



Gilbert Colvin Primary School

Friday 10 October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

With increasing pressure on state school funding, we, like many schools across the country, have felt the pinch. At the same time, we recognise that many families are facing their own challenges. We are grateful that so many of you continue to ask how you can support the school, and we're proud to be part of such a generous and committed community.

This year, we are inviting parents and carers to make a voluntary contribution of £15 per term (£7.50 per half term). These donations will help us fund additional learning resources and update curriculum and classroom equipment to enrich the children's experience. As we do not currently have an established PTA to organise fundraising events, voluntary contributions offer an alternative way to support the school.

Please be assured that there is absolutely no expectation for families to contribute - this is entirely optional, and no child will ever be treated differently based on whether a donation is made. We simply want to offer a way for those who wish to support the school in this way to do so.

Last year, we used funds raised to develop our class libraries. This year, we hope to:

- Resource and refresh our whole-school library, expanding the range of books available to pupils
- Replace two rotting sheds in the playground that store our play and sports equipment
- Purchase games and equipment for the playground
- Purchase games and books for our indoor lunchtime club
- Invest in outdoor equipment for our nursery

If your family is able to contribute at a higher or lower level, please know that every donation is valued equally and makes a meaningful difference. There is flexibility in how you choose to make your voluntary contribution – for example, you can set up a monthly direct debit (for any amount) using the account details below:

Account number: **20852665**

Sort Code: **60-01-38**

Account Name: **Redbridge Gilbert Colvin Primary School**

Reference: **Voluntary contribution and child's name**

We are also looking into ways to pay via the Arbor app and we will communicate how to do this in the near future.

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We are extremely proud of our school community, and remain grateful for your continued support and partnership.

Sincerely,

Liz Cohen
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