Gilbert Colvin
Primary School

Monday 19th October 2026

Dear Colleagues,

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

I am writing to share an update with you following our informal consultation early this year about joining Strive4 Academy Trust.

As you are aware, from the previous correspondence and meetings between April and May 2026, the Governors and Leadership Team at Gilbert Colvin Primary School have been exploring options for the next phase of the school's development, including becoming part of a local academy trust called the Strive4 Academy Trust.

Having considered several different academy trusts, the governing body agreed earlier in the 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. Consultation means sharing of information about joining Strive4 Academy Trust, the chance to express views or concerns, talking and listening and to ask as many questions as you can think of.

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 our governing body and by the Strive4 Academy Trust board, and if decided upon, for Gilbert Colvin Primary School to join the trust on 1st February 2027.

We will be holding meetings for you to learn more about Strive4 Academy Trust, share your views and to ask any questions you may have. Strive4 Academy Trust

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and school leaders will be on hand to answer any of your questions. Please find the meeting details below:

CONSULTATION MEETING INFORMATION FOR STAFF
Venue: School Hall
Date: 4 November 2026
Time: 15:30 to 16:30

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-box' using a paper form which can be found in our school office.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and commitment to the school. It is very much appreciated.

Kind regards,

Liz Cohen
Headteacher

Kieran Yeates
Chair of Governors