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I am writing to give you advance notice of an important change we will be introducing at Immanuel College next term. From a date to be confirmed after the Easter break, all students who bring a mobile phone to school will be required to store their device in a secure phone pouch for the duration of the school day.

This decision is part of a wider initiative across BDAT and follows strengthened guidance from the Department for Education (DfE) on creating mobile phone free school environments. Please see this link for more information - [DfE New guidance on mobile phones in schools](#).

The secure phone pouches system has been implemented in thousands of schools to facilitate an engaged and safer learning environment. Bradford schools have also successfully implemented the same systems, and we are confident the secure lockable phone pouches will have a positive impact at **Immanuel College** as well. Other secondary schools within BDAT are adopting the same scheme and we are collectively working together to prepare for this change.

Research has found that learning, safeguarding and social behaviour improve when students are fully engaged with their teachers and other students, without the distraction of mobile phones.

**The system uses a simple, safe and secure pouch that stores a phone.** Every student will secure their phone in a secure pouch when they arrive at school. Students will keep their phones on their person throughout the day, but will not be able to use them until their pouches are opened at the end of the school day. Students are responsible for their pouch and therefore their secured phone during school hours.

This is a significant change to national school policy and one which I am sure parents and carers will support us with as we continue to improve the quality of education provided for the young people in our care.

Changes to our behaviour policy relating to this change will be communicated prior to the implementation date. We appreciate your full support as we implement this initiative adopting secure phone pouches. By working together, we can create a calmer, safer and more focused learning environment for all our students.

If, after reading the attached FAQ document, you have any further questions, please email them to us on our usual address at [office@immanuel.bdat-acadmies.org](mailto:office@immanuel.bdat-acadmies.org) and we will respond in due course.

Yours faithfully,

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