



Message from Julia McCluskey, Principal

It's been another busy half term with lots of things to celebrate here at The Featherstone Academy.

We have welcomed our new intake of Year 7s, enjoyed our Resilience residential together and have welcomed parents and carers to their 'Year 7 Settling In' evening. It was amazing to see such a massive turn-out from our families. Thank you so much for working with us to support your child's success.

Alongside our new Year 7s, we have welcomed a number of new staff to the academy. Welcome to Ms Corcoran, Teacher of Humanities; Mr Lenski, Head of Humanities; Ms Maxwell, Teacher of English; Mr McLaughlin, Head of Maths; Ms Pollard, Teacher of RE; Ms Turner, Teacher of Art and DT; Ms Winstanley, Teacher of DT and Photography. We have also welcomed Ms Bulliment, Assistant Head of Key Stage 4 and Ms Pickering, Inclusion Support Worker. It's great to see so many new people joining our journey in supporting our students to be ready to learn and learning well.

We were pleased to see over 100 families attend our Year 5 and 6 Open Evening this year. We are seeing more and more families interested in securing a place for their child here at The Featherstone Academy. There was so much on offer throughout the evening for them to get a taste of what life is like as a student in the academy from making splatter monsters in art; pizza toast making in food and nutrition; biscuit balloting in PSHE and dissection in science. Many of our students attended the evening to help staff and show families around. They were absolutely amazing in creating a warm and welcoming atmosphere and it made us proud to see how confident they were in speaking to and interacting with our visitors. Thankyou also to our kitchen staff who also created some tasty food for our visitors to sample – they are fast earning themselves a reputation for being the best cooks in Wakefield – our students will tell you that the food here is amazing!

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

16 OCTOBER 2026

SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR HALF TERM

2 NOVEMBER 2026

TRAINING DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL STUDENTS

3 NOVEMBER 2026

SCHOOL REOPENS TO ALL STUDENTS

10 NOVEMBER 2026

NASAL FLU VACCINATIONS

W/C 16 NOVEMBER 2026

Y10 MOCK EXAMS

3 DECEMBER 2026

YEAR 11 PARENTS EVENING

8 DECEMBER 2026

MOP UP SESSION – NASAL FLU VACCINATIONS

18 DECEMBER 2026

SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR CHRISTMAS

Principal's Message continued...

Our SEND coffee afternoons continue too and it's lovely to see more parents attending these as the word spreads. These are held in the Sports Centre next to the academy and give our parents with SEND children the opportunity to come to listen to specialists and discuss the things that matter to them with our SENDCO, Ms Hughes. The next one is planned for Wednesday 18 November at 1:15pm-2:15pm at Featherstone Sports Centre; we would love to see you there and will confirm the date and time closer to the date.

In other news, our Year 11s and Year 10 options students have just completed their first session of mock exams so we're excited to see whether their efforts in lessons and revision at home has paid off. We encourage them to make sure they are completing homework to the best of their ability and have a revision schedule in place now as we hurtle towards the final exams which begin in May. It will be here before we know it! To support students in achieving well across their suite of subjects, our compulsory Period 7s will begin the second week back after half term – so watch out for contact from Ms Howarth and subject teachers letting you know if your child is selected. Please remember, the general finish time at the academy is 2.30pm so we can put the Period 7 in until 3.30pm especially to support Year 11 and we do this because this is such a critical year for them; we ask parents to support us in ensuring your child attends if selected.

We are also working hard to increase our presence on social media, namely Facebook, Instagram and X to showcase the wonderful things taking place here in the academy. There are so many student successes that we wish you could see, so expect more photos and commentary on these platforms. It's also another way for us to communicate key messages but if you haven't already done so, please do sign up to the Arbor Parent App. This is the main way that we will communicate directly with you about events here in the academy which directly involve you and your child. If you have not already done so, please sign up – more information can be found on page 11.

I could say so much more about the sporting successes of our Year 8 and 9 netball teams, our budding sports journalist, wheelchair basketball and other extra-curricular activities on offer but I will let you read the articles enclosed. Please also see the safeguarding information, financial support you can look into and half term holiday activities available in the local area.

