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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you may be aware, the government has recently strengthened its guidance regarding the use of mobile phones in schools. The guidance is clear that schools should take robust action to eliminate disruption caused by mobile phones and ensure that students are fully focused on learning throughout the school day.

In response to this guidance, and following a review of our current procedures, we will be updating our expectations regarding mobile phones at Bradford Girls' Grammar School.

From September 2026, if a mobile phone is seen at any point whilst a student is on the school site, it will be confiscated and will only be returned to a parent, carer, or other named contact who is:

- Aged 18 or over; and
- Listed on the school's contact records.

This expectation applies from the moment a student enters the school grounds until they leave. This includes the school driveway and all external areas of the site before school, during the day, and at the end of the school day.

Please note that this represents a change to our current arrangements. At present, students are permitted to use their phones when arriving at and leaving school. Under the revised policy, mobile phones must remain switched off and out of sight throughout the entire time students are on the school site.

We appreciate that this is a significant change. However, we believe it will help to create an even more focused learning environment, reduce distractions, improve behaviour for learning, and support students' wellbeing and engagement in school life.

Should a student need to contact home in an emergency during the school day, they will be able to do so through the school office, as has always been the case. Likewise, if parents need to pass on an urgent message, they should contact the school office, and we will ensure that the information reaches their daughter promptly.

We are grateful for your support in implementing this change and ask that you discuss these expectations with your daughter before the new arrangements come into effect.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Kind regards,

Caroline Foster

Headteacher

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