



Hebburn Comprehensive School

E-Scooter and E-Bike Policy

Statement of Intent

This policy outlines Hebburn Comprehensive School's position on the use, storage, and transport of electric scooters (e-scooters) and electric bikes (e-bikes) on school premises. It aims to ensure the safety of all students, staff, and visitors and to comply with UK legislation.

Legal Background

Under current UK law:

- Privately owned electric scooters (e-scooters) are not legal for use on public roads, pavements, or cycle lanes. They are only permitted on private land with the landowner's permission.
 - Source: Department for Transport, UK Government (Highway Code & Electric Scooter Guidance)
 - E-scooters are classed as motor vehicles under the Road Traffic Act 1988 and must meet requirements such as insurance, tax, MOT, and number plates to be road-legal. Privately owned models do not meet these criteria and are therefore illegal to use in public spaces, including areas around schools.
 - E-bikes (electrically assisted pedal cycles – EAPCs) are legal to use if they meet specific requirements, including motor power under 250 watts and a speed limit of 15.5 mph. However, many modified e-bikes exceed these limits and are classified as illegal motor vehicles.
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School Policy

Electric scooters and e-bikes must not be brought onto school grounds by pupils, staff, or visitors.

This includes:

- Riding to school on an e-scooter or non-compliant e-bike.
 - Bringing an e-scooter or e-bike onto school premises (including bike racks, car parks, entrances, and school buildings).
 - Charging e-scooters or e-bikes on school property.
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Reasons for this Policy

- Legal Compliance: Preventing use of illegal vehicles on school premises.
- Health and Safety: E-scooters pose significant risks due to high speed, lack of braking reliability, and silent operation.
- Safeguarding: Preventing unsafe peer influence, theft, and unauthorised journeys.

Sanctions and Confiscation

- If a student brings an e-scooter or e-bike onto the premises, it will be confiscated and held securely until collected by a parent/carer.
- Repeated breaches may result in further sanctions under the school's Behaviour Policy.
- The school is not liable for damage or loss of any prohibited items brought onto site in breach of this policy.

Staff and Visitor Expectations

All staff and visitors must comply with this policy. Staff members may only bring an electric bike if it meets UK legal requirements for EAPCs. Personal e-scooters must not be brought onto the premises under any circumstances.

Education and Communication

- Pupils will be informed through assemblies, PSHE lessons, and tutor time about the legal and safety implications of using e-scooters and illegal e-bikes.
- Parents will receive written communication to reinforce this policy and explain the legal context.
- The school will liaise with local police and transport officers where appropriate to raise awareness.

Policy Review and Monitoring

This policy will be reviewed annually or in response to:

- Legislative changes
- Local authority guidance
- Significant incidents involving electric vehicles on or near the school site

Monitoring and Review

This policy is reviewed annually, or sooner in response to national updates, changes in legislation, or local guidance. Implementation is monitored by the Designated Safeguarding Lead and reported to the Governing Board.

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs S Burdis

Signed:

Head Teacher:



Mr D R Thompson



Chair of Governors:

Mr G Thompson

Ratification Date:

16 July 2025

Date of Next Review:

Summer Term 2027