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Dear Parent/Carer,

Gateshead SEND Thresholds Pilot Program

We are excited to announce that Gibside school has been chosen to take part in the Gateshead SEND Thresholds pilot program.

The SEND Thresholds provide a framework to support identification of needs, curriculum adaptation, guidance on assessment and the deployment of resources. The Thresholds are based on the four areas of the SEND Code of Practice (cognition and learning, communication and interaction, social emotional and mental health and sensory/physical) and gives practical guidance and ideas from Early Years to Post 19. It also includes the Preparation for Adulthood (PfA) outcomes (employment/training, independence, good health and community inclusion) from the Early Years through to 25 under each area of need. These have been written in consultation with education, health, social care and parents, carers and young people.

We are a pilot school for the Gateshead SEND Thresholds and will be trialling them throughout the Autumn term, some of our pupils have been selected to be part of the trial. The parents of these children will be notified via separate email/letter.

The pilot scheme will involve reviewing the provision in place for pupils based on their needs to ensure that the SEND Thresholds support the best possible progress for children and young people. Gibside will be supported with piloting the SEND Thresholds by a team of SENDCO's and a SEND specialist advisor. Gateshead authority will be taking feedback from the children/young people and parents and carers in October to shape the final document. This document will then be launched across all Gateshead schools in 2024.

Yours sincerely,

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