

# HENDON SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Subject: **Electronic Bikes**

I am writing to inform you of an important change to our school policy regarding e-bikes. After careful consideration and in light of recent safety concerns, we have decided to implement a complete ban on adapted or non-compliant e-bikes on the school site. This decision has been taken with the health and safety of our students and the wider community as our highest priority.

Under UK law, Electrically Assisted Pedal Cycles (EAPCs) must meet specific requirements: they must have pedals, provide assistance only when pedalling, have a motor with a maximum continuous power of 250 watts, and cut off assistance at 15.5 mph. Riders must also be at least 14 years old to use an EAPC legally. More powerful models, or those modified to exceed these limits, are classed as motor vehicles and require a licence, insurance, and the rider must be at least 16 years old.

Unfortunately, recent tragic incidents nationally have highlighted the dangers of powerful or modified e-bikes. These machines can reach high speeds and pose a serious risk to riders and others. To prevent accidents and ensure compliance with the law, we will not allow any adapted or non-EAPC e-bikes on school premises. Students under 14 are not permitted to ride e-bikes to school under any circumstances.

Any e-bike found on the school site that does not meet legal standards will be confiscated and returned only to a parent or carer after a discussion with a senior member of staff. We ask all parents to check their child's bike and ensure it complies with the law before allowing them to ride to school.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep our school community safe. If you need guidance on whether your child's bike is compliant, please click on the link [Riding an electric bike: the rules - GOV.UK](#)

Yours sincerely

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