



A MOTHER and daughter in Belgium came up with an ingenious way to get a McDonald's meal from a drive-through, without a car – they made one out of cardboard boxes.

All McDonald's restaurants are closed because of the coronavirus pandemic, and the only way to get a meal is at a drive-through. So, when 16-year-old Marie Moermans from La Louvière wanted a takeaway from her favourite fast food chain during lockdown, her mum Nathalie came up with a plan – she suggested they build their own car.

The vehicle came complete with a 'COVID-19' licence plate and 'Sorry I want a McDonald's but don't have a car' written on the side. It attracted a lot of attention when it hit the roads, and was even pulled over by the police – who saw the funny side.

Their hard work paid off, and the pair managed to order and get their meals after waiting in line with all the actual cars.

R: Whereabouts in Belgium is Marie Moermans from?

La Louvière

I: ...pulled over by the police – who saw the funny side. How else could the police have reacted to a car made from cardboard boxes on the roads?

The police could have reacted in a negative way considering that it could be dangerous being on the road in a cardboard box car. They may have told the mother and daughter to get off the road as they weren't in a proper car.

C: Look at the section in bold. What does the word **ingenious** mean?

A clever or original idea that serves a purpose.