E Scooters – School Routes

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Dear Parent / Guardian

We are currently working in partnership with schools and the local council to improve the safety of children and young people at school, in our communities and on our roads.

As part of this work, concerns have been raised regarding the use of privately owned e-scooters by pupils travelling to and from schools, this comes after incidents where children have been involved in collisions with other road users, resulting in serious life changing injuries.

Whilst e-scooters can be appealing to young people, many parents are unaware that privately owned e-scooters **cannot legally be ridden on public roads**, pavements, cycle lanes or other public places.

The purpose of this operation is not to criminalise young people, but to ensure that families are aware of the legislation and the potential risks associated with e-scooter use in the first instance.

We are committed to educating pupils and parents so that informed decisions can be made to keep everyone safe, **however enforcement action will be taken where required**.
Privately owned E-scooters may only be used on private land with the permission of the landowner. There use in public places is currently unlawful, they do not meet the legal requirements for use on the road, such as insurance and registration.

Beyond the legal considerations, there are significant safety concerns. E-scooters can reach considerable speeds and provide no protection in the event of a collision. Injuries to riders, pedestrians and other road users can be serious, in some cases, life threatening.

Where a child continues to use a privately owned e-scooter illegally, Police will consider enforcement action. This will result in the e-scooter being seized and other sanctions will be considered under road traffic legislation.

We would therefore ask that you take the time to discuss this matter with your child and ensure they understand both the legal restrictions and the safety risks involved, no longer allowing the use of the e-scooter on public roads. Using them only on private land with the landowner's permission.

By working together, schools, parents and the Police can help reduce the risks of injury and keep young people safe and lawful.

Thank you for your co-operation.
Kind regards
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