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Dear Parents & Carers,

We are aware that some of our students now own e-scooters – it is perfectly legal to buy, sell and own e-scooters, but it is not currently legal to use them on roads, pavements or cycle lanes. We have had a number of complaints about children coming to school on e-scooters, and driving dangerously whilst doing so.

Please see below current information from the [Metropolitan Police](#) about the use of e-scooters.

Electrical scooters (also known as e-scooters) come under the category of “powered transporters”. This also covers a range of other personal transport devices, which are powered by a motor.

“Powered transporters” fall within the legal definition of a motor vehicle under the Road Traffic Act 1988. Therefore, the rules that apply to motor vehicles, also apply to e-scooters.

As a motor vehicle, they must comply with various pieces of Road Traffic Legislation, including but not limited to:

- *driving with a licence*
- *driving/riding with insurance*
- *driving/riding other than on a road*
- *need to be taxed*

It is not currently possible to get appropriate insurance for privately owned e-scooters, meaning it is illegal to use them on the road or in public spaces.

It is legal to use an e-scooter:

- *on private land with the permission of the land owner*
- *when the trial comes in, it will be legal to use the rental e-scooters, from specific companies on the road*

As it is illegal to ride e-scooters without holding a full or provisional driving license, or on the pavement, we cannot allow students to bring e-scooters to school under any circumstances. We can not take responsibility for them, or condone the illegal use. If e-scooters are brought to school, we will call you to come and collect the scooter.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Lindsey Hodgson

Head of School

