



Colonel Light Gardens Primary School

Wednesday 22nd February 2017

Dear parent/carers,

An incident/accident has occurred recently at 2 sites resulting in injuries to students.

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

The style of hat is our current school hat with an adjustable chin cord and to eliminate the risk of potential strangulation on playground equipment. Slouch hats will be coming home tonight for you to remove the cords. If any student's slouch hat still has the cords attached tomorrow, school staff have been directed by DECD to remove the cord.

However there may be hats at home that are worn to school that have the cords and we request the following:

- you inspect your child's hat and if it has a cord, please immediately remove the cord as any hat with cords can no longer be worn at school; and
- if you have concerns about the safety of the hat please speak with me or office staff.

Our supplier Devon has been advised to remove the cords of our Slouch hats prior to sale until we seek further safety advice. As you are aware our school has an alternative style (Legionnaire's hat) that can be purchased through Devon.

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.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this matter please contact me.

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