Finally, we are pleased to announce that our Ofsted report is available to read both on the academy website and through the [Find an Ofsted inspection report](#) page. We are proud to say that we meet the expected standard across key areas of inclusion, curriculum and teaching, achievement, personal development and wellbeing, leadership and governance. We are already working hard to strengthen the support we offer to those students who need to improve their behaviour and attendance. To do this, we expect to work in partnership with parents and ask parents to continue to support us in helping their child to succeed and meet our high expectations. Since joining the academy in April, I have been so impressed by the dedication and care which staff at The Featherstone Academy show to students day in and day out as well as upholding high expectations for all so that students can do what they are here to do – achieve well and build solid foundations for their future lives.

This year, there will be lots of focus on rewarding high attendance and most improved attendance – watch this space on social media for more information!

For now, have a restful half term and we'll see you again, raring to go on Tuesday 3 November!

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Congratulations to our Budding Sports Journalist!

We are delighted to congratulate **Thomas S in Year 7** on his recent success as a budding sports journalist with the **Selby Times**.

Thomas has demonstrated **a real passion for sport and journalism**, using his enthusiasm and talent for writing to report on local sporting events. Having his work featured in the *Selby Times* is a **fantastic achievement** and reflects his dedication, creativity and commitment to developing his skills.

At the Academy, we are incredibly proud to see **students pursuing their interests beyond the classroom** and achieving success within the wider community. Thomas is a wonderful example of our values of **Aspiration, Responsibility and Pride**, and we look forward to following his journalism journey in the future.

Well done, Thomas, on this impressive accomplishment. We wish you every success as you continue to develop your talent and passion for sports reporting! 🎉📰⚽

Thomas pens Selby Town match report



The *Selby Times* has a new Selby Town match reporter contributing to its pages in the shape of Thomas Shipley.

11-years-old Thomas is a pupil at Featherstone Academy and has a huge love of football, supporting both Liverpool and Selby Town.

He lives in Featherstone with his mother, but spends weekends with his father in Selby. It is with his dad, grandad and brother that he attends Selby's matches, both home and away.

When he met club secretary Gary Mollon, he expressed his ambition to become a sports reporter and Gary put him through his paces. Gary was very impressed with what he saw as a result and put Thomas to work.

This week's back page carries Thomas's first report for the *Selby Times*, hopefully the first of many.

Four-some Selby progress in Vase

Selby Town 4
Swallowwell 2

The Robins entertained Hire Fleet United Counties League team Swallowwell FC for a 2nd qualifying round of the FA Vase at the Fairfax Plant Hire Stadium.

Town went close early on in the game with a chip from Khamis Jacob failing to find any red shirts in the box but at the other end Joe Wilton made an excellent save to prevent the visitors from going ahead. Selby then took the lead through a Harry Clapham shot from 20 yards out after a mistake from the defender.

Swallowwell then went close when Hardemen broke free but hit his shot just over the bar. Swallowwell were now starting to play some decent football and had a few shots blocked.

At the opposite end, Bauer saw a drive just clear the crossbar when a through on goal.

The visitors were pressing and forced a good save from Wilton when he blocked an effort from the edge of the box. They came close again when a corner rattled the crossbar. Things were getting tense.

Rawcliffe ran through on goal only to be fouled from behind 25 yards out. The referee only showing the defender a yellow card. The resulting free kick whistled wide of the upright. This continued toward the back end of the first half the game which became a little bit scrappy with a few riggly fouls.

In the final minutes of the first 45 Khamis Jacob headed a corner off the line as Town got a late scare.

Selby were happy to go in 1-0 up. Swallowwell started the second half strongly as Joe Wilton clawed a dangerous cross away. It didn't last though as five minutes into the second half Rawcliffe ran through 1-on-1 with the keeper however his shot went astray.



