



Air Quality Policy

St. Stephen's is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for all students and staff.

AQI Air Quality Index	AQI Level	Description	School Practice
0-49	Good	Air quality is considered satisfactory, and air pollution poses little or no risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students: All learning is unaffected Staff: All duties are unaffected.
50-99	Moderate	Air quality is acceptable; however, with some pollutants there may be a moderate health concern for a very small number of people.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students: Learning is unaffected. Staff: Teachers monitor students with identified pre-existing conditions when outdoors.
100-149	Unhealthy for Sensitive Individuals	General public is not likely to be affected; people with lung disease, older adults and younger children at greater risk from exposure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students: Outdoor learning, and after school activities may be modified for younger students or those with identified preexisting conditions to avoid prolonged exertion. Staff: Teachers monitor all students, particularly those with identified preexisting conditions when outdoors.
150-174	Unhealthy	Everyone may experience some adverse health effects; members of sensitive groups may experience more serious effects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Primary students: EY, Y1, Y2 students: stay indoors. Y3 to Y6 students: any outdoor activities, are either moved inside, or heavily modified. Secondary Students. All outdoor activities are modified to avoid prolonged exertion. Staff: Staff working outdoors should minimize all heavy physical activity for prolonged period of time.
175-199	Unhealthy		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students: From 07:15, all students go directly to classroom, Flag is held indoors. Outdoor activities are moved inside, where possible. Staff: Staff working outdoors should minimise all heavy physical activity over a prolonged period of time.
200-299	Very Unhealthy	This would trigger a health alert signifying that everyone may experience more serious health effects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students: from 07:15, all students go directly to classroom in the morning, Flag is held indoors. All outdoor learning is cancelled Staff: Staff engaged in physical labour outdoors should wear N95, or higher, face masks.
300+	Hazardous	This would trigger a health warnings of emergency conditions. The entire population is more likely to be affected	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students: No Outdoor activities. Staff: Staff must wear N95, or higher, face masks if outdoors for any extended period of time.