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Dear Parents / Carers,

Following an incident on our playground this morning we would like to make all parents aware of the law with regards to electric scooters, to help keep everyone safe and on the right side of the law.

What the law says:

- Privately owned e-scooters are **illegal** to ride on public roads, pavements, parks, cycle lanes, or any public land. [GOV.UK+2Police UK+2](#)
- You may only use a private e-scooter on private land — for example, your own driveway or land with the owner's permission. [GOV.UK+2iScooter UK+2](#)
- There are official **rental/trial e-scooter schemes** (in many towns and cities) where public use is legal under specific conditions. [GOV.UK+2GOV.UK+2](#)
- In those trial schemes, riders must have a provisional or full driving licence, the scooters must have insurance (third-party cover), the maximum speed is roughly 15.5 mph (or lower in some areas), and riding on pavements is not allowed. [GOV.UK+2GOV.UK+2](#)

What this means for our children:

- Even small private e-scooters cannot be legally used in public places (roads, pavements, parks) by children.
- If children ride a legal rental scooter, they must meet the licence requirement, follow the trial rules, and ride only in the approved areas.
- Illegal use of e-scooters in public can lead to fines, penalty points (on driving licences), and/or the scooter being seized. [GOV.UK+2Police UK+2](#)

What you can do:

- Please speak with your child about these rules, especially the difference between private vs rental/trial e-scooters
- Please be mindful of the legislation and **do not allow** your child to ride an electric scooter to school
- Encourage safe use in private spaces only, unless they are using a rental scheme in a trial area under correct conditions
- Use helmets, bright clothing, and ensure visibility whenever riding
- Check whether your area has a rental trial, and what their rules are, before letting children try them

Thank you for your support in this important matter.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Dowse (Head of School) and Mrs Welch (Deputy Headteacher/DSL)