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Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach Christmas, we would like to remind parents and carers to think carefully before purchasing e-scooters, electric motorbikes or off-road e-bikes for young people.

There are important laws around the ownership and use of these vehicles, and some cannot legally be used on public roads, pavements or in other public places. The rules depend on the type of vehicle, and it is important to understand these before making a purchase.

Police Scotland has highlighted concerns about the illegal and unsafe use of these vehicles, and the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service have issued a safety warning on the use of lithium-ion batteries following several battery related fires across the country.

Parents and carers should also be aware that allowing a young person to use a vehicle unlawfully could have legal consequences for them.

Most importantly, we want all our young people to stay safe. Inappropriate or illegal use of these vehicles can put both the rider and other people at significant risk.

Please take a moment to check the legal requirements and familiarise yourself with the very helpful information being provided to help make informed decisions before purchasing one of these vehicles this Christmas.

ADVICE AND INFORMATION:

- **Police Scotland:**
  https://www.scotland.police.uk/what-s-happening/news/2020/december/looking-to-purchase-an-e-scooter-this-christmas/

  https://tinyurl.com/PS-Advice-to-Parents

  https://tinyurl.com/eScooter-Leaflet

- **Scottish Fire and Rescue Service:**
  https://www.firescotland.gov.uk/at-home/lithium-ion-batteries/

By working together, we can help keep our young people and wider community safe.

Yours faithfully,

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