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בס"ד בית חינוך לבנות
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GUIDELINES FOR TECHNOLOGY

In accordance with the ethos of the school and the guidance issued by the UOHC, the school aims to ensure that no child learning in Beis Chinuch should have access to any device, portable or fixed, which could have an internet connection – **even if the internet is filtered**. In practice, this means that any internet enabled device in the home must be approved by the school's technology department.

Computers at Home

A computer at home, with any type of internet connection, must be locked securely and kept out of reach of children.

All home computers with internet access, must be appropriately tagged and filtered to allow only permitted sites. These include but are not limited to: Email, financial services, travel (with limited graphics) and any other site related to the user's business. Information about any other sites requested by the user and opened by the technology team or TAG, will be shared with the school governance team. Examples of restricted sites under any and all circumstances include, but are not limited to; news, social media, search engines, religion, Yiddish news and the likes. These will never be approved by the technology team or the school governance.

Parents may never share with their children any clips, pictures etc. that they have received on screen.

If there is a Wi-Fi connection at home, parents must take every precaution to ensure that children have no access to the code, including, but not limited to, physically removing the label from the router.

Computers in the Office

In the parent's office, the school relies on the fact that parent are adhering to the rules laid down by their individual Rav. This is as long as the child does not have access to the parent's office at any time. If a child has the possibility of accessing the office, the same rules will apply to those of a home computer.

Mobile phones and other devices

Parents must be aware that a smartphone, iPad or any other mobile device, even if has been filtered, is a potentially dangerous machine and children may never have any access to it



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whatsoever. We once again reiterate in the strongest possible terms, that children may never be shown photos, video clips and the likes.

It is a lack of צניעות and especially a lack in חינוך for a parent that is a role model for his/her children, to be using a smartphone even it has been completely tagged and filtered.

All mobiles phones must have a visible *hechsher* on it.

For those who must have internet access on their phone the following rules apply: Browsers are to be blocked, and any apps which the parent needs for business purposes can be opened through our office. However, they may stipulate that they will notify the school governance for confirmation. If the list of requested apps is a long or questionable one, the governors may require the parent to install 'covenant eye' on the device as an extra precaution. The option should be given to the parent to disable the speech function on the device and it will then be considered a small laptop/tablet and more apps can be opened. All this applies only if the device enters the home. Devices left in the office are in the same category as office computers.

Children may never hold any type of smartphone in their hands. As written clearly in the school handbook, children may never use text facilities.

Mp3's and Other Technological Devices

Excerpts from the Student's Handbook:

It is a policy at בית חינוך that assignments completed at home may not be done on a computer under any circumstances. Some GCSEs may contain a compulsory IT element. In these instances, time will be allocated in school for this purpose, so that students can complete their work using a school computer under supervision. It is therefore unwarranted for parents to purchase a computer for home use.

In addition, wherever necessary, the school will arrange supervised IT sessions on school premises for school work. This request should be made by pupils two days in advance.

Pupils of בית חינוך may never have access to the internet on any computer, tablet etc. They are also prohibited from having access to mobile phones with texting facility.

The school does not permit pupils to watch audio-visuals or DVDs on a home computer with friends. In a family setting, only DVDs that have been authorised and approved by the school governance are permitted. This refers to classics as well as those by Yiddish producers.

Gameboys and all similar gaming consoles are forbidden. Cameras should have the Wi-Fi removed by the school's tech office. Parents must be constantly vigilant and keep an eye on the contents of their children's MP3 players to ensure that all songs are appropriate.

For a nominal fee home visits by our tech team will be considered.

