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EXCLUSIVE Shadow Chancellor makes pledge to Mail readers

By **Jason Groves**
Political Editor

RACHEL Reeves vows today that she will never 'play fast and loose with your money' – and insists Labour's tax-and-spend binges are a thing of the past.

The Shadow Chancellor uses her first intervention in the election campaign to make a direct appeal to Daily Mail readers.

Writing in this newspaper, Ms Reeves says she will be guided by a Thatcher-style commitment to 'sound money' if she becomes Britain's first female Chancellor in July.

Turning her back on the profligacy of Labour's past, she writes: 'I will never play fast and loose with your money... I believe in sound money and public spending that is kept under control.'

'I know how important it is that whoever is running the public finances has an iron grip on them.'

Ms Reeves explicitly rules out a return to a traditional Labour tax-and-spend approach – and even hints she could eventually cut taxes for 'working people'.

The former Bank of England economist insists that Labour will not try to soak successful businesses and crush entrepreneurship, arguing that the private sector is the key to generating the economic growth Labour needs to pay for its plans.

Ms Reeves savages the Tories' economic record since 2010, and warns that giving them another term would be like 'giving a box of matches back to the arsonists who

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