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Dear families

I am writing to you ahead of the summer holiday in regard to the use of e-bikes and e-scooters, as we are aware that these are becoming increasingly popular.

We believe it is important to ensure you are aware of the legal position in regard to these.

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.

E-scooters are classified legally as 'powered transporters'.

[Government guidance](#) on the use of 'powered transporters' states the following:

"It is illegal for anybody to use a powered transporter

- on a public road without complying with a number of legal requirements, which potential users will find very difficult
- in spaces that are set aside for use by pedestrians, cyclists, and horse-riders; this includes on the pavement and in cycle lanes."

The only exception to this rule is where the 'powered transporter' is part of a government-sponsored trial scheme, such as that operating in Nottingham or parts of Northamptonshire.

It is therefore highly unlikely that the use of a privately-owned e-scooter to travel to and from school will be legal.

You will, in addition, be familiar with a number of high-profile incidents in recent months which have reminded us all of the safety considerations related to these modes of transport.

In writing this letter to you, we are therefore urging you to familiarise yourself with the law in regard to the use of e-bikes and e-scooters as they apply to your children and to remind you of your obligation to ensure that the way in which they travel to school is both safe and legal.

I hope you have a very relaxing summer break.

Yours sincerely

Wayne Norrie
Chief Executive Officer

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