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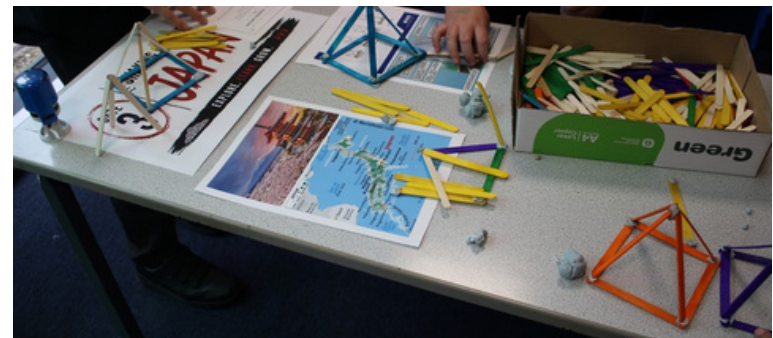
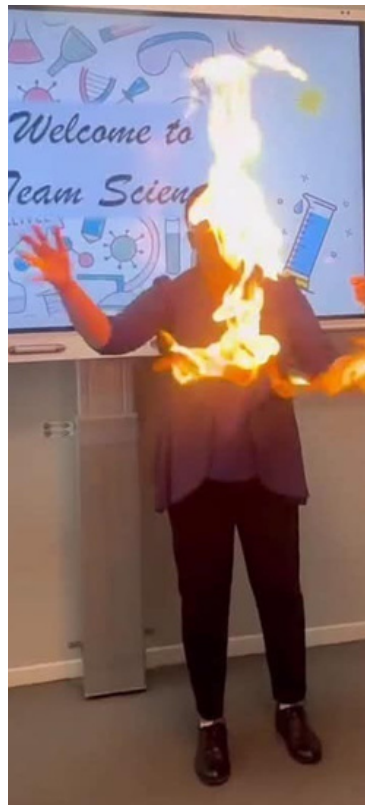
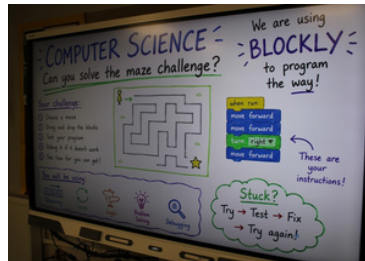
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OPEN evening



Our Open Evening was a **resounding success**, with families and prospective students enjoying the opportunity to **explore our academy** and meet our staff and students. A special thank you to our student ambassadors, who proudly showcased **our values** of Responsibility, Aspiration and Pride throughout the evening.

Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make the event such a success. We look forward to welcoming many of our visitors to **Team Fev** in the future.



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Wheelchair Basketball Club Continues to Grow

Our Wheelchair Basketball Club continues to go from strength to strength, with participation increasing dramatically from just three students to an impressive 33 regular attendees. **The club takes place every Wednesday from 2:30pm to 3:30pm in the Sports Hall** and has quickly become one of our most popular after-school activities.

Students are fortunate to be supported by **Steve Grestorex, the National Wheelchair Basketball Coach for the North of England**, whose expertise and encouragement help players develop their skills, confidence and enjoyment of the sport.



We are also incredibly proud of **Elliot in Year 8**, who plays for the **National Under-15 Wheelchair Basketball Team**. Elliot recently achieved outstanding success by winning a **silver medal at the National Championships**. Despite competing at such a high level, Elliot remains a dedicated member of our school club, attending weekly sessions alongside his training commitments with the national squad.

With several exciting competitions ahead, we wish Elliot the very best of luck and look forward to celebrating his future achievements. Well done to Elliot and to **all of the students who attend the club each week** for their enthusiasm, commitment and sporting spirit. We are proud of everything you continue to achieve! 🏀👏



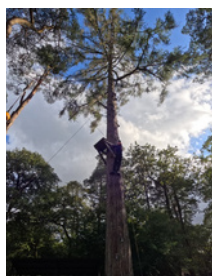
You can find out more about our After School Clubs within this newsletter



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YEAR 7 RESILIENCE CAMP



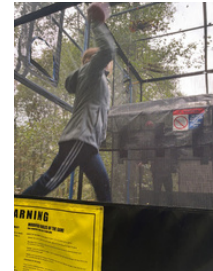
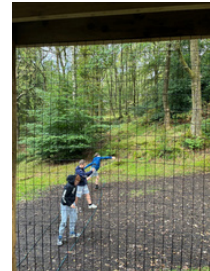
Year on year, Resilience Camp continues to be a **fantastic success** and we are incredibly proud of all the students who took part. Over three days, they **embraced challenges** such as raft building, crate stacking, fell walking and the Leap of Faith, showing **determination and courage** even in the rain, mud and cold.



There was also **plenty of fun**, with games, hot chocolate and campfire singing helping to **build friendships** and strengthen Team Fev. Many students said that the activities they found most **challenging** became their favourites because of the **sense of pride** they felt after overcoming them.



Thank you to our parents and carers for their support, to Mr Robinson for organising the trip, and to the staff who generously gave their time to make this valuable experience possible.



It was a wonderful opportunity for our Year 7 students to build resilience, confidence and lasting memories.



