



19th September 2019

Dear Parents,

MONABIKES – IMPORTANT

We write to you concerning the recent installation of MonaBikes within the Principality, and ISM's views on this.

You will all have noticed that these bikes have become very popular, yet there are few cycle lanes to support this demand. In addition to this, we feel that the youngsters riding these bikes have not been given sufficient road safety intervention and education.

As the regulation clearly states, **under 16's are not permitted to ride MonaBikes**. Therefore, we will not accept any student under 16 years of age riding to, or from school on a MonaBike.

Secondly, any student above the age of 16 who is given permission from their parents to ride one to and from school, is **highly recommended to wear a helmet**. This is equally important for students riding to school on regular bikes, trottinettes, scooters etc.

Students over 16 years of age riding MonaBikes are also reminded that the bikes must be parked in an official MonaBike parking, located at Place d'Armes or Parking des Pêcheurs. Bikes should not be parked outside of these designated zones. Only one person is allowed on each bike, and riding with earphones or airpods is not, in our mind acceptable.

Students using MonaBikes are vulnerable road users who do not possess the same level of competency, road awareness or experience as adults.

ISM will work to raise awareness with its student body, particularly concerning the wearing of helmets.

We hope you will support our intervention and discuss this with your children at home.

Yours sincerely

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