



PARENT HANDBOOK

WE LOOK FORWARD TO A GREAT YEAR!

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Welcome To YAYOE

Welcome to the school year at YAYOE! We are looking forward to a wonderful year of growth, learning, inspiration and joy for each of our students.

We value the trust and confidence you have placed in us as partners in your children's education. We share this handbook with you within the framework of that partnership. The policies you find here will help us ensure a safe, respectful and courteous environment that supports the development of scholarship, character, and commitment to Torah values that are the hallmarks of our school.

Please carefully review this revised handbook, as many policies have been updated, and **complete the acknowledgment** form using the link provided as many policies have been updated. Of course, no handbook can take the place of direct and personal contact among parents, faculty and administration. Please consider this your personal invitation to contact us directly if you have any questions. We welcome your feedback!

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School Culture

Mission



The goal of our school community is that, over the course of their years at YAYOE, our students develop a deep love for Torah and mitzvos, strong middos tovot, and emotional well-being—along with the skills and knowledge they need to be successful contributors to society. We view this participation in the broader world as part of our Torah obligation.

We strive to instill in each student:

- A recognition that every person is created b'tzelem Elokim
- A lifelong love of learning
- A desire to use their unique strengths in service of the Jewish People

Core Principles



As a community, we are guided by the following core principles:

1. Above all, cause no harm. When in doubt, ask for help.
2. Our environment is built on a foundation of love, encouragement, and discipline—with reverence as its roof.
3. We approach life with gratitude, resilience, and hard work.
4. At the heart of everything meaningful is a relationship. There are no shortcuts. Relationships require respect, patience, consistency, sincerity, and humility.
5. We help others grow by being an example, an inspiration, and a resource. The only person I can change is myself.
6. We learn best in a community that celebrates individual differences.
7. Learning happens all the time—formally and informally, intentionally and unintentionally, in every moment and interaction.
8. We aim to balance accepting and expecting, process and product, collaboration and competition.
9. Each day, every person deserves both a chance to shine and a chance to stretch.
10. Integrity matters most in the moment of choice. Every moment is a new opportunity to choose well.

Communication

At YAYOE, we value strong communication between home and school. We know that students thrive when there is close partnership and consistent contact. We encourage all families to become familiar with our communication systems and support teams to help ensure a smooth and effective school year.

ParentLocker

ParentLocker is our school's web-based communication and management platform. All official school communication is sent via ParentLocker—either through email or posted directly on your family dashboard.

Through ParentLocker, families can:

- View school calendars
- Access grades and report cards
- Download important files
- Find teacher email addresses
- Find homework and upcoming tests/quizzes

Please make sure your contact information is always up to date. For technical support with ParentLocker, email: support@yayoe.org.

Communication from Home to School

Our main office is available Monday–Thursday, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, and Friday, 8:00 AM to 1:30 PM. You can reach us at (323) 556-6900 with general questions or to leave a message for any staff member.

Please note our peak call times:

- 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM
- 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM
- 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

For non-urgent matters, we kindly ask that you call outside of those hours when possible.

Communication from School to Home

Parents can expect regular communication from both the school and their child(ren)'s teachers. In addition to formal Parent-Teacher Conferences, communication may include:

- Phone calls
- Emails
- Classroom newsletters
- The weekly school newsletter (emailed every Friday and also sent home as a hard copy with your oldest child)

Student Communication

To help minimize interruptions to the school day, we ask that students come to school with dismissal plans, lunch arrangements, and other routine plans already in place.

The school office phone is reserved for emergencies and essential school-related communication. Students will not be permitted to use the office phone for routine matters, including:

- Confirming who is picking them up after school.
- Making or changing playdates or after-school plans.
- Requesting a lunch or a different lunch because they do not want the lunch they brought.
- Other non-emergency personal calls.

If there is an urgent change during the school day, parents should contact the school office directly rather than asking their child to call home.

Getting a Message to Your Child During the School Day

Please be sensitive that delivering a message to your child during class time interferes with classroom instruction.

Non-emergency messages will be delivered at the closest recess. If you need to pick up your child before the regular dismissal time, please notify the school office no later than **9:30 a.m.** that morning.

This gives us time to notify your child's teacher and make sure your child is prepared and brought to the office at the appropriate time.

When you arrive for early dismissal, please come into the office, sign your child out, and your child will be ready for you to leave with him or her promptly.

