

Weekly Bulletin

Week ending Friday 19 November 2021

INSET Day Reminder

Please note that next Friday 26 November school will be closed to pupils as it is INSET Day.

PE News

Please follow our PE Twitter page for key information and fixtures @HoultonPEdept

Well done to our boys Basketball Team who played their first game against Lawrence Sheriff on Wednesday. They were on the wrong end of the score line 12-6 but their effort and enthusiasm was excellent and the players were a credit to our school. We look forward to more boys and girls fixtures in the coming weeks.

Also, a special mention to our Netball Club. Lots of pupils are now attending on a Tuesday after school. They are developing and improving every week and we are looking forward to some fixtures in the new year.

Upcoming events for PE include basketball and badminton fixtures and indoor athletics for both boys and girls. Individuals will be selected over the coming week.



Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership asks you not to buy e-scooters this Christmas

Scooters of any kind, including e-Scooters, are not permitted as an authorised mode of transport for pupils to Houlton School. Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership is urging you not to buy e-scooters this Christmas because it's currently against the law to ride a privately owned e-scooter in any public place in the UK. There are also concerns for the safety of e-scooter riders and other road users.

Inspector Jem Mountford advises, "Before you consider buying an e-scooter this Christmas it's important to know that although you can buy one, it is illegal to use a privately owned e-scooter in any public space including roads, pavements, parks, town centres or canal towpaths for example. This means most people will be breaking the law if they use an e-scooter."

E-scooters are classified as Personal Light Electric Vehicles (PLEVs) so they are treated as motor vehicles and subject to the same legal requirements such as MOT, licensing, tax and insurance.

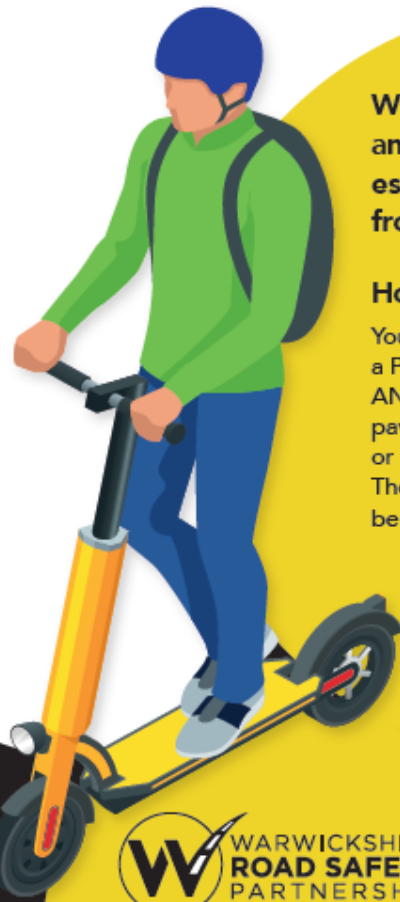
As e-scooters do not have number plates, signalling ability and don't always have visible rear lights, they can't be used legally on the roads.

Warwickshire Police have legal powers to seize e-scooters and prosecute riders and between March 2020 and November 2021 31 e-scooters were seized in Warwickshire.

Whilst penalties for illegal use include a Fixed Penalty Notice for no insurance, with a £300 fine and six penalty points, officers will also be using Section 59 of the Police Reform Act to issue a warning to riders of e-scooters and educate them as to the legal requirements. If a rider is under 16 years old then this advice will also be given to the parents.

Please see the leaflet below from WSRP for more information.

It's currently **illegal** to ride a **privately owned e-scooter** in any **public place**



We understand that buying an e-scooter can be tempting, especially as you can get them from many popular retailers.

However the current law is clear

You can buy one but it is illegal to use a PRIVATELY OWNED e-scooter in ANY public space including roads, pavements, parks, town centres or canal towpaths for example. The only place an e-scooter can be used is on private land.



What will happen if I'm stopped by Warwickshire Police?

If you ride an e-scooter on public land and roads you need to comply with a number of conditions including having appropriate insurance. Warwickshire Police has the power to seize e-scooters if you do not have insurance and to prosecute riders – please make sure you keep your privately owned e-scooter on private land so this doesn't happen to you.

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Warwickshire is currently not part of the trials so e-scooters cannot be hired at this time.

The UK Government is currently taking part in 'Future Transport Zone' trials for e-scooter hire, with a view to making them legal to use on the roads.

Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership understand the public's support for environmentally friendly modes of transport. We want to work with the public to make sure the roads are safe for everyone.



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ART & DESIGN

BE BOLD, BE BRAVE, BE
BRILLIANT

Christmas Artworks Needed!

It needs to be:

**A drawing or painting A4 or
A3, all about Christmas!**

**HAND TO MISS HILL BY 26TH
NOVEMBER**

