



Dear Parents of YOSS,

We hope this letter finds you well and you are enjoying the summer months.

Last year, with tremendous siyata d'shmaya, we launched our new **"Keeping Tech-in-Check"** initiative. With over 180 families, and more than 250 boys, the program was a resounding success. This healthy group effort allowed for families to band together and regain control over their children's technology usage. **We implore you to jump on board if you haven't done so yet.**

We reiterate that children in Elementary school need not own their own smart devices.

In Yeshiva, we will not allow smartphones to be held by the talmidim at all, whether on the bus or on the Yeshiva campus (even if turned off and placed in their backpack).

Non-adherence to this policy will result in parental meetings and can lead to suspension which will be recorded on the student's permanent record. There will be no exceptions.

*(Please note that this includes **smart-watches**, regardless of whether they are connected to a phone or not. Please read our complete Technology Guidelines attached to this email.)*

We understand that some students bring phones because of safety concerns (for example, they walk or bike to yeshiva). In those cases, we will allow the student to have a kosher flip phone and ask that you inform us in advance that he will be bringing it. (Obviously, it cannot be used once he arrives at YOSS.) For information about kosher flip phones, go to <https://www.smartconnectionsny.com>.

Please understand that our approach stems from a deep care and concern for the holy neshamos of our children.

With Torah greetings and with a tefillah for the hatzlacha of every single talmid,

Rabbi Mordechai Kamenetzky, Rosh Yeshiva
Rabbi Zev Davidowitz, Menahel HaMechina
Rabbi Avraham Robinson, Menahel, Elementary Division