

SUMMER SAFEGUARDING BULLETIN 5

Introduction

The Achieve and Learn Trust believes that nothing is more important than safeguarding the young people in our schools.

In the first of our Summer Safeguarding Bulletins, we look at the heartbreaking campaign from a bereaved Mother and how we can ensure our young people keep themselves safe whilst cycling on the roads this summer.

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E-Scooters

Over the past few years there has been an increase in the use of E-Scooters by young people in the local area. Whilst parents want to provide for their children, these scooters can be extremely dangerous if used irresponsibly. E-scooters are legal to buy and use on private land, but it is illegal to ride them on public roads unless they are hired through an authorised rental scheme.



I know that many of you will remember the tragic story of 14 year old Jacob Calland who died a week after the e-scooter he was travelling on with his friend, who was also 14, crashed into a car on Southmoor Road, Manchester, on 19 March. His Mother, Carly Calland, who arrived at the scene moments after the crash, said "18 minutes of him leaving this front door, his life was gone".

Jacob was not wearing a helmet and as a result suffered terrible injuries which ultimately led to his death a week later. No parent should ever have to see their child die and our thoughts go out to his Mother and family.

Jacob's Mother has called for stricter regulations and safety measures for e-scooters and said "if I can save one life it is going to be worth it". Learn more about Jacob's last journey and his Mother's brave campaign at [\(15\) Jacob's Journey - Life over Death - YouTube](#)

Cycle Helmets

We encourage our young people to cycle as much as possible due to the health and environmental benefits. It is well documented that wearing a cycling helmet reduces the risk of injury to cyclists, in fact a recent survey in the UK found that wearing a helmet **reduced the risk of brain injury up to 88% and reduced the risk of facial injury up to 65%**. It is important that, when we think about buying safety equipment, we spend our money wisely. The Road Safety Trust has recently published their latest research on helmet safety—find it at [Annual UK cycle helmet safety tests revealed — Road Safety Trust](#)