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Sporting Success and New Team Kits

It has been a **busy and exciting start to the year** for our football, rugby and netball teams, with students proudly representing the academy in fixtures and tournaments across the local area.

Our **Year 8 and Year 9 netball teams** recently competed against schools from across the Wakefield district, with the Year 8 team enjoying a particularly successful tournament, winning three matches, drawing one and losing just one. The Year 9 team demonstrated excellent teamwork and resilience throughout, while also receiving **praise for their polite and respectful conduct**.

Across **football and rugby**, our students have shown great **commitment**, determination and sportsmanship, producing some **strong performances** and representing the academy with **pride** both on and off the field.

This year has also seen the introduction of our **new academy-branded sports kits**. The smart new kits have helped create a strong sense of identity and team spirit, and our **students have worn them with great pride** as they compete for the academy.

We look forward to celebrating many more sporting successes throughout the year.



SEND

Our **SEND Coffee and Chat** meetings continue to be a fantastic success, providing a relaxed and welcoming environment for parents and carers to meet with our SENCO and SEND team. These informal sessions offer an opportunity to **share experiences**, ask questions, exchange ideas, and **find out more** about the support available within the Academy. Most importantly, they help to strengthen the partnership between home and school, ensuring that **families feel valued**, listened to, and supported.

We would love to welcome more parents and carers to **join us** at future sessions. Whether you are looking for advice, information, or simply the chance to connect with other families, our SEND Coffee and Chat meetings are **open to everyone** and we look forward to seeing you there.

SEND COFFEE & CHAT SESSIONS

The Featherstone Academy

(Hosted at Featherstone Sports Complex)

Supporting SEND Parent Carers & School

♥ Support – A safe space for parent carers to share experiences and get advice.

♥ Connect – Build relationships with other parent carers, school staff and WPCF.

♥ Empower – Gain access to resources, guest speakers, and SEND guidance.

♥ Co-production – Strengthen home-school partnerships = better outcomes for children.



Join our SEND Coffee & Chat Sessions Wednesdays 1.15pm - 2.15pm



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SCHOOL COMMUNICATIONS

As previously communicated, **we now using the Arbor Parent App & Portal to send communications to you.** This will enable you to see messages in the app or via your emails as well as information about how your child is doing in school including their attendance, stamps for great work, behaviour points and detentions. You will also be able to **update contact details and consents, book parents' evening appointments and more** as we roll out the various functions through the year.

To receive communications, you will need to login to your Arbor account on the portal and set up the app as soon as possible.

Please ensure we have the correct email address for you!



What you will need

- **Arbor Parent App** or access to the portal
- Access to the **ParentPay** website to top up accounts and provide consent for trips & visits



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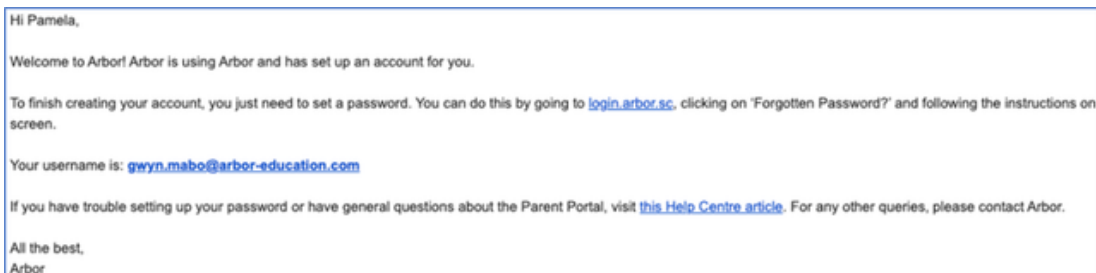


ParentPay

A. First-Time Login (Setting Your Password)

If this is your first time logging in, you'll need to set your password. Your school will send you a **welcome email** with a link to do this.

1. Find the Welcome Email: Look for an email from Arbor in your inbox.



SCHOOL COMMUNICATIONS

- **Tip:** If you can't find it, check your junk or spam folder!
2. **Click the Login Link:** Inside the email, click on the unique login link provided. This link will take you to a secure page to set up your account.
3. **Set Your Password:**
- Enter your chosen password into the **Password** field.
 - Enter it again into the **Confirm Password** field.
 - Make sure your password meets the criteria (e.g., length, characters) shown on the screen.
 - Click the **Set Password** button.
4. **Log In:** You'll then be redirected to the login page. Enter your **email address** (the one your school has for you) and your newly **set password**, then click **Log In**.

