



**Beam County Primary School**  
Oval Road North, Dagenham, Essex, RM10 9ED.

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Dear Families,

Keeping our school gates safe at busy times

The pavements and roads around school are at their busiest first thing in the morning and at the end of the day, with hundreds of children — many of them very young — arriving and leaving at the same time. Little ones don't always look where they're going, so I'd like to ask for everyone's help in keeping the area around our gates as safe as it can be.

A few simple things make a real difference. If your child rides a scooter or bike to school, please ask them to slow right down and walk it along the narrow stretches of pavement near the entrance, where there isn't room to pass safely. Please also take care not to be on a phone while moving through the crowd at the gates, and give children plenty of space.

It is also worth a reminder on the law, as it is widely misunderstood: privately owned e-scooters cannot legally be ridden on public roads, pavements or cycle lanes anywhere in the UK — they may only be used on private land. This applies to adults and children alike. Pavement riding is not permitted even where rental schemes operate.

None of this is aimed at anyone in particular — it is simply a shared responsibility. A few moments of extra care from all of us keeps every child safe on their way in and home. Thank you, as always, for your support.

With kind regards,

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