

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS: ELECTRIC BIKES & LIME BIKES

As part of our commitment to student safety and legal awareness, we are sharing important guidance about **electric bikes** and **Lime rental bikes**. These have become increasingly popular – but parents and students must be aware that certain uses are illegal and may lead to criminal consequences.



ILLEGAL

! UNDER 14s – IT IS **ILLEGAL** TO RIDE ELECTRIC BIKES ON ROADS

UK LAW IS CLEAR:

- Children must be 14 years or older to legally ride an electric bike (even a standard e-bike with pedals and limited speed) on any public road.
- This includes commuting to school.
- Electric bikes used on roads must meet legal standards for power and speed. If not, they are considered motor vehicles, requiring a license, registration, and insurance.

USING AN ELECTRIC BIKE UNDER THE AGE OF 14 ON A PUBLIC ROAD IS A CRIMINAL OFFENCE.



! UNDER 18s – **ILLEGAL** TO USE LIME BIKES

Lime e-bikes (and similar app-based rental bikes) **are only legal for people aged 18 and over.**

- To create an account, users must upload valid ID and a selfie as part of age verification.
- **Students under 18 riding a Lime bike are breaking the law.**
- Our Safer Schools Police Officer has confirmed that underage use is not only against company policy – it is also a **criminal offence**.



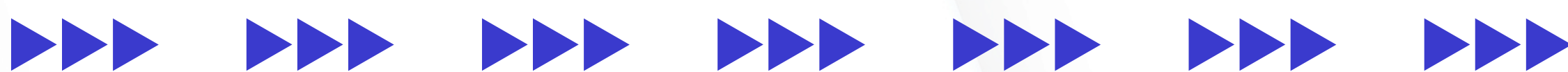
PARENTS CAN BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE IF A CHILD IS CAUGHT USING THESE BIKES ILLEGALLY.

WHY THIS MATTERS

- These bikes are motor-assisted and pose real safety risks – especially on busy roads.
- Police have the right to stop, confiscate, and issue penalties for illegal use.
- Any criminal offence can affect future applications for university, jobs, or even travel.

WHAT YOU CAN DO AS A PARENT

- Do not allow your child to use an electric bike on roads if they are under 14.
- Ensure your child does not use Lime bikes or create a Lime account if under 18.
- Talk to your child about the legal and safety risks.
- Report any unsafe or underage usage to the school or local Safer Schools Officer.



FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OR YOUR LOCAL SAFER SCHOOLS POLICE OFFICER.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US KEEP ALL OUR STUDENTS SAFE AND LAW-ABIDING.