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Dear Parents and Carers

Mobile Phones in School – Government Guidance and Reminder of Ludlow CE School's Policy

I am writing to update you on recent government guidance regarding mobile phone use in schools and to remind you of the expectations we have in place at Ludlow CE School.

The Department for Education has recently strengthened its guidance on mobile phones in schools. From 1 September 2026, schools are expected to operate as mobile phone-free environments throughout the entire school day, including lessons, transitions, breaktimes and lunchtimes. The guidance states that pupils should not have access to their mobile phones during the school day, except in exceptional circumstances. Where a student has an approved medical need that requires access to a mobile phone or mobile device during the school day, appropriate arrangements will be agreed with the school and recorded as part of the student's individual support plan.

Our Existing "Gate to Gate" Policy

You will be aware that Ludlow CE School has already adopted a "Gate to Gate" mobile phone policy, which is fully aligned with the government's expectations.

This means that:

- Mobile phones must be switched off before students enter the school site.
- Phones must remain out of sight and unused throughout the school day.
- This includes lesson time, movement between lessons, breaktimes and lunchtime.
- Phones may only be used once students have left the school site at the end of the day.
- Students who need to contact home during the school day should do so through Reception or a member of staff.
- Parents who need to contact their child during the school day should do so via the school office.

Why Is This Important?

Research and national guidance continue to highlight the benefits of reducing mobile phone use in schools. A phone-free environment helps us to:

- Maximise learning and concentration.
- Reduce distractions and interruptions.
- Support positive social interaction and relationships.
- Promote student wellbeing.
- Reduce risks associated with online bullying, inappropriate messaging and social media use during the school day.
- Strengthen safeguarding arrangements.

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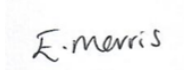
Working Together

We recognise that many families wish their child to carry a phone for safety reasons when travelling to and from school. Our policy allows students to bring a phone to school provided it remains switched off and out of sight from the moment they enter the school gates until they leave at the end of the day.

We are grateful for your continued support in reinforcing these expectations with your child. By working together, we can ensure that Ludlow CE School remains a calm, safe and purposeful environment where all students can thrive.

If you have any questions regarding our mobile phone policy, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely



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