

25th June 2025

Dear Parents / Carers

Re. Student & Staff Safety - Illegal Use of E-Scooters and Cycling Safety

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to inform you of an important matter concerning student safety on their journeys to and from school.

It has come to our attention that a number of students have been spotted on their parents / guardian's electric scooters (E- Scooters) illegally, on their way to and from school. We would like to remind all families that, under current UK law, privately owned E-Scooters are not permitted to be used on public roads, pavements, or cycle lanes. As such, anyone found riding e-scooters are in breach of the law and pose a significant safety risk to themselves and others.

Effective immediately, E-Scooters are banned completely from entering our school grounds (even being walked through!). Anyone found doing so, will be asked to leave the school grounds and may be reported. Any child coming to school on an E-Scooter will have it confiscated and parents will be contacted to collect it. Repeated breaches may result in further disciplinary action.

In addition, we would like to take this opportunity to encourage all students who cycle to school to wear a properly fitted cycling helmet. While not a legal requirement, wearing a helmet significantly reduces the risk of serious head injury in the event of an accident. We strongly recommend that all students cycling to school wear a helmet and follow the Highway Code to ensure their safety and the safety of others. Please remember, no one is allowed to ride any bike, scooter, or anything similar (including balance bikes) on the school grounds.

We appreciate your support in reinforcing these important safety messages at home. Our shared priority, is the wellbeing of all students, and we thank you for working with us to ensure their journeys to and from school are as safe as possible.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact school.

For further information, please see the attached safety brief.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Sarah Rudd Executive Headteacher















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Important - E-Scooter Safety

Following the recent tragic death of a young man in Wythenshawe involving an E-Scooter, we want to ensure all families are aware of the current laws and safety guidance around their use.

Legal Reminder:

- **Privately owned e-scooters remain illegal** to use on public roads, pavements, parks, and other public spaces in the UK.
- These e-scooters cannot be insured for public use, meaning riding one in public is a criminal offence.
- If used illegally, the e-scooter can be seized under Section 165 of the Road Traffic Act 1988.
- Causing serious harm while riding an e-scooter is treated the same as if driving a car or motorcycle.

Safety Tips for E-Scooter Use (on private land or in legal trial areas):

- Always wear a helmet and protective gear.
- Only use e-scooters on private land with permission.
- Charge and store the scooter safely.
- Never carry passengers.
- Avoid distractions like phones or headphones.
- Regularly check the scooter for damage or faults.

Please can you ensure that you, your child or any other friend / family member, dropping off or collecting from school, **DO NOT** come to school on an E-Scooter. We also ask that you discuss the dangers of E-Scooter use with your child. The following video may be helpful in highlighting the risks: <u>Jacob's Journey - Life over Death - YouTube</u>

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