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Dear Parents/Guardians,

## **E-Scooters on the school grounds**

We write to draw your attention to the matter of **electric scooters** (e-scooters) being used on the school premises and surrounding area.

In recent weeks it has been brought to our attention that there is an increasing number of individuals riding e-scooters on the school premises.

E-scooters are a relatively new mode of transport and as such the Government is trialling various schemes and developing the guidance around their safe use. However, (at the time of writing this letter) many people are still unaware that e-scooters are classed as 'Personal Light Electric Vehicles' (PLEVs), which means they are treated as motor vehicles and subject to the same legal requirements such as:

- Driving licence
- Insurance
- Number plates
- Lighting
- Brakes
- Type approval
- Road tax
- Crash helmets etc.

Without these, e-scooters cannot be used legally on the road. In no circumstances is it legal to use them on the pavement.

We understand many parents/guardians may wish to purchase an e-scooter or perhaps already have one. We ask that you do not ride these to school or use these on the school premises at any time. The safety of our children is paramount which is why we are taken a zero tolerance approach to e-scooters.

The Government is currently trialling the use of approved rental e-scooters as environmentally friendly modes of transport in some specific locations in the UK (find out more here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/e-scooter-trials-guidance-for-users>).

**Only approved rental e-scooters may be used in the Government-led trial areas, in line with specific terms of use. For the rest of the country, under current law, e-scooters can only be used on private land.**



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The police are obliged to take action against anyone who is caught repeatedly using an e-scooter illegally or in a way that causes a nuisance to others. In these circumstances, the police have the power to seize the e-scooter under Section 59 of the Police Reform Act/165 of the Road Traffic Act.

Anyone found to be continuing to use e-scooters on the school premises will be reported to the police. This is for the safety of our staff and children as well as any visitors to our school.

For further detailed information regarding e-scooters please visit **GOV.UK:**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/powered-transporters/information-sheet-guidance-on-powered-transporters>

*Yours sincerely,*



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