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'Together We Can Make A Difference'

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Here we are at the end of another busy half term! Thank you for all your support and understanding this half term. Last month I asked for your thoughts and views through a parent and carer survey. I had 78 responses in total which was fantastic to see. I was also delighted to read the feedback on how Gibside staff are supporting your child to achieve their full potential.

I have summarised your feedback below:

- Almost all parents and carers said their child was happy at school
- Almost all parents and carers said they thought their child felt safe at school
- Parents and carers overwhelmingly said their child was making good progress at Gibside
- Almost all parents and carers feel the school is ambitious for their child, a small number were unsure
- Parents and carers value the wide range of experiences in the curriculum
- Almost all parents and carers said their child's individual needs were being well met
- Parents and carers are confident their child is protected online both at home and at school
- Almost all parents said that Gibside School supports their child's physical wellbeing well
- Almost all parents said the school is well led and managed
- Parents overwhelmingly said the school does a good job responding to any concerns raised
- Almost all parents and carers say communication is a strength at Gibside
- Almost all parents and carers said they would recommend Gibside to other parents

Areas to improve:

- Some parents questioned why children were not bringing home reading books
- Parents and carers are keen to be able to attend events in school again
- Some parents said they did not feel confident to support their child's learning at home

Your feedback is greatly appreciated, and I would like to assure you that any issues raised will be acted upon. You should receive a copy of our new newsletter today. I hope you enjoy reading all about the children's learning this half term.

Have a lovely half term break.

Yours sincerely

Angela Whistler
Headteacher

