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Dear Parent/Guardian

### **Electric Scooters**

Since the start of the new school term, an increasing number of students and parents are arriving at school on electric scooters (e-scooters).

I am writing to clarify that **students should not bring e-scooters onto the school site** and parents are advised not to ride an e-scooter for the following reasons:

- E-scooters are considered a “powered transport” by the government and, as such, they are treated as motor vehicles and are subject to all the same legal requirements - MOT, tax, licences and specific construction. As they do not have visible rear red lights, number plates or signaling ability, they cannot be used legally on the roads and should not be ridden on pavements. Effectively this means that whilst it is not illegal to own an e-scooter, they cannot legally be used anywhere other than on private land; <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/powered-transporters/information-sheet-guidance-on-powered-transporters>
- Whilst there is currently a government trial running for approved rental e-scooters in designated geographical areas, our area is not part of the trial and moreover, users of the e scooters in the trial are required to have a driving licence (so are not suitable for students);
- There is no storage for e-scooters on the school site and we are not able to accommodate these within the school building.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Yours sincerely

**Mr A Johnson**  
Headteacher