Gilbert Colvin Primary School

Friday 23rd October 2026

Dear Colleague,

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

I am writing to inform you that Gilbert Colvin Primary School is consulting on a proposal to join Strive4 Academy Trust.

The governors and leadership team have been exploring options for the next phase of the school's development. Having considered a number of local trusts, the governing body agreed earlier in the academic year to move forward with a proposal to join Strive4 Academy Trust. We will now be formally consulting on this proposal, creating opportunities for staff, families and the wider community to share their views.

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 students, staff, and wider community served by both Strive4 Academy School and Gilbert Colvin Primary School, 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 the governing body and by Strive4 Academy Trust board, and if decided upon, for Gilbert Colvin Primary School to join the trust on 1st February 2027. We also invite feedback via our online consultation form https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GHCXXHR

As ever, if you have any questions, please do get in touch.

Kind regards,

Liz Cohen
Headteacher

Kieran Yeates
Chair of Governors