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Dear Principal and Board of Management,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to you to highlight an issue of growing concern in our area relating to the use of electric scooters (e-scooters) by children and young people.

Under the Road Traffic (Electric Scooters) Regulations 2024, it is illegal for any person under 16 years of age to ride an e-scooter in a Public place, including footpaths, cycle lanes, parks, and any other Public space frequented by members of the Public. This includes their use to and from School if under the age of 16. E-scooters pose a significant risk of injury for younger users and other members of our Community. We are encountering incidents locally involving children who were unaware they were operating these devices unlawfully.

There are very specific laws in place regarding the use of electric scooters and e-bikes.

E-scooter users must;

- Be 16 years or older.
- Obey a speed limit of 20 Km/h.
- Drive on the left-allowed only in cycle lanes or bus lanes and on regional or national roads.
- Have lights, a bell or audible warning device, reflectors, brakes, and it must be in a roadworthy condition.
- Follow the same rules of the road that apply to cyclists.
- Obey signals given by a Garda or School warden.

E-scooter users must not;

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- Use footpaths or pedestrianised areas.
- Hold or use a mobile telephone.
- Have a seat on their e-scooter.
- Carry Passengers or goods.

I wish to make you aware that Gardaí will and are actively enforcing the legislation pertaining to the use of e-scooters throughout the Blanchardstown Community Engagement Functional area. Where under 16's are found using said e-scooters in a Public place by Gardaí appropriate action will be taken including the seizure of the device as permitted by the law. Gardaí will continue to focus on education and prevention, but, enforcement will follow where necessary to protect our young people and our Community.

I would be grateful if you could share this information with Parents, Guardians and Students alike as appropriate. Education and awareness will help prevent breaches of the law, reduce risk of injury and support a safe School commute for all our Stakeholders.

I would like to thank you for your continued support and cooperation in promoting School and Community Safety. Should any queries arise please feel free to contact your respective Community Policing Unit for assistance and advice.

Kind regards,



(Emer Curran)

Superintendent