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Raising awareness of e-scooter safety this Christmas

Dear Headteacher,

With Christmas fast approaching, we're asking for your support in reminding parents, carers and guardians about the laws and safety concerns surrounding e-scooters, particularly as they are becoming increasingly popular gifts for young people.

Across Wiltshire and nationally, we're seeing more young people riding e-scooters on roads, pavements and in public spaces, often without understanding the legal restrictions or safety risks involved.

It is important that families know that privately owned e-scooters cannot legally be used on public roads, pavements, cycle paths or parks. They can only be used on private land, and only with the landowner's permission.

Police can and will take enforcement action. Officers can seize e-scooters being used illegally and riders may receive warnings, fines, penalty points on a future driving licence or prosecution.

There are also significant safety concerns. Some e-scooters can travel at high speeds, and when ridden without helmets, training or road awareness, they present a real risk of serious harm to both the rider and others.

If you can share the following information with your school community through newsletters, parent mail or noticeboards over the Christmas period, it would be a great help.



Key points for parents, carers and guardians:

- **Privately owned e-scooters are not legal to use on public roads, pavements, cycle lanes or parks.** They can only be used on private land with permission.
- **Police can seize e-scooters being used illegally.** Riders may also receive warnings, fines, points on a future driving licence or prosecution.
- **There are real safety risks.** Some e-scooters can travel at speeds of 30mph or more. Without helmets, road awareness or proper supervision, the risk of serious injury is high.

This winter, Wiltshire Police will be taking proactive steps to tackle illegal and unsafe use of e-scooters. **We have already seized more than 140 vehicles,** and we want to prevent that number from increasing.

We appreciate that many families may be unaware of the rules when purchasing e-scooters as gifts. By sharing this information, we can help young people stay safe and avoid costly mistakes.

For further information, please visit our dedicated webpage on e-scooter law and safety: www.wiltshire.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/rs/road-safety/advice-escooters/

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Wiltshire Police

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