KH/PP/TM/E-Scooters

Dear Parents and Carers,

Important Information Regarding E-Scooters

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With Christmas approaching, I am aware that some families may be considering purchasing an electric scooter (e-scooter) as a gift for their child. Before doing so, it is important that parents and carers understand the law surrounding their use, as well as the potential safety risks and consequences of using them illegally.

At Barr Beacon School, we have high expectations of our pupils, both in school and when representing us in the wider community. Our Beacon Values encourage pupils to Act Responsibly, show Consideration for Others and Own What You Do. This includes making safe and responsible choices when travelling to and from school.

It is important to understand that privately owned e-scooters cannot legally be ridden on public roads, pavements, cycle lanes or in other public spaces. Under current UK legislation, e-scooters are classed as motor vehicles and require appropriate insurance and licensing. As privately owned e-scooters cannot currently be insured for use on public roads, they can only be used on private land with the landowner's permission.

There are also significant safety concerns associated with e-scooters, particularly when used on busy roads and pavements. Their use can put both riders and other members of the public at risk, including pedestrians and other road users. Anyone found using an e-scooter illegally also risks having it seized by the police, receiving a fine or facing prosecution.
We work closely with West Midlands Police to promote the safety of our pupils and the wider community. We fully support their efforts to tackle the illegal and dangerous use of e-scooters and will continue to work in partnership with them where concerns arise.
We ask parents and carers to support us by ensuring their children do not use privately owned e-scooters to travel to and from school. With Christmas approaching, we would also strongly encourage families considering purchasing an e-scooter to understand the legal restrictions and safety implications before making that decision.

Our strong partnership with parents and carers is essential in reinforcing the high expectations we have of our pupils. By working together, we can help young people make responsible decisions, understand the consequences of their actions and ensure the safety of our school and local community.

Please take a moment to read the attached information leaflet produced by West Midlands Police, which provides further guidance on the law, safety considerations and the potential consequences of illegal e-scooter use.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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