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## Chadsgrove School

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Head of School: **Bec Gayden**

Dear Parent Carers,

I am writing to inform you of an important change to our school's approach to mobile phones.

Recent government guidance from the Department for Education, states that 'The Department for Education (DfE) expects schools to implement a policy whereby pupils do not have access to their mobile phone throughout the school day including during lessons, the time between lessons, breaktimes and lunchtime' (Mobile Phones in Schools, DfE, February 2026).

Following growing concerns about the content that pupils may access on personal devices during the school day, we will be moving to a **complete ban on mobile phones for all pupils** while on the school site. This change will include Post-16 pupils, who have previously been permitted to use their phones in the common room at lunchtime.

We have reviewed our current arrangements carefully, and we believe that this change is necessary to support pupils' safety, well-being and focus on learning. As you will be aware, mobile phones can pose significant risks for young people, including exposure to inappropriate online material, distractions from learning and challenges around safeguarding. These concerns have been highlighted nationally, and our responsibility is to ensure that our pupils learn and socialise in a safe and supportive environment.

We recognise that it may be necessary for a pupil to access their phone before and after school, for example when on transport. However, phones must not be accessed at all during the school day and must be stored away in pupils' bags. The school can take no responsibility for any loss or damage to any phones brought into school. If your child uses their phone for medical reasons, communication aids, or any other essential need, please contact us so that we can put an agreed plan in place.

We appreciate that this is a change for some pupils, particularly those in Post-16, but we are confident that it will help us maintain a calm and safe environment for all. As always, thank you for your support in helping us to keep pupils safe and ready to learn.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

Bec Gayden  
Head of School

