Gilbert Colvin
Primary School

Monday 19th October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Gilbert Colvin Primary School consultation on proposal to join Strive4 Academy Trust

I am writing to update you on the next phase of Gilbert Colvin Primary School's development.

As you are aware from previous correspondence between 14th April – 20th May 2026, Governors and the leadership team have been exploring options for our school's future, including joining a local academy trust. Having considered several different trusts, the governing body agreed to move forward with a proposal to join Strive4 Academy Trust.

We are now formally consulting on the proposal of joining Strive4 Academy Trust, creating opportunities for families, staff and the wider community to find out more information, share their views and ask questions.

This partnership is not about changing identities but about strengthening them - two successful partners coming together to share expertise, enhance educational outcomes, and ensure that every young person has the chance to succeed, no matter their background, ability or additional needs.

With inclusive practice at its heart, together we will strive for the highest standards, support each other with integrity, and ensure that inclusion is not just a value we hold, but one we live and lead by. We are confident that this collaboration will bring lasting benefits to the pupils, staff, and wider community served by Gilbert Colvin, as well as to the Trust as a whole.

The consultation will run from **2 November 2026 to 4 December 2026**. After this, and subject to the feedback received, there will be a final decision by our governing body and by the Strive4 Trust board, and if decided upon, for Gilbert Colvin Primary school to join the trust on 1st February 2027.

We will be holding a meeting for you to learn more about Strive4 Academy Trust, share your views and to ask any questions you may have. Strive4 Academy Trust and school leaders will be on hand to answer any of your questions. Please find the meeting details below:

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CONSULTATION MEETING INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND CARERS
Venue: School Hall
Date: 4 November 2026
Time: 5pm

If you are unable to attend in person but would like to hear the short presentation, a recording will be made shortly afterwards.

We also invite feedback via our online consultation form available at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GHCXXHR or through the 'post-boxes' using a paper form which can be found in our school office.

We warmly welcome your views and thoughts and look forward to seeing you at these exciting events.

Kind regards,

Liz Cohen
Headteacher



Kieran Yeates
Chair of Governors

