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Important information regarding Electric Scooters and Electric Bikes

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Metropolitan Police Service is increasingly dealing with incidents involving e-scooters and e-bikes being used in an anti-social and dangerous manner.

Many parents purchase these vehicles for their children without realising there are legal restrictions regarding where and how they can be used.
Please be aware:

- Privately owned e-scooters and some e-bikes cannot be used on public roads, pavements or public spaces.
- Modified or illegally adapted e-bikes may be treated as motor vehicles in law.
- Riders can be reported for offences including careless driving, dangerous driving, driving without insurance and riding in an anti-social manner.
- Police have powers to stop and seize vehicles being used unlawfully or anti-socially.
- A seized vehicle may not be returned and owners can face recovery fees, fines and court proceedings.

We have received reports of e-scooters and e-bikes being ridden dangerously near pedestrians, schools, parks and shopping areas. These behaviours place both riders and members of the public at risk of serious injury.

In addition, we are increasingly seeing individuals in possession of e-bikes and e-scooters becoming targets for theft and robberies.

Parents and guardians are encouraged to:

- Check whether any e-bike purchased complies with UK legislation.
- Supervise children using such vehicles and discuss personal safety.
- Discuss road safety and responsible behaviour.
- Ensure children understand that police can seize vehicles being used illegally.

Our aim is to educate young people and keep our communities safe. However, where offences occur, enforcement action will be taken.

Thank you for your support.
Yours faithfully,
Metropolitan Police Service