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Dear Principal

Reflectors issued to pupils

I am writing in connection with the PHA-branded LED reflectors which were issued to your school in November 2017 as part of the Active School Travel programme, which is delivered by Sustrans.

It has been brought to our attention that there have been two instances where children have been able to remove the tops, exposing the batteries. The PHA can confirm that these reflectors comply with the relevant safety standards; however, as they are classified as a promotional item rather than a toy, they do not have to meet the more stringent toy standards and would not be considered suitable for children aged under 36 months.

Whilst all children receiving these reflectors are of school age, in one case the younger sibling of a child who received a reflector was able to remove the top. As a precaution, I would therefore suggest that the school notifies parents of the potential risk and advises them not to let young children play with the reflectors.

The supplier of the LED reflectors has assured Sustrans that tens of thousands of these reflectors have been distributed, without any concerns being raised until now.

I apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause and trust that your school will continue to enjoy participating in the Active School Travel programme.

Yours sincerely



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