

7<sup>th</sup> June 2021

**Re: E-Scooters**

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you and your family are safe and well and had an enjoyable half term break.

I am getting to touch regarding the use of electric scooters, as we have noticed more and more of our students using these to travel to the Academy recently. As the Clean Air Zone in central Birmingham begins, and with the [emergence of VOI scooters being available for rental across the city](#), it is understandable why some families may have chosen this method of transport for their child. However, we thought it was appropriate to clarify the law around this mode of transport – as there is some uncertainty around the restrictions.

**While hired VOI scooters have less restrictions, it is illegal to use privately-owned e-scooters on public roads, on pavements, in cycle lanes and in pedestrian-only areas.**

The reason for this is that electric scooters are [currently classed as 'powered transporters' by the government and fall under the same laws and regulations that apply to all motor vehicles](#). This makes their use on pavements, in cycle lanes and in pedestrian-only areas illegal straightaway and use on public roads would only be legal if electric scooters could meet the same requirements as motor vehicles (e.g. in terms of insurance, tax, license, registration), which they cannot.

You may have read in local news that police and traffic enforcement officers have confiscated e-scooters when used inappropriately and we would hate to see valuable possessions removed from students because they don't understand the rules.

Furthermore, our Academy is located in an area which has very busy traffic and new road markings which some motorists are confused by and riding e-scooters on roads or footpaths could even result in a road traffic accident. We do not want any of our students penalised or, even worse, injured.

Finally, we cannot guarantee secure storage of these expensive items at school.

**For these reasons, from Monday June 28<sup>th</sup>, we will not permit e-scooters to be stored on site under any circumstances.**

We hope you will understand why we have taken this course of action and we thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely



**Mr J Barton**  
Head of School