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GIRLS' SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM

## SAFEGUARDING BULLETIN – Electric Scooters

Dear Parents/Carers,

West Midlands Police (November 2022) have given a direct communication to South Birmingham Schools regarding electric or e-scooters.

A reminder that all electric scooters are illegal to use public roads, footpath and land. This means that they can ONLY be used on privately owned land with the direct permission of the land owner.

So, if you were thinking of an e-scooter as a Christmas present please consider the very limited places this could be used.

The Police will seize these. If any were to come to school they would be confiscated and passed to the police.

The pink e-scooters that Birmingham Council are operating are for people with a valid driving licence only and should not be shared with anyone else.

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In the Express (so not from the Police directly to us) there is also an article, see below, suggesting that these devices are not only being used illegally but also for illegal activity.

The express newspaper claims that 'young drug dealers are riding electric scooters to make sales and that Police are regularly seizing scooters from suspected dealers who are using them to zip quietly between deliveries at up to 15mph, despite it being illegal to ride them on British roads. Cases of e-scooter riders being arrested in connection with the supply of drugs are on the rise, it was said. The machines, that sell for between £100 and £1,000, have become more popular with youngsters in recent years'.

The article goes on to claim that 'there are even claims older dealers give children free scooters to lure them into the murky world of selling drugs'.

