE UP TO THREE TIMES LOWER THAN AT DROP-OFF HOURS DUE TO DISTRIBUTED PICK-UP TIMES AND BETTER DISPERSION CONDITIONS IN THE AFTERNOON.

**CHILDREN**
- Keep your distance from idling cars as much as possible.

**SCHOOL**
- Organise and schedule before- and after-school activities to stagger child drop-off and pick-up times or a carpool club to reduce the number of cars.
- Support access to bicycles for all, e.g. via a bike pool scheme.

**COMMUNITY**
- Avoid vehicle use for school runs, where possible, or park cars away from school entrances.
- Encourage local authorities to create controlled parking zones and to prohibit parking on streets around schools to improve the flow of cars during drop-off/pick-up hours.