**Safeguarding Update – electric scooters (e-scooters)**

Dear Parents / Carers,

It has come to our attention that E-scooters are being used by both children and adults to and from school. Recently, this has resulted in some very near misses which could have caused serious harm. Due to this we have had to take the decision to ban this type of transport from the school site.

**Can I be prosecuted for using a powered transporter?**

* Any person who uses a powered transporter on a public road or other prohibited space is in **breach of the law**, committing a **criminal offence** and can be **prosecuted**
* If you use an e-scooter **illegally**, you could face a **fine and penalty points** on your licence, and the e-scooter could be impounded

**Are e-scooters safe to ride on public roads?**

* E-scooters can be very dangerous and are not designed for use on public roads
* They have no suspension meaning even a minor defect in the road could cause the rider to be knocked off the e-scooter
* E-scooters consist of a thin piece of metal between two small tyres with the user being inches from the road surface. This can result in a significant risk of traumatic injury on the road
* E-scooters are not designed to carry more than one person
* E-scooters are small, quiet and quick, meaning they present safety challenges when being ridden on busy public roads
* E-scooters can be dangerous when used in parks or on public footpaths as they can cause significant injury to pedestrians

**Did you know?**

• E-scooters are illegal for use in any public space unless rented as part of an approved trial.

• Riding an e-scooter on the road is against the law as per the Road Traffic Act of 1988/Highway Act of 1835

• E-scooters are prohibited from being used on cycle tracks, cycle lanes on roads, or other spaces dedicated to pedal cycle use only

• Privately owned e-scooters can only be ridden on private land.

**We ask that all parents ensure that they abide by the law and do not use e-scooters as transport to and from school and reminder you that therefore e-scooters are not allowed on school premises.**

Yours sincerely

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