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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you are all staying safe from Storm Gareth. You may have noticed that we have had some work completed on the Early Years playground (choosing the wettest days for it to be completed)!

Just a couple of reminders for you -

PE kits – can you please make sure all pupils have their PE kits in school at all times. We are finding that many pupils are no longer bringing kits into school. Please see below the correct PE kit – Navy shorts, white T-shirt, white socks Black pumps (indoor) / trainers (outdoor)

Dark coloured jogging bottoms / tracksuit may be worn outside in winter Pump bag with name on

Over the next few weeks we will be monitoring uniform and PE kits to ensure they are in line with school policy. Please note this includes footwear, jewellery, nail varnish, make-up etc. Please see our website for a full list of our school uniform.

With the light nights arriving, more of our older pupils are walking home on their own. Please bear in mind the following points to discuss with your child:-

Plan ahead Think about how you are going to get to school and home, e.g. travel with a friend. Make sure you know what time the bus is.

Avoid danger spots like quiet or badly-lit alleyways, subways or isolated car parks. Walk down the middle of the pavement if the street is deserted.

If you are at all worried try and stay near a group of people.

Try to use well-lit, busy streets and use the route you know best.

Keep your mind on your surroundings remember if you are chatting on your mobile phone or wearing a personal stereo, you will not hear trouble approaching.

If you think you are being followed trust your instincts and take action. As confidently as you can, cross the road, turning to see who is behind you. If you are still being followed, keep moving. Make for a busy area and tell people what is happening.

Next Wednesday we are celebrating Downs Syndrome Awareness Day. The children can come to school in odd socks on this day.

Don't forget, we have a family Coffee Morning on Friday mornings in the school hall if you want to come along with your children.

Finally, please see overleaf a letter from St Edmund's GIFT Team.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Harrison Headteacher