Logging in on the Parent App

Save your password and fill it in automatically using your phone's built-in Face ID, fingerprint scan or pin entry.

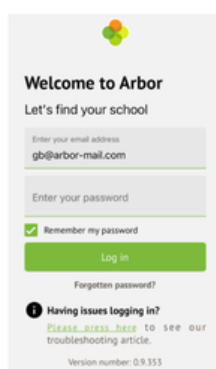
Top Tip: You will need to download the latest version from the app store to use biometric login:

- The version number for iOS for biometric login is 24.1
- The version number for Android is 35 (24)

Logging in for the first time

When you open the app for the first time, you'll be prompted to add in your email address and password.

The **Remember my password** box will be ticked by default but you can untick it if needed. This allows Arbor to remember your password the next time you log in.



Arbor app login screen showing the 'Welcome to Arbor' message, 'Let's find your school' prompt, and fields for 'Enter your email address' (with example gb@arbor-mail.com) and 'Enter your password'. There is a 'Remember my password' checkbox which is checked, and a 'Log in' button. Below the button is a 'Forgotten password?' link. At the bottom, there is a 'Having issues logging in?' section with a link to 'PLEASE CLICK HERE' to see a troubleshooting article, and the version number 0.9.353.



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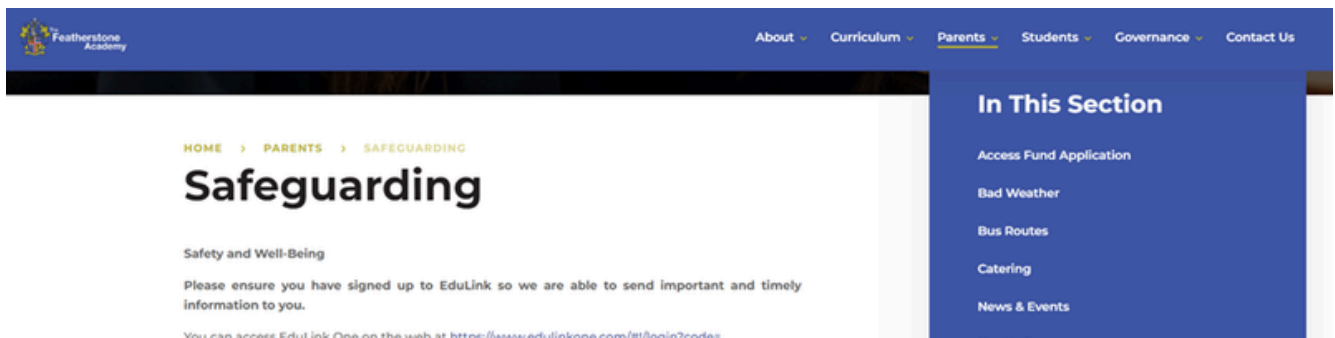
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SAFEGUARDING & INFORMATION

Although the school building is not staffed over the half term holiday, parents and carers can still contact **Wakefield Social Care directly on 0345 850 3503** with any concerns. Social Care will then contact the academy's Safeguarding Team directly during the holiday period. Additionally, if you are looking for some general help and advice there are numerous links available directly on the academy website – please use the link below.



CLICK HERE
FOR MORE
INFORMATION



Over the next few pages, you will find information from a range of external agencies, providing valuable advice and guidance on health, safety, and wellbeing for students and families.



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS



MONDAY

- Homework Club - Bridge - all year groups - **until 3pm**
- Football - all year groups - mixed
- Netball - all year groups - mixed
- Rugby - all year groups - **boys only**
- Sparx Maths - P10 - all year groups

TUESDAY

- Homework Club - Bridge - all year groups - **until 3pm**

WEDNESDAY

- Homework Club - Bridge - all year groups - **until 3pm**
- Performing Arts Club - Drama Hall - all year groups
- Wheelchair Basketball - all year groups - mixed

THURSDAY

- Homework Club - Bridge - all year groups - **until 3pm**
- Fev Run - all year groups
- Badminton - all year groups
- Rugby - all year groups - **girls only**
- Chess Club - P4 - all year groups



**LOCATIONS ARE NOTED NEXT TO EACH ACTIVITY
FOR SPORTS CLUBS, MEET AT THE CHANGING ROOMS
ALL CLUBS FINISH AT 3.30PM UNLESS STATED**

COULD YOUR CHILD GET FREE SCHOOL MEALS?

