

E-Scooter Policy – Draft Policy

Clogher Road Community College

1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to promote the safety and wellbeing of students, staff, and the wider school community by regulating the use of electric scooters (e-scooters) in line with national legislation and school safety requirements.

2. Legislative Context

Under the **Road Traffic (Electric Scooters) Regulations 2024**, it is illegal for any person **under 16 years of age** to use an e-scooter in a public place. Public places include roads, footpaths, cycle lanes, parks, and other areas commonly used by students when travelling to and from school.

An Garda Síochána has confirmed that this legislation is being actively enforced within the local community, including the seizure of e-scooters where under-16s are found using them unlawfully.

3. School Policy Statement

In the interest of safety, order, and legal compliance, **e-scooters are strictly prohibited on school premises, regardless of the age of the user.**

This ban applies to **all students**, and includes:

- Riding e-scooters on school grounds
- Bringing e-scooters onto school property
- Parking or storing e-scooters anywhere on the premises

This policy applies at all times, including before and after the school day and during school-related activities.

4. Rationale

E-scooters present significant safety risks in busy environments such as school entrances, walkways, and surrounding areas. While legislation sets a minimum legal age for use in public places, the school has determined that a complete ban on e-scooters on campus is necessary to ensure the safety of the entire school community.

5. Responsibilities

- **Parents/Guardians** are asked to ensure that students do not bring e-scooters to school, regardless of the student's age.
- **Students** are expected to comply fully with this policy and relevant legislation.

- **School Management** will communicate this policy clearly and enforce it consistently.

6. Breach of Policy

If a student brings an e-scooter onto school premises:

- The student will be required to remove it immediately
- The incident may be dealt with in line with the school's Code of Behaviour
- Where appropriate, matters may be referred to An Garda Síochána

7. Review

This policy will be reviewed periodically, or as required, in line with changes to legislation or guidance from relevant authorities.