

**PENRYN COLLEGE**

**Student's Use of Motorcycles and Mopeds at School**

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## INTRODUCTION

An increasing number of students in Year 11 are using motorcycles and mopeds to travel to school once they reach the legal age of 16. In order to ensure that the college satisfies its duty of care to these students and to those students who could be affected by the use of motorcycles and mopeds on school grounds, a number of rules have been introduced to protect both groups.

## THE LAW

The law is very clear about who can ride a motorcycle or moped and what you must do before you can legally do so:

- Have a valid driving licence.
- Have completed Compulsory Basic Training (CBT).
  - The training makes sure you can ride safely on your own while you practice for your full [moped or motorcycle test](#).
  - CBT isn't a test that you pass or fail.
- After you've completed CBT, you can ride a:
  - moped if you're 16 or over
  - motorcycle up to 125cc and with a power output of up to 11kW if you're 17 or over
- You must use L plates unless you have passed a full moped or motorcycle driving test.
- You must not carry a passenger on school grounds.
- You must pass your full moped or motorcycle test within 2 years, or you have to either take CBT again or stop riding.

Obviously the college expects all students who ride a vehicle on school grounds to have passed their CBT as a minimum.

Equally, once you have purchased your vehicle and are intending to use it to travel to college, you'll need to make sure it:

- has a valid V5C registration certificate, registered to you at your home address (log book)
- is taxed
- has an MOT (if needed)

Most importantly, having made sure you have all the above, you will also need adequate motor insurance as you are not covered by the college's insurance when on school grounds.

The only piece of rider equipment that has to be of a required standard is your motorcycle helmet and its visor or goggles if you use them.

## Helmet

- You must wear a safety helmet when riding a motorcycle on the road. All helmets sold in the UK must comply with at least 1 of these:
  - British Standard BS 6658:1985 and carry the BSI (British Standards Institution) Kitemark
  - UNECE Regulation 22.05
  - any standard accepted by a member of the European Economic Area which offers a level of safety and protection equivalent to BS 6658:1985 and carry a mark equivalent to the BSI Kitemark

## Visors and goggles

- Your visors or goggles must comply with either:
  - a British Standard and displays a BSI Kitemark
  - a European standard which offers a level of safety and protection at least equivalent to the British Standard and carries a mark equivalent to the BSI Kitemark (ECE 22-05)

Please note that helmets with a DOT mark are not legal in the UK, these are for use in the USA.

Also, you must wear glasses or contact lenses when you ride if you need them to read a number plate at the prescribed distance.

In addition, it is strongly advised you always wear suitable gloves, robust footwear, and appropriate clothing for the weather conditions. Additional protective clothing should be considered in order to minimize potential injury should you be unfortunate enough to have an accident.

## COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS

In order to ensure that students are following the law, the college requires each student who intends to travel to school on a motorcycle or moped to complete the following:

- Make an appointment to see Mr Cunningham, Director of Business Development and Operations with the following:
  - A signed copy of your parent's authorisation (see below) to use a motorcycle or moped to travel to school.
  - Your driving licence
  - Your CBT certificate
  - Your vehicles logbook
  - Evidence of your vehicles tax (DVLA email will suffice)
  - Your vehicles MOT certificate if appropriate
  - Your insurance certificate
  - Your crash helmet
- Mr Cunningham will take copies of your documents for retention by the college while you remain a student here. They will be destroyed once you leave at the end of Year 11.
- Mr Cunningham will check your helmet for the appropriate safety mark.
- You agree to park in the designated parking area. In inclement weather, Mr Cunningham will authorise the use of the bike shed for temporary parking.
- You agree to proceed directly to the parking area on arrival at school and directly off the school grounds at the end of the school day or at the end of any club or sports event you may participate in.
- You agree not to use your vehicle at lunchtime, even if you have a lunchtime pass to leave the college.
- You have signed the agreement (see below) to say you will abide by the college's rules for the use of motorcycles and mopeds on college grounds.

Once you have completed the above, you are free to use your motorcycle or moped to travel to and from school.

**AUTHORISATION FOR MY CHILD TO USE A MOTORCYCLE OR MOPED TO TRAVEL TO SCHOOL**

I, .....(insert name), authorise my child,

.....(insert name) of ..... Tutor Group, to travel

to and from Penryn College on a motorcycle or moped and I confirm that both they and the vehicle are

legally compliant.

Signed: ..... Date: .....

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**AGREEMENT TO ABIDE BY THE COLLEGE'S RULES FOR THE USE OF MY VEHICLE ON SCHOOL GROUNDS**

I, .....(insert name) of Tutor Group .....,

agree to abide by the College's rules for the use of my vehicle on the college's grounds as outlined above. I

understand that if I break these rules I may not be allowed to bring my vehicle to college.

Signed: ..... Date: .....