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A Message from our Vaad HaRabbonim

Dear RYNJ Parents,

As Rabbonim in our community who watch the ongoing impact of social media and of the frightening inability to detach from it, we are enormously grateful, as you should all be as well, to Rabbi Price, Head of School, and his team for crafting a bold technology policy for the Yeshiva. We recognize that it comes after arduous research and painstaking discussion regarding both the dangers of uncontrolled access to technology in concert with the needs and tolerance of our community.

It is evident that our children's social skills, their ability to focus and their openness to be motivated by values and principles have largely changed. We all have read well-researched articles that posit that these changes may to a great degree be due to an unhealthy attachment to social media. Moreover so many are accessing material that entirely undermines the purity, the innocence, the innate kedusha and tahara with which we have been blessed.

As technology plays an increasingly dominant role in our world, it is vital that we, a Yeshiva community, take proactive measures to ensure that our children's religious, spiritual, and overall development are nurtured in a safe and healthy manner. Please study the new policies of the Yeshiva - all essential to safeguard the innocence kedusha and tahara of our children's minds and souls; please share them with your children and adopt some of them for yourselves. Certainly, changes of this order are hard to implement and its utmost importance prompts us to appeal to you directly.

Here is a brief summary of the policies that you have received under separate cover:

- 1. No Smartphones or Handheld Devices with Internet Capabilities:** Parents should not give their elementary school-aged children a smartphone or any handheld device with internet capabilities, whether through WiFi or data.
- 2. Disengagement from Existing Devices:** Parents whose children already possess a smartphone or handheld device with internet capabilities, are strongly urged to take significant steps to disengage them from its usage. It is never too late to take corrective action for the sake of one's child's well-being.





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- 3. **Prohibition on Campus and During School Activities:** Smartphones or handheld devices with internet capabilities are not permitted on our Yeshiva's campus, as well as on school buses, in carpools, and during any school activities or trips, including sports teams and graduation trips.
- 4. **Social Media Restrictions:** Elementary school-aged children should not be on any social media platforms. This includes, but is not limited to, TikTok, Snapchat, Instagram, Facebook, X (formerly known as Twitter), and Reddit. The list of prohibited platforms is subject to change as new apps are developed. Still, the overarching principle remains: social media presents significant dangers to the immature, developing brains of our children. These platforms are designed to publicize images, videos, messages, and comparisons that can distract and damage our children's mental and spiritual health.

The success of this critical initiative requires a supportive community. If we partner with each other and with the Yeshiva we will create a healthier culture for ourselves and for our children; one that they will come to expect, accept, and ultimately appreciate beyond all expectations.

Please keep in mind that our Yeshiva is giving us an opportunity - one that will be the envy of many neighborhoods - to have meaningful conversations with our children and to establish a communal culture that will help us master this challenging moment of parenting.

We have no doubt that Hashem will reward our efforts and help us raise children "yeriem ushleimim", embracing the privilege of a Torah life with great joy.

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