



30th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

E-Scooters – Safety, Legal Responsibilities and Parental Support

We are writing to raise our concerns about the continued increase in the use of e-scooters by young people, both nationally and within our local area. Due to this we are asking for your support in educating our young people in this matter.

Whilst we appreciate that e-scooters may appear to be a convenient and enjoyable way of travelling, there are significant safety and legal concerns that all parents, carers and students need to understand.

E-scooters can travel at considerable speeds and can be difficult to control, particularly around traffic, pedestrians, junctions and uneven surfaces. A collision involving an e-scooter can result in serious injury to the rider or other road users.

There are also important legal restrictions in the UK. Privately owned e-scooters cannot currently be legally ridden on public roads, pavements, cycle lanes or other public spaces. They can only legally be used on private land with the permission of the landowner.

Illegal use can result in enforcement action, including fines and penalty points, for parents and carers. This may also have consequences for future driving and insurance!

Within the Academy PC Fenn our SEIO (School Early Intervention Officer) will be delivering assemblies on this, as well as other topics, to support education of our young persons. In addition, please can we ask for your support in conversations out of school too.

At a time to suit please can we request that you take a few minutes to discuss e-scooter use with your child and ensure that they understand both the risks and the law.

Parent/Carer possible discussion points:

- ☐ If your child owns or uses an e-scooter, make sure you understand where they are riding it and whether this is legal.
- ☐ Make it clear that privately owned e-scooters must not be ridden on public roads, pavements or cycle lanes.



- ☐ Talk to your child about the risks of speeding, weaving through traffic, riding near pedestrians and using an e-scooter in poor weather or low visibility.
- ☐ Reinforce the importance of never using a mobile phone or headphones in a way that prevents them from concentrating on their surroundings.
- ☐ Discuss the dangers of carrying passengers on an e-scooter.
- ☐ Please do not purchase or provide an e-scooter for your child to use illegally on public roads or pavements.
- ☐ If your child currently uses an e-scooter as a method to travel, please consider an alternative, legal and safer method of transport.

Our priority working together as a team (The Academy and home), is the safety and wellbeing of every student. We do not want to see a young person seriously injured, or a family facing legal or financial consequences, because the risks associated with e-scooter use were underestimated.

We appreciate that parents and carers play a crucial role in reinforcing these messages, and appreciate any help and support you can give in advance.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation in helping us to keep our students and the wider community safe.



E-SCOOTERS: KNOW THE DANGERS. KNOW THE LAW.

A MESSAGE FOR PARENTS & CARERS



**PRIVATELY OWNED
E-SCOOTERS ARE ILLEGAL
TO RIDE IN PUBLIC**

Roads • Pavements • Parks • Cycle lanes

Private e-scooters may only be used on private land with the landowner's permission.



**PENALTIES CAN INCLUDE
6 POINTS**

Using an uninsured e-scooter can result in 6–8 penalty points. A person who causes or permits an uninsured vehicle to be used can also face prosecution.



THE SCOOTER MAY ALSO BE SEIZED.



WHY IT MATTERS

- Serious injury risk
- No insurance for privately owned e-scooters used in public
- Police enforcement and vehicle seizure
- Battery/fire risks from damaged or poor-quality batteries

*The risks
are real.
Lives can
be changed.*



PLEASE TALK TO YOUR CHILD BEFORE THEY RIDE

- Check where they are riding
- Do not allow use of a private e-scooter in public
- Talk about helmets, visibility and responsible riding