From September 2026, all children in households receiving Universal Credit will qualify for income-related free school meals. There will be no income limit.

**Apply from
3 July 2026**



Families can apply quickly and easily.

Scan the QR code or visit www.wakefield.gov.uk/schools-and-education/schools/free-school-meals/



If you already receive income-related Free School Meals - here's what's changing:

- Transitional Protection is ending
- Annual eligibility checks will begin from 1 June 2026
- You will receive confirmation after each check



FOR HELP OR QUESTIONS:

Contact the Free School Meals Team
FSM@wakefield.gov.uk

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Keeping Children Safe

E-Rides Information for Parents and Carers

Understanding the different types of e-rides

What are e-rides?

E-rides are electric-powered vehicles designed to help people travel more easily. They include:

- Electrically Assisted Pedal Cycles (EAPCs), commonly known as e-bikes.
- Throttle-operated or "twist and go" electric bikes.
- E-scooters

E-rides can offer many benefits, including increased independence, convenient travel and reduced environmental impact. However, it is important that both children and adults understand how to use them safely and legally.



Electrically assisted pedal cycles (EAPCs)

EAPCs operate similarly to a traditional bicycle. Generally, the rider must pedal for the motor to provide assistance.



These bikes:

- Can be used on roads and cycle paths.
- The motor must stop providing assistance at 15.5 mph (25 km/h).
- Must have a 'continuous rated power' output of no more than 250 watts.
- Can be ridden legally by people aged 14 and over.

If your electric bike does not meet the EAPC rules, then it's classed as a motorcycle or moped.

An e-bike stops being legally classed as an EAPC if:

- Its motor has a continuous rated power higher than 250 watts.
- The motor continues to provide assistance when the bike is travelling faster than 15.5 mph (25 km/h).
- It does not have pedals capable of propelling the bike.
- It has been modified or derestricted so the motor can power it beyond the legal limits.



Government guidance states that bikes with an "off-road mode" that allows the motor to propel them above 15.5 mph are considered motor vehicles.



Does that mean the bike itself is completely illegal?

Not necessarily. A bike that doesn't meet the EAPC requirements is generally treated as a motorcycle or moped rather than a bicycle. To use it legally on a public road, it would need to meet the relevant motor-vehicle requirements, including registration, tax and insurance, and the rider would need the appropriate driving licence and an approved motorcycle helmet.

If someone rides such a bike on the road without meeting those requirements, they could be committing offences, and an uninsured bike may be seized by the police.

For example, many electric balance bikes, including models made by Revui, Amped, STACYC, RFN and EBOX, do not meet the requirements to be an EAPC. Unless they meet the relevant requirements for use as a motor vehicle, they should only be used on private land with the landowner's permission.

Understanding the rules

Vehicle Type	Legal for Under 16s?	Where Can It Be Used?	Key Things Parents Should Know
Pedal Bike	Yes	Roads, cycle lanes and private land	Must follow normal road rules. Helmet strongly recommended.
EAPC / Legal E-Bike (Electric Assisted Pedal Cycle)	Yes (minimum age 14)	Roads, cycle lanes and private land	Must have working pedals, motor no more than 250W, and assistance must cut out at 15.5 mph (25 km/h). No licence, tax or insurance required.
Electric Balance Bikes such as Reuvi, Amped, STACYC, RFN and EBOX.	Yes, but only on private land	Private land with permission	These are designed for off-road/private use and are not road legal. They should not be ridden on roads, pavements, parks or public paths.
Modified E-Bikes ('Surron-style', derestricted or throttle-only bikes)	No	Not legal on roads or public places	Often classed as motorcycles. They require registration, insurance, a licence and protective equipment. Children cannot legally ride them on public roads.
Privately Owned Electric Scooters	No	Private land with permission only	It is illegal to ride a privately owned e-scooter on roads, pavements, cycle lanes or other public spaces.
Rental E-Scooters (trial areas only)	Usually no	Designated trial areas only	Riders normally need to be at least 16 and hold the required driving entitlement. Not available to most children.

Further Information

For more information on e-rides, please find advise and the law on the gov.uk website.

