



22 June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to confirm that the implementation date for the phone pouch system will be **Monday 29 June 2026**. From this date, 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.

As previously communicated, this decision forms part of a wider initiative across BDAT and follows strengthened guidance from the Department for Education (DfE) on creating mobile phone-free school environments. Further information can be found here: [DfE: New guidance on mobile phones in schools](#).

Students received details of how the phone pouch system will operate during assemblies last week.

From Monday, all students will enter school through the H Block doors. Students who bring a mobile phone to school will collect a phone pouch on arrival, place their phone inside it and securely lock the pouch. Staff will check pouches on entry to ensure compliance with the system. At the end of the school day, unlocking stations will be available for students to unlock their pouches and retrieve their phones before leaving the site.

Students who do not bring a mobile phone to school will also be screened by staff on entry. To support the successful implementation of this system, the following additions to the Behaviour Policy will take effect from Monday 29 June 2026:

Behaviour	Action / Sanction
Student found in possession of a phone outside of a locked phone pouch	<p>1st offence in a half-term: Immediate Stage 6 Reflect Sanction for the remainder of the day;</p> <p>Search and confiscation of all devices in possession;</p> <p>Parent/carer required to collect devices from Main Reception.</p> <p>2nd and subsequent offences: Suspension (1.5 days) and search on return.</p> <p>Repeated instances sanctioned in line with the Behaviour Policy.</p>
Student found attempting to bypass the pouch system by bringing a device into school without complying with the required procedures	<p>1st offence in a half-term: Immediate Stage 6 Reflect Sanction for the remainder of the day;</p> <p>Search and confiscation of all devices in possession;</p> <p>Parent/carer required to collect devices from Main Reception.</p> <p>2nd and subsequent offences: Suspension (1.5 days) and search on return.</p>



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Student found to have damaged or attempted to damage a pouch	Stage 6 Reflect Sanction. Parents/carers will be charged in accordance with the Charges and Remissions Policy.
Tampering with equipment, including attempting to force open a pouch or using tools to open it	Stage 6 Reflect Sanction. Where damage occurs, parents/carers will be charged in accordance with the Charges and Remissions Policy.
Student refuses to be screened	Student will be isolated until a parent/carer arrives to support the screening and ensure compliance with the Behaviour Policy.
Student refuses to place their phone in a pouch	Student will be isolated until a parent/carer arrives to support the removal of the phone and ensure compliance with the Behaviour Policy.
Student does not place their pouch in the designated Pouch Return Basket on exit	Stage 5 Detention.
Student found to have removed a pouch from the school site	Stage 6 Reflect Sanction. If the pouch is not returned, parents/carers will be charged in accordance with the Charges and Remissions Policy.

Please refer to the previous letter and the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document for further information, both of which can be found on our website: <https://www.immanuelcollege.org/latest/letters-home/>

Thank you for your support as we implement this initiative, which is designed to promote a positive learning environment and ensure that students are fully engaged in learning throughout the school day.

Yours sincerely

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