Communication

Contacts

Who to contact if you have questions:

DAILY NEEDS

- Front Office: Ms. Dina Zisblatt & Mrs. Jina Eyshi - dzisblatt@yayoe.org, jeysshi@yayoe.org
- Carpool Changes: Contact the Front Office and/or update via PikMyKid
- Hot Lunch: Mrs. Rachel Celnik (Platinum Catering) – Text/WhatsApp: (818) 625-8083 | Email: platinumcatering1@gmail.com

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PIKMYKID + PARENT LOCKER

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PTA AND WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

- PTA: PTA@yayoe.org
- Weekly Newsletter: Ms. Dina Zisblatt - dzisblatt@yayoe.org

EVENTS

- Campus Events: Rabbi Aharonoff - maharonoff@yayoe.org

Attendance

In Order To Facilitate Your Child's Success in Yeshiva:

- Ensure daily attendance and punctuality for davening and all classes. Students should arrive ready to learn.
- Encourage healthy habits: adequate sleep, proper nutrition, and regular exercise all help students be on time, focused, and functioning at their best.

School begins at 8:15 AM.

Dismissal times:

- **3:30 PM - Preschool Only**
- **3:45 PM - Yesod through 4th Grade**
- **4:30 PM - 5th through 8th Grade**

Arriving on Time

The school gates close promptly at 8:15 AM.

Any student arriving after 8:15 AM must check in at the front office.

Please note: Students who do not check in will not appear in the PikMyKid system for afternoon dismissal. This means parents/carpool drivers will not be able to "announce" them. (See more information in the "Carpool" section.)

Reporting Absences

If your child will be absent for any reason, please notify the front office by 8:45 AM by calling **(323) 556-6900** or emailing **jeysi@yayoe.org**.

Late Arrival / Early Pickup

If a student is being dropped off late or picked up early (e.g., due to a doctor's appointment or illness), the adult must:

- Park legally
- Come into the main office
- Sign the child in or out

Double parking is never allowed.

Parents are kindly asked to schedule appointments during natural transitions in the school day, and to notify teachers in advance when possible. This helps maintain an uninterrupted learning environment for all students.

Illness

- Students with a **fever** must stay home and may return only **after 24 hours fever-free without medication**.
- Students with symptoms such as **cough, runny nose, or diarrhea** (not allergy-related) should also stay home.
- Please contact the front office before your child returns so we can assist with safe readmittance.

Lice

- If lice are found at home, please notify the school and keep your child home until they are checked and cleared.
- Students must be 100% nit-free to return.
- Periodic school-wide lice checks may be conducted. If lice or eggs are found, the student will be sent home and must be rechecked before reentering school.

Parenting Classes and Classes for Parents

Over the years, YAYOE's **Parenting Shiurim** have served many purposes. Most importantly, they help align our avodas Hashem with **daas Torah** and the guidance of **gedolei Torah**, past and present. These classes also create a supportive space for parents to share challenges, successes, and ideas in a warm, open, and respectful environment. They build a sense of mutual trust and unity, helping families feel confident that they are raising their children with shared values and goals.

Rabbi Goldberg has been giving parenting shiurim since 1995 in various formats. The essential material has now been distilled into a set of **six sessions**, capturing the core principles and practical applications that reflect "The YAYOE Way" in chinuch. We expect all parents to attend these shiurim.

If you're new to the school, or haven't participated yet, we strongly encourage you to view these classes as a **priority**, a **necessity**, and a **responsibility**.

In addition, YAYOE offers many other learning opportunities for parents, given by Rabbi Goldberg, Rabbi Jacknis, Mrs. Schwarzmer, and other staff. Topics include:

- Mussar vaadim
- Aleph Beis and early learning
- Chumash and Navi
- Beginner and Advanced Gemara

We encourage you to take advantage of these enriching opportunities to learn and grow alongside your fellow YAYOE parents!

Campus Kedusha & Carpool

Campus Kedusha

To preserve the sanctity of our Yeshiva, we respectfully ask that all visitors—**men and women—adhere to halachic standards of tznius when coming on campus.**

- For women, skirts, sleeves, and necklines should comply with Halacha.
- Pants for women, even visitors, are not allowed.
- Socks and shoes should be worn.
- Shorts for men are not appropriate.
- Married women are expected to cover their hair according to Halacha.

In short: if an outfit would not be acceptable for a middle school student at YAYOE, it is not appropriate for adults either—even if you're just stepping out of the car at carpool.