[Riding on electric bike: the rules - GOV.UK](#)

[EAPC standards and legal requirements - GOV.UK](#)

[Riding on electric scooter: the rules - GOV.UK](#)

E-scooters

Privately owned e-scooters are subject to strict legal restrictions including that they:

- Cannot legally be ridden in public places, including roads, pavements, parks and cycle lanes.
- Can only be ridden on private land with the permission of the landowner.

Some areas operate authorised rental e-scooter schemes, which follow separate legal requirements and may include minimum age and licensing conditions.

Understanding the risks:

Many people assume that because a vehicle can be purchased online or in a shop, it can automatically be used in public places. This is not always the case.

Using an e-ride illegally can result in:

- Increased risk of injury.
- Danger to pedestrians and other road users.
- Police involvement.
- The vehicle being seized by the police.

Parents and carers are encouraged to check the legal requirements of any e-ride before purchasing it for a child or allowing it to be used.



Staying safe

Whether using an e-bike, e-scooter or another e-ride, safety should always come first.

Wear protective equipment

- Always wear a properly fitted helmet.
- Consider additional protective equipment such as gloves, knee pads and elbow pads.
- Ensure clothing does not interfere with the safe operation of the vehicle.
- Wear reflective clothing or accessories to improve visibility.

Many serious injuries occur when riders are not wearing appropriate safety equipment.

Battery safety

Lithium-ion batteries power many e-rides. If damaged or incorrectly charged, these batteries can pose a serious fire risk.

To reduce the risk:

- Use only the charger supplied or recommended by the manufacturer.
- Charge batteries in a safe location away from escape routes.
- Avoid charging batteries overnight or when the property is unattended.
- Inspect batteries regularly for damage, swelling or overheating.
- Stop using the battery immediately if you notice unusual smells, smoke or excessive heat.

If an e-ride battery begins to smoke or catches fire:

- Move to a safe distance immediately.
- Warn others nearby.
- Call 999.
- Do not attempt to tackle a significant battery fire yourself.

Parents and carers play an important role in helping children make safe and responsible choices. Before buying or allowing the use of an e-ride, check the manufacturer's guidance and ensure you understand the legal requirements for where and how the vehicle can be used. Safe, legal and responsible use helps everyone enjoy the benefits of e-rides while reducing the risk of injury and harm.



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Keeping your family safe from fire

Advice for Parents and Carers

Fire safety starts at home

Most fires in the home can be prevented. Actions such as:



Testing smoke alarms every week, keeping them clean and well maintained

Storing and charging electrical items safely



Talking to children about fire risks can make a significant difference.

Fire safety is not about causing worry; it is about helping families feel prepared and confident about what to do if an emergency occurs. Working smoke alarms are one of the most effective ways to protect your household, and every family should be aware of their escape routes and what to do if an alarm sounds.

Safety actions to protect your home

Many household fires start through everyday activities. Cooking remains one of the most common causes of accidental fires, particularly when food is left unattended or when cookers and cooking surfaces are used for extra storage, as items left on or near hobs can accidentally catch fire.



Faulty electrical equipment, damaged charging cables and overloaded plug sockets can also present significant risks. Developing safe habits, such as switching appliances off when not in use, avoiding overloading extension leads and keeping flammable materials away from heat sources, can help reduce the likelihood of a fire starting in your home.

As children grow older, they often spend more time independently in their bedrooms and make greater use of technology. It is important for parents and carers to know where devices are being charged and to encourage safe charging habits.

Phones, tablets, laptops and gaming equipment should never be charged under pillows, on beds or beneath blankets where heat can build up. Hair straighteners should be fully switched off after use and allowed to cool safely. It is also worth having conversations about candles, incense burners and any other items that generate heat.

Children are naturally curious and may have questions about fire, fireworks or emergency services. Open and age-appropriate conversations can help them understand both the dangers and the importance of safe behaviour. Encourage children to

tell an adult if they find matches, lighters or damaged electrical items. Explain that smoke can be just as dangerous as flames and that hiding during a fire can make it more difficult for firefighters to help them. Reassure children that knowing what to do in an emergency helps to keep everyone safe.



Creating a family escape plan

Every family should have a simple escape plan. Take time to identify the quickest way out of each room and, where possible, a second route in case the first is blocked. Make sure everyone in the household knows these routes and understands what to do if they hear the smoke alarm. Keep exits clear so that everyone can leave quickly in an emergency and ensure keys are stored in a safe but accessible place.

