Hazelbury Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Important Safety Information Regarding E-Bikes and E-Scooters

As we begin the new academic year, I would like to highlight some important information regarding the use of e-bikes and e-scooters, as well as the steps we can all take to keep our children and young people safe. The popularity of these vehicles continues to increase, and with this there have also been growing concerns regarding road safety, theft, robbery and the unlawful use of certain electric vehicles.

Our Expectations on the School Site

The safety of our children, families and staff is always our highest priority. **E-bikes and e-scooters must not be ridden anywhere on the school site.** This includes playgrounds, paths, entrances and all areas within the school grounds.

Anyone arriving at school on an e-bike or e-scooter must **dismount before entering the school site and walk with it safely**.

If this rule is not followed, the individual will be asked to **leave the e-bike or e-scooter at the school gate before entering the site**. We appreciate your support in reinforcing this expectation with your children. These measures are necessary to protect the safety of the many young children and families moving around our busy school site.

Understanding the Law

Please find below advice from Mehmet Ganidagli, Specialist Community Liaison Sergeant for Enfield and Haringey regarding e-bikes and scooters. Not all electrically powered bikes are treated in the same way under UK law.

A legal e-bike, known as an Electrically Assisted Pedal Cycle (EAPC) must:

- Have pedals that can be used to propel the bike.
- Have a motor with a maximum continuous rated power of 250 watts.
- Stop providing electrical assistance when the vehicle reaches 15.5 mph (25 km/h).

Many privately owned e-scooters do not meet the requirements for use on public roads, pavements or cycle lanes. In most circumstances, privately owned e-scooters cannot legally be used in public places and may be seized if used unlawfully. Parents and carers are encouraged to research any e-bike or e-scooter before purchase to ensure that it complies with current legislation.

Further Government guidance can be found at: Government guidance on electric bike rules

Crime Prevention and Personal Safety Advice

E-bikes and e-scooters can be attractive targets for thieves and are sometimes stolen, particularly when young people are travelling to and from school.

Advice for Parents and Carers

- Lock and secure bikes properly when leaving them unattended.
- Record the make, model and serial number of any bicycle, e-bike or e-scooter.
- Consider registering bicycles, e-bikes, e-scooters, electronic devices, mobile phones and other valuable possessions on Immobilise, a free online property registration service.
- Discuss personal safety and safe travel arrangements to and from school with your children.

Immobilise is a free online property registration service that allows you to record ownership details of valuable possessions. This can assist the police in identifying and returning recovered property that has been lost or stolen.

Property can be registered free of charge through: Immobilise – Property Registration Service

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and cooperation in helping us to keep all members of our school community safe.

Yours sincerely,

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