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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Re: Important information regarding E-Bikes & E-Scooters

We would like to remind all parents and guardians of the current UK law surrounding the use of E-bikes and E-scooters.

Electric bikes (or e-bikes) are classed as Electronically Assisted Pedal Cycles (EAPCs) by authorities. The current UK law surrounding EAPCs states that riders must be at least 14 years of age when using them on the roads. **Therefore, it is illegal in the UK for children under 14 to ride e-bikes.** It is important to remember that once a battery has been fitted to a bike, there's the potential for it to be turned on and used, so children under 14 years of age are still prohibited from using one whether the battery is on or not.

With regards to the use of E-scooters, UK law states that **'you must have the category Q entitlement on your driving licence to use an e-scooter'**. Further to this E-scooters are classed as motor vehicles under the Road Traffic Act 1988, which means the rules that apply to motor vehicles, also apply to e-scooters, including the need to have a licence, insurance and tax. Without these it is against the law to ride a private e-scooter anywhere other than on private land and only then, with the express permission of the land owner.

The Government is running trials of electric scooters (e-scooters) but we would like remind you that in order to use these trial scooters you need to be a **minimum of 18 years old** and in possession of a current driving license. However, these trials are currently not taking place in Sefton. Guidance lists the rules for members of the general public who are using e-scooters that are part of trials however the rules for private e-scooters have not changed. **It is against the law to use a privately-owned e-scooter without the relevant legislative requirements.** If you use an e-scooter illegally:

- you could face a fine
- you could get penalty points on your licence
- the e-scooter could be impounded

As a school we are writing to you to make you aware that as of **1 December 2023** E-scooters and E-bikes will not be allowed on school premises.

For further information please refer to the latest governmental guidance on Powered Transporters 2020, The Road Traffic Act 1988 and the latest guidance on 'Advice using e-scooters' from Merseyside Police.

Yours sincerely

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