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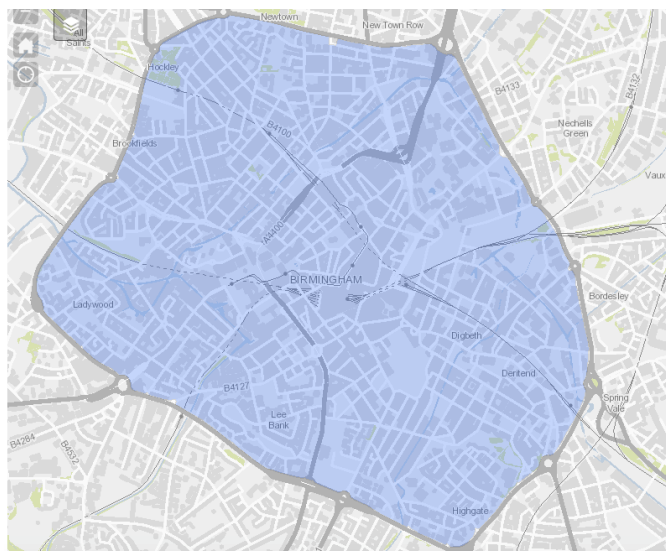
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Dear Parent / Carer,

As you may know, on Monday 1 June, the City Council is introducing a new [Clean Air Zone](#) to reduce Birmingham's carbon emissions. I am writing to bring this to your attention because it could affect your journey to school and mean you need to pay a charge if you drive through the zone.

Where is the zone?

The zone covers all the roads within the A4540 Middleway Ring Road, but not the Middleway itself. Jewellery Quarter Academy is in the zone.



What does it cost?

It costs £8 to drive through the zone in a 'high polluting vehicle' – that is, a diesel manufactured before 2015 or a petrol car made before 2006. You can find out more about whether your car is affected on this [government website](#). While there are some exemptions – for example, for city workers earning less than £30,000 - school journeys are not excluded.

While we support the City Council's ambition to cut pollution in our Birmingham, we are very concerned about the potential cost of the zone for our families traveling to school each day. I would like to reassure you that we have raised this issue with the authorities and have asked that the matter be urgently reviewed, so that school journeys are exempt from the charges.

In the meantime, you may wish to look at alternative means of travel for your child, such as train, tram or bus. Please contact the Academy if you would like any further help with this.

Yours sincerely,

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