CARPOOL: PikMyKid

We use the **PikMyKid dismissal system** to help streamline carpool and increase safety and efficiency. With this app, parents can easily:

- Set and change pickup modes
- Assign alternate pickup delegates
- Schedule future changes
- Check their child's dismissal status in real time

Getting Started

The PikMyKid system requires a device (such as a smartphone) to safely check students out of school. If you are new to the system:

- Download the PikMyKid app from your phone's app store
- Registration is simple — [Watch the tutorial here](#)
- [Read the parent setup guide here](#)

If you do not have access to a smartphone, you can register and manage your account from a computer at the same link above.

CARPOOL: PikMyKid

Pickup Modes

Within the app, you'll select your child's default pickup mode and can make changes as needed. Options include:

- **Car Line** – Student is dismissed when your car is in the active line
- **Formosa Parent Walk-Up** – Student is dismissed only when a parent or delegate announces arrival on campus
- **Staff Carpool** – Student is dismissed when a staff member announces they are ready to leave
- **Independent Walker** – Available for 5th–8th grade students only. Students are dismissed no earlier than 4:30 PM (1:00 PM Fridays) to walk home on their own.

Note: These students must walk home or be picked up at least one block away from campus. Families take full responsibility once their child exits the gate.

You may also **delegate pickup** to another adult using the app.

Important Carpool Reminders

- **Students are only dismissed once their pickup has been announced.** Even though gates open earlier, students will remain in class until the dismissal time begins.
 - **3:45 Dismissal (Yesod–4th):** Students in the car line or with announced walkers are sent down at 3:40 PM
 - **4:30 Dismissal (5th–8th):** Same process begins at 4:25 PM; independent walkers are released at 4:30 PM
 - **Friday Dismissal (All grades):** At 1:00 PM, announced students are sent down; independent walkers are released at that time
- **Drive safely.** Please follow all traffic signs, directions, and speed limits around campus. Stay off your phone and drive slowly.
- **Plan for limited parking.** If you're doing a parent walk-up, be prepared to park further away and walk to the designated gate area. Do not block driveways or double park in the neighborhood under any circumstances.

DROP OFF PROCEDURES

Morning Carpool

The Formosa gate opens each morning at 8:00 AM for drop-off and closes promptly at 8:15 AM.

Students may be dropped off:

- By car (in the carpool line)
- At the gate by a parent
- Independently (if permitted)

Students must arrive by 8:15 AM to be on time for davening and the start of the school day.

DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

Afternoon Carpool

- **3:30 Preschool Dismissal**

Preschool dismissal will begin at 3:30. This means that cars with special yellow "PRESCHOOL ONLY" tags will be able to enter the carline in a designated lane at 3:30 and then leave campus as soon as their child comes to the car, without having to wait for 3:45. Cars taking elementary school children as well, even if only on occasion, will need to wait until 3:35 to enter. We hope that this will make the carpool process safer and smoother for everyone.

- **3:45 Dismissal (Yesod–4th Grade):**

The Formosa car gate opens at 3:30 PM and closes at 4:00 PM.

⊘ Cars may not remain on campus between the two dismissal periods.

● The campus is not open for play between dismissals.

- **4:30 Dismissal (5th–8th Grade):**

The Formosa car gate opens at 4:20 PM and closes at 4:45 PM. The pedestrian gate opens 5 minutes before dismissal.

SAFETY

TRAFFIC FLOW

To maintain safety and traffic efficiency:

- Cars must **enter the school** from **Formosa Ave.** with a **right turn only** into the carpool lane.
- When exiting on **Detroit** Street, only right turns are permitted.
- During carpool hours, please **approach the campus by traveling westbound on 3rd Street.**
- Always observe parking enforcement signs.

Never block a neighbor's driveway or double park under any circumstances.

SAFETY

BICYCLES + SCOOTERS

- Students must have a **signed permission form** on file in the office to ride a bike or scooter to school.
- (Forms are available via ParentLocker or at the front office.)
- Helmets are required at all times.
- Students must **walk their bike or scooter** while on campus.
- **No skateboards, rollerblades, or motorized bikes/scooters** are allowed on campus.

BOOSTER SEATS

To support carpool safety and efficiency:

- Make sure all booster and car seats are properly installed before entering the carpool lane.
- Carpool staff cannot remove or secure students without the proper restraints.

Please be sure you are in compliance with current California Child Safety Seat Regulations:

- Children under 2 must ride in a rear-facing car seat, unless they weigh 40+ lbs or are 40+ inches tall.
- Children under 8 must be in a car seat or booster seat in the back seat.
- Children aged 8 or taller than 4'9" may use a seatbelt, but booster seats are still recommended.
- All passengers must wear a seatbelt.

