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Dear Principal,

Over the last 20 years, tragically eight children have been killed on farms in Northern Ireland.

Just ahead of the school holidays when children will spend more time on the farm, we have come together with Air Ambulance Northern Ireland to produce a series of three short videos highlighting two of the most common risks to children on farms.

The areas we have focused on are, agricultural vehicles and slurry, both of which represent risks to everyone, but especially to children.

Over the series we tell the stories of two boys who were injured on their family farms. Conor, from Castlewellan who was struck by an agricultural vehicle, and Ben from Aughnacloy, who was overcome by slurry fumes.

Both children had to be airlifted to hospital for emergency treatment.

Thankfully, they both have made a full recovery, but without the fast actions of the emergency services there may have been very different outcomes.

With the help of Air Ambulance Northern Ireland, we tell their stories as a warning to others about the risks to children on our farms.

We would be grateful if you could bring these videos to the attention of your parents, which can be viewed via our website www.hseni.gov.uk/farm-safety-videos

If you have social media channels, we encourage you to share these videos which will be posted on HSENI's Facebook and Instagram pages.

Thank you in advance for your help, we hope everyone from your school has a safe and enjoyable summer break.

Yours faithfully



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