6 KEY ASPECTS FOR THE SCHOOLS WE WANT

Top quality air
Air pollution affects children’s cardiovascular, respiratory and mental health. It also hampers learning and increases the risk of overweight, diabetes and obesity. Improving air quality must be a priority.

More birds and less engines
Exposure to noise can impair or delay the functioning and development of the hearing system, and affect mental health and school performance. As traffic is a major source of noise, it should be kept away from school environments.

No fan for school
Children are more vulnerable to heat impacts than adults as they are less able to regulate their body temperature. Architectural elements and green spaces can help to reduce the impacts of heat.

Greener than ever
Green spaces help improve mental, respiratory and cardiovascular health, as well as academic performance and social skills. They also promote physical activity, reduce noise and filter air pollutants.

On their own
Well-marked school routes, kept away from noise and traffic pollution, promote active and autonomous mobility of children.

On foot, by bike, scooter or public transport
Cycle lanes, bike and scooter parking, nearby public transport stops and good road signs encourage healthier commuting.

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