Current California Law:

- Children under 2 years of age shall ride in a rear-facing car seat unless the child weighs 40 or more pounds OR is 40 or more inches tall. The child shall be secured in a manner that complies with the height and weight limits specified by the manufacturer of the car seat. (California Vehicle Code Section 27360.)
- Children under the age of 8 must be secured in a car seat or booster seat in the back seat.
- Children who are 8 years of age OR have reached 4'9" in height may be secured by a booster seat, but at a minimum must be secured by a safety belt. (California Vehicle Code Section 27363.)
- Passengers who are 16 years of age and over are subject to California's Mandatory Seat Belt law.

School Uniforms

School Uniform Compliance Policy

As our Yeshiva is a *Makom Torah*, we have worked diligently with both parents and students to adopt a dress code that is appropriate, comfortable, and “user-friendly.” In addition, the dress code fosters a professional environment and promotes Kavod HaTorah and Kavod HaBrios. We have found that students who do not follow the dress code often display discipline challenges as well.

We know that when students feel part of something bigger—when they look and act the part—they carry themselves with greater confidence and yiras Shamayim. A consistent uniform helps create that feeling of community and purpose each day.

We ask that parents partner with us by ensuring their child is dressed in full compliance before leaving home. Students are expected to follow both the letter and the spirit of the dress code.

If a child comes to school wearing a uniform that does not meet Yeshiva guidelines, we will provide them with a correct uniform from our Uniform Gemach. We ask that all borrowed items be washed and returned within 48 hours, and that parents provide their child with a uniform that meets policy going forward.

APPROVED VENDORS

Please note that the YAYOE office maintains a limited Uniform and Sweatshirt Gemach for families in need of temporary or backup items.

We currently have three approved uniform vendors:

GOLD LAIBEL UNIFORMS

Gold Laibel offers high-quality jumpers and skirts in two styles, both in a slightly darker navy than other vendors. Their items are durable, well-fitted, and meet YAYOE guidelines.

LAND'S END UNIFORMS

Land's End carries sweatshirts, pants, and sweaters that meet our school's standards.

To shop:

1. Visit: www.landsend.com
2. Click “School Uniforms”
3. Enter School Code: 900076886

FRAYLICH UNIFORMS

Fraylich is a New York-based vendor serving several schools in our community. They offer custom sizing for an additional charge, and most skirt lengths arrive ready to wear without alterations.

Available items include:

- Girls' Jumpers (Grades Yesod-5)
- Girls' Skirts (Grades 5-8)
- Velour Sweatshirts
- Order online: <https://www.fraylichschooluniforms.com/collections/ohr-eliyahu-academy>.

Or call: (718) 871-8253

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY FOR GIRLS

Shirts

- **Yesod-4th Grade:** Light blue long sleeve polo. No logos or designs. White polo may be worn on Rosh Chodesh.
- **5th-8th Grade:** Light blue long sleeve polo and light blue oxford. No logos or designs. The collarbone must be covered with a buttoned collar or a navy, black, or white shell that does not extend below the shirt.

Jumpers & Skirts

- Yesod-4th Grade: Navy jumper from approved vendor
- 5th Grade: Navy jumper or Navy Skirt from approved vendor
- 6th-8th Grade: Navy Skirts from approved vendor

NOTE: All skirts must be 2 inches below the bottom of the knee and knees must be covered in all positions. Please consider the various activities throughout the day and allow for growth throughout the school year.

Sweatshirts

- Yesod-8th Grade: Plain navy or black zip-up or crewneck sweatshirt with no logos or designs. Velour sweatshirts with school logo from approved vendor.

NOTE: No cropped or oversized sweatshirts

Socks & Hosiery

- Yesod-5th: Solid white, navy, or black knee socks or tights.
- 6th-8th: Solid opaque black tights only.

NOTE: Legs must be fully covered with no gaps. Leggings are not permitted. No logos or designs.

Shoes

- Shoes or sneakers must be solid black, white, or navy with minimal accent colors.

NOTE: No sandals, backless shoes, patterned footwear, or army-style boots. Rain boots may be worn only on rainy days.

Appearance

- Hair must be fully pulled back.
- Makeup, nail polish, and hair dye/ bleach are not permitted.

Outerwear

- Coats and jackets without words, logos, or media characters may be worn outside but may not be worn in the classroom.

