



# ELECTRIC BIKE POLICY

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## 1. Introduction

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**1.1** This policy provides the framework for ensuring that any pupil bringing an electric bike to school is 14 or older and that the bike meets the Government's criteria for electrically assisted pedal cycles (EAPC). It will also provide advice to pupils on how to use them safely while on site.

**1.2** The policy will also allow any electric bikes that are not EAPC to be identified so they are not brought to site without the correct registration being in place.

## 2. Definition

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**2.1** An electric bike, e-bike, electrically assisted pedal cycle, or electrically power assisted cycle is a motorised bicycle with an integrated electric motor used to assist propulsion. For a cycle to be classified as an EAPC it must:

- Have pedals that can be used to propel it.
- Show either:
  - the power output
  - the manufacturer of the motor
- Show either:
  - the battery's voltage
  - the maximum speed of the bike, which cannot exceed 15.5 MPH
- It's electric motor:
  - must have a maximum power output of 250 watts
  - should not be able to propel the bike when it's travelling more than 15.5mph ie. The electrical assistance must cut out when the speed reaches 15.5 MPH
- An EAPC can have more than 2 wheels (for example, a tricycle).

- Most modern EAPCs have a walk assist function because the bikes are heavy and are hard to push. This is legal and generally will only allow the bike to be pushed along at walking pace, so barely any speed involved. If an electric bicycle has a throttle this would class it as a motorbike not an EAPC.

**2.2** If a bike meets the EAPC requirements it's classed as a normal pedal bike. This means it does not need a license, does not need to be registered, taxed or insured and can be ridden on cycle paths and anywhere else pedal bikes are allowed.

**2.3** Any electric bike that does not meet the EAPC rules is classed as a motorcycle or moped and needs to be registered and taxed. A driving licence is required to ride one and an approved helmet must be worn.

**2.4** An electric bike must be [type approved](#) if either:

- it can be propelled without pedalling (a 'twist and go' EAPC)
- it does not meet the EAPC rules

This should have been done by the manufacturer or importer before it was purchased. If it's been type approved, it will have a plate showing its type approval number.

### **3. Pupil and Site Safety**

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**3.1** EAPC can be used as a mode of transport for arriving at and departing from school, they are not to be used on site during the school day.

**3.2** The one way circuit is to be followed and they cannot be ridden on any school paths. Pupils must wear a helmet, ride carefully and abide with road signs and the 10 MPH speed limit.

**3.3** EAPC are not to be charged on School premises.

### **4. Storage**

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**4.1** The EAPC is to be secured to the cycle rack in front of the SBA. It is the pupil's responsibility to secure their EAPC.

### **5. Approval**

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**5.1** Any pupil wanting to bring an electric bike to School must be 14 or over and must satisfy the School that the bike meets the Government criteria, as outlined above.

**5.2** If the EAPC is tampered with to increase the speed this will result in permission to bring it to school being revoked.

**5.3** The application form below will be used to confirm the classification of the electric bicycle.

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## Application for a pupil to bring an electrically assisted pedal cycle to School

Name ..... Form ..... Age.....

EAPC Make and model .....

Power output..... Meets the criteria YES / NO

Maximum speed..... Meets the criteria YES / NO

Does the electrical assistance cut off when the speed reaches 15.5 MPH YES / NO

Does the bike have pedals that can be used to propel it YES / NO

Does the bike have walk assist YES / NO

Does the bike have a throttle YES / NO

Is this bike classified as an EAPC and can be brought onto School premises YES / NO

Name:

Signature;

Date

I agree that:

- I will park and secure my bike on the cycle racks in front of the SBA
- I will not use charge the bike on School premises
- I will not allow fellow pupils to ride the bike on school premises
- I will ride with great care on the school grounds and on Trennick Lane
- I will adhere to the school's speed limit of **10 MPH** when on site and follow the one way system around campus at all times

I understand that failure to comply with these conditions may result in my ability to bring my EAPC to School being withdrawn.

Name:

Signature;

Date

For office use:

Date issued .....

Permit number .....