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Important Information for Parents – Use of E-Scooters

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are writing to share important information regarding the use of e-scooters, following guidance from the Police Service.

While e-scooters are widely available to purchase, current law states that they **cannot be used on public roads, cycle lanes, or pavements**. Their use is **only permitted on private land**. This is because e-scooters are classified as motor vehicles and are subject to the same legal requirements as other vehicles, including insurance, licensing, tax, and MOT.

As most e-scooters do not meet these requirements, they are not considered legal for use in public areas.

If a young person is stopped by the police while riding an e-scooter, they may receive advice; however, **penalties may also be issued**, including:

- A fine of up to **£1,000** and 3–6 penalty points for driving without a licence
- A **£200 fixed penalty** and 6 penalty points for no insurance
- Further penalties for offences such as riding on pavements, using a mobile phone, ignoring traffic signals, or drink driving

In light of this, students should not travel to or from school on e-scooters. As a school, we cannot endorse or support young people breaking the law, and therefore we are unable to provide storage or accommodation for e-scooters on school premises.

We kindly ask for your support in reinforcing this message with your child to ensure their safety and to help them avoid any potential legal consequences. Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

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An e-scooter is shown in motion on a road, with white and black lines radiating from it to indicate speed. The scooter is white with black wheels and handlebars. The background is a teal color with white and black lines.

E-SCOOTERS

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What is the law on e-scooters?

Currently in the UK, you can legally buy an e-scooter, but you cannot ride it on a public road, cycle lane or pavement. The only place it can be used is on private land.

The reason for this is that e-scooters are treated as motor vehicles by the Department of Infrastructure and are subject to the same legal requirement as other vehicles, such as MOT, licencing, tax and insurance. Because they don't always have number plates, signalling ability or visible rear lights, they cannot be used legally on the roads.

What happens if I am stopped by the police?

The police will advise you on the law and may ask you to take your e-scooter home. They may, however, still penalise you depending on the seriousness of the offence. If caught riding an e-scooter, fines you may receive can include:

- Be prosecuted for no driving licence which can result in a fine of £1000 plus 3-6 penalty points
- A Fixed Penalty Notice for no insurance, with a £200 fine and six penalty points

Other offences which may result in penalties include riding on the footpath, using a mobile phone, riding through red lights and drink driving offences.

To find out more, visit
psni.police.uk/escooters