Questions? Contact Mrs. Schwarzmer at mschwarzmer@yayoe.org.

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY FOR BOYS

Shirts

- Grades Y-5: White polo shirt (three-button, short or long sleeve).
- Grades 6-8: White dress shirt (Shabbos shirt), tucked in at all times except during P.E. and recess.

Pants

- Grades Y-8: Navy blue or black uniform pants only.

NOTE: No cargo pants or other types of pants of any kind including the increasingly popular sweat or pajama pants styles are allowed. Boys' pants must have belt loops, be made of chino material, not have elastic around the ankles and not have draw-string ties.

Sweatshirts

- Solid navy blue or black zip-up sweatshirts only. No logos, designs, or writing of any kind are permitted.

Socks

- Solid white, navy, or black crew-length socks only.

NOTE: Ankle socks or socks with designs are not permitted.

Shoes

- Solid black shoes with black shoelaces are required.

Outerwear

- Coats and jackets without logos or designs may be worn to school.
- Only approved sweatshirts and sweaters may be worn inside classrooms.

Special Uniform Note for All Boys:

- Tzitzis must be worn at all times.
- Yarmulka/Kippah: Black velvet yarmulkas with no designs, letters or logos.
- From the day a boy starts putting on tefillin he must wear a black davening jacket and black hat for davening.
- Necklaces and chains are not allowed.
- Cologne is not allowed.

HAIRCUT GUIDELINES

As students prepare for haircuts throughout the year, we ask families to ensure that hairstyles reflect the values and standards of our Yeshiva.

- Haircuts should be neat, conservative, and appropriate for a ben Torah.
- Hairstyles that are overly trendy or create a dramatic contrast between the top and sides of the head are not permitted.
- Rabbi Goldberg is the sole and final arbiter for haircuts.
- Students are expected to maintain peyos in accordance with halacha.
- Students with hairstyles that do not meet these expectations may be required to remain home until the haircut is corrected or grows back appropriately.
- If you are unsure whether a particular haircut is acceptable, please contact the school before the haircut is given. It is much easier to clarify in advance than to correct a hairstyle afterward.

Food Policy

Kashrus

Any food intended to be shared with classmates—whether for school-approved celebrations or for events outside of school—**must not be homemade** (cooked, baked, chopped, cut, etc.). Only items with reliable hechsherim may be brought in. If the item is dairy, it must be **Cholov Yisroel** and either packaged or purchased from a school-approved bakery.

Kashrus certifications and product statuses change often. Please consult www.kosherquest.org, Rabbi Eidlitz's site, for current kosher updates.

We kindly ask that you discourage your child from sharing their personal snacks or lunch with classmates.

Snacks

Each class has two snack breaks in addition to lunchtime. Please send healthy, appropriately sized snacks that your child will enjoy.

Water

All drinking fountains on campus dispense filtered water and have bottle-filling spouts. We strongly encourage students to bring a **labeled water bottle** (disposable or refillable) each day.

Food Deliveries

Food deliveries from services such as Uber Eats, DoorDash, and Grubhub are **not permitted**. Students may not receive food deliveries during school hours.

Lunch

Each student must come to school with lunch using one of the following options:

- **Lunch from home** – Please clearly label lunchboxes and any reusable containers.
- **Hot lunch program** – YAYOE offers a hot lunch program. Ordering instructions, menu options, and pricing will be shared separately.
 - If your child forgets their lunch and you would like to place a same-day lunch order, please text or WhatsApp Rachel at Platinum Catering at (818) 625-8083. Please include your child's name and grade.
 - Questions regarding the hot lunch program should be directed to platinumcatering1@gmail.com.
 - If your child is bringing soup or another meal that requires hot water, please send the hot water from home in a thermos. The school is unable to provide hot water for student lunches.

The school office is unable to place lunch orders or provide alternate lunch options.

Birthday Parties

At YAYOE, birthdays are celebrated **collectively around Rosh Chodesh** on a class-wide basis. **Individual birthday celebrations during school hours are not permitted.**

Please do not send any food, snacks, or treats to school in honor of your child's birthday. When planning a birthday party outside of school, please be mindful of your child's classmates' feelings. We **encourage inviting the entire class** to maintain achdus and prevent hurt feelings.

All food served at birthday parties must comply with school Kashrus standards.

Videos or any form of screen entertainment may not be shown.

If your party includes a theme or form of entertainment, it must be approved in advance by a school administrator.

