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Dear Mr Osborne,

I note with interest your report on air quality in central London and its impact upon schools in the area (pg 34, 14.9.17). Not for the first time, St Mary's has been named as the most affected school, with Nitrogen Dioxide levels of 67  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ . However, we have been relentless in tackling this issue with significant greening of the school site, dissuading traffic from stopping outside the school, encouraging walking and cycling to school, and raising awareness locally of the issue through our 'Air Quality Play Street'. We have recently monitored the levels of  $\text{NO}_2$  *within* our school site, and found that far from 67  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ , they are in fact almost half that (36  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ) in our green, spacious playground. Whilst we are extremely concerned about this issue and are working tirelessly to combat air pollution for the sake of our own pupils, and pupils across London, we would like it noted that our pupils are not actually in the dire situation that your paper (and others) have claimed.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Emily Norman".

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