All family members should know where they are kept. Choose a family meeting point outside the home as this helps ensure everyone can be accounted for safely and reduces the risk of anyone re-entering the building. If there is a fire, get out, stay out and call 999. Teach younger children never to hide during a fire and never to go back inside for toys, pets or belongings.



Your family escape plan should also cover what to do if you cannot leave the property safely. If your escape route is blocked, move to a room with a window if possible and close the door behind you. Use towels, bedding or clothing to block gaps around the door to help prevent smoke entering the room. Open the window, call for help and dial 999 if you can. If you are on an upper floor, do not jump from a window; stay where you are and wait for rescue. If you live in a flat, make sure everyone in the household is familiar with the building's fire safety arrangements, evacuation procedures and escape routes, including the importance of not using lifts during a fire.

Fireworks, Deliberate Fires and Hoax Calls

Some children might not fully understand the consequences of irresponsible behaviour involving fire. Deliberately setting fires, misusing fireworks or making hoax calls to emergency services can place lives at risk and divert valuable resources away from genuine emergencies. Parents and carers play an important role in helping young people understand how these actions can affect individuals, families and communities. Taking opportunities to discuss news stories, local incidents or community events can help reinforce these messages.



Knowing your rights and the support available

Local authorities, housing teams, Citizens Advice, community organisations and charities may be able to assist with a range of issues, including housing conditions, household safety and family wellbeing. Many local Fire and Rescue Services also offer free Home Fire Safety Checks, providing practical advice tailored to individual households and circumstances.

If you rent your home, your landlord has legal responsibilities to help keep you safe. In England, landlords must provide smoke alarms on every storey of a property, ensure gas appliances are checked annually where provided, maintain safe electrical installations and provide appropriate carbon monoxide alarms where required. They should also ensure that escape routes can be used safely at all times.

If you have concerns about fire safety, speak to your landlord or letting agent first. If problems are not resolved, your local council's housing team, Shelter or Citizens Advice may be able to offer support and guidance.

Useful Sources of Support

Further advice and support can be obtained from:

- Your Local Fire and Rescue Service
- Citizens Advice
- Shelter
- GOV.UK

These organisations provide information on home fire safety, housing rights, landlord responsibilities and support for families who may be experiencing difficulties.

Want to find out more?

- www.Pol-Ed.co.uk
- hello@pol-ed.police.uk
- [@Pol.Ed.UK](https://twitter.com/Pol.Ed.UK)
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FIREWORK SAFETY

Officers will be carrying out extra patrols in your area to keep you safe but there are number of steps you can take to ensure a great Bonfire Night.

Remember:

- An organised display is the safest way to enjoy fireworks.
- Fireworks are noisy (which can upset very young or elderly people as well as pets). They can cause damage and they can cause serious injuries if not used properly.
- It is an offence to buy fireworks by anyone under the age of 18. You can be fined or imprisoned for buying or using fireworks illegally.
- It is an offence to let fireworks off between 11pm and 7am except on 5th November when the cut off is midnight and on Diwali, New Year's Eve and Chinese New Year when the cut off is 1am. It is also an offence to set off fireworks in a public place.
- Keep bonfires small and manageable and build them away from houses, garages, sheds, fences, overhead cables, trees, bushes and vehicles.
- Never use flammable liquids – paraffin or petrol – to light the fire.
- Do not burn aerosols, tyres, canisters, or anything containing foam or paint – many produce toxic fumes and some containers may explode, causing injury.
- Avoid drinking alcohol whilst in charge of a bonfire or fireworks and particularly when supervising children.
- In case of an emergency, keep buckets of water, the garden hose or a fire extinguisher ready.
- Make sure your fireworks conform to British Standards BS 7114, EN 14035 or EN 15947.
- Keep fireworks in a closed box and use/light them one at a time.
- Light the firework at arm's length using a taper or fuse wick and stand well back – never return to a firework once it has been lit.
- Only children over the age of five are allowed to use sparklers and should be supervised by an adult at all times.

For further advice visit www.westyorksfire.gov.uk

View this safety [video](#)

Alternatively follow West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue
on X [@WYFRS](#) or see their [Facebook page](#)

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How it works

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Arrange a **FREE** appointment to help with benefits, debt and other money problems.





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You receive **housing benefit**



You receive an **income or disability related benefit**

 **0800 060 7567***

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applyforleap.org.uk

*Freephone available between 08:45 - 17:30 Monday to Friday



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