Simcha Planning

If you are planning a bar mitzvah, bas mitzvah, upsheren, or other family simcha, please notify the Yeshiva well in advance to avoid scheduling conflicts with other families.

- **Bar Mitzvah:** Parents must consult Rabbi Goldberg to ensure the simcha aligns with the hashkafa of the Yeshiva.
- **Bas Mitzvah:** Plans must be coordinated through the 6th grade parent liaison.

Digital Media & Devices

It is the overwhelming consensus of **Gedolei Yisroel**, as well as leading educational and mental health professionals, that exposure to digital media—including movies, DVDs, online streaming, and secular music—is profoundly detrimental to children's development, academic focus, and emotional well-being.

The pressures of social media, excessive screen time, and constant texting and emailing have contributed to a steep decline in interpersonal skills, stunted social-emotional growth, and a troubling rise in anxiety and depression among youth.

By choosing **YAYOE**, you are making an intentional investment in your child's spiritual and academic growth within a Torah-true environment. Undermining that environment at home through unrestricted digital media use is confusing and harmful—and can have lasting consequences on your child's physical, emotional, social, intellectual, and spiritual development.

In light of the above, please note the following guidelines:

Internet Use

- Children should **never** be left alone on the internet, even if filters are in place.
- Before exposing your child to any type of digital content, ask: *"Is this convenience worth the long-term cost to my child's neshama?"*

Showing Media to Others

- Under **no circumstances** may students show digital media of any kind to their classmates or friends.
- Even so-called "G-rated" media may include inappropriate themes, language, or values not consistent with a Torah lifestyle.

Email + Social Media

- Students should not have individual email accounts. We recommend children use a **parent-monitored account** when email access is necessary.
- **YAYOE students may not have accounts** on any social media platforms, including but not limited to: **Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, Twitter, TikTok, etc.**

TV + Movies

Discussion of TV shows, movies, or other elements of popular culture is not permitted at any time in the Yeshiva.

Books + Music

- Please select books for your child with care. Even public library books may contain values inconsistent with our hashkafah.
- YAYOE maintains an in-house library with a wide selection of kosher, age-appropriate reading materials.
- Most secular music—and music videos in particular—are not appropriate for yeshiva students. Even “clean” lyrics often carry values and messaging that are not in line with Torah standards.
- We encourage you to **review and monitor your child’s music choices**, and are happy to help with recommendations for appropriate options. Please reach out to the **Limudei Kodesh staff** for guidance.

Personal Electronic Devices

- **No personal electronic devices of any kind may be brought to school.** This includes:
 - Cell phones or smartphones (including “kosher” phones)
 - Cameras or video recorders
 - MP3 players or music devices
 - Gaming systems
 - Smartwatches or wireless headphones
- Possession of any of these items on campus will result in **immediate confiscation**, and may lead to **suspension or expulsion**.
- There is no reason for a YAYOE student to own or use a smartphone, iPad, iTouch, or similar device.
- If the school becomes aware that a student has access to such a device at home, the administration will require a meeting with the family to evaluate whether YAYOE remains the appropriate school placement.

Group Chats + Class Texting

- Class chats, group texting, and messaging threads among students are strictly prohibited.

Compliance Agreement

Parent/Guardian Compliance Agreement

By enrolling my child at Yeshiva Aharon Yaakov Ohr Eliyahu, I affirm my commitment to upholding the values, standards, and expectations set forth in the Parent Handbook. This agreement reflects our shared responsibility in maintaining a safe, respectful, and nurturing learning environment.

Adherence to School Policies

I acknowledge that I have read and understood the policies outlined in the Parent Handbook. I agree to follow all school regulations—especially those relating to safety, health, conduct, and academic integrity—and to cooperate with the school in supporting these policies at home and in the community.

Carpool & Drop-Off Compliance

I will comply with the carpool and drop-off procedures as described in the Parent Handbook to ensure a safe and efficient arrival and dismissal process for all students.

Commitment to the YAYOE Community

I agree to contribute positively to the Yeshiva community by:

- Supporting school programs, events, and initiatives
- Modeling respectful conduct toward staff, students, and fellow parents
- Fostering an atmosphere of inclusion, dignity, and mutual respect

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agree to abide by the policies and procedures outlined in the Parent Handbook. I understand that non-compliance may result in follow-up from the school and, when necessary, appropriate consequences.

Compliance Agreement: <https://yayoe.parentlocker.com/parenthandbook2026-form/>