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Dear Parent/Carers,

An incident/accident has occurred recently at two schools resulting in injuries to students.

In one incident the student was using the junior primary play equipment and the hat that they were wearing got caught in play equipment, resulting in a red welt on the child's throat due to friction/burn.

As this incident identifies a risk of injury all DECD schools and pre-schools have been instructed to issue the following advice to families.

- inspect your child's school hat and if it has a cord, please immediately remove the cord.
- if you have concerns about the safety of the hat please contact the school.

The Reynella East College uniform shop stocks cordless bucket hats. Therefore, our school uniform hats comply with this new safety requirement.

If you choose to purchase hats from other suppliers, cords will need to be removed for school/preschool use immediately.

The safety of students at this site is of utmost importance, as such our school staff will continue to monitor and assess potential risks. When required we will modify or change processes to ensure our students get the best care.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Caroline Green
Principal