

Yeshiva Ketana Handbook 2018-2019 Nursery - Grade 6

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Arrival:

- School doors will open at 8:30 a.m. No student will be allowed to enter the building before 8:30 a.m. Do not leave your son(s) outside alone before the building opens. The Yeshiva cannot assume responsibility for students left unsupervised.

Dismissal:

Mon.-Thurs.	Sunday	Friday
Nursery @ 3:00 p.m.	No Yeshiva	12:00 p.m.
Kindergarten – UPK	No Yeshiva	
Pre 1A @ 3:00 p.m.	Starting January 6 th	12:00 p.m.
Grades 1-4 @ 4:20 p.m.	Grades 1-4 @ 1:50 p.m.	12:00 p.m.
Grades 5-6 @ 5:35 p.m.	Grades 5-6 @ 3:00 p.m.	12:00 p.m.

Attendance:

- It is in your child's best interest to attend school every day, since frequent absences can interfere with his performance in school. We trust that parents will show good judgment when a child is not feeling well.
- Please notify the Yeshiva in the event that a child is diagnosed with a communicable illness (*such as: chicken pox, hepatitis, lice, H1N1, shigella, mononucleosis, etc.*), so that we can take immediate action to prevent it from spreading to others.
- No student will be allowed to return to class after being absent without a signed note from home explaining the reason. Unexcused absences may result in failure of the term.

Punctuality:

- A concentrated effort is being made by our Rebbeim to utilize every available moment for *chinuch*. Talmidim will not be allowed into class after 9:00 a.m. sharp without a note.
- After 5 unexcused latenesses, a student may be sent home.
- Students may not arrive late to their General Studies class without a note from the office.

Appointments:

- Every effort should be made to schedule doctor, dentist, etc. appointments, outside of school hours. In case of extreme necessity, if your child must leave early, the following procedures must be followed:
 - (A) The parent or guardian authorized to take out the child must report to the Yeshiva Ketana office.
 - (B) **For Security Reasons, no child may be removed from class or Yeshiva without first notifying the office and signing out. The office will then have the child called from his classroom.**
 - (C) Under no circumstances will a child be sent outside the building to wait for a car.
- In case your child has to leave early please send in a signed note stating the reason, in detail, for this request.
- **Notes for early dismissal must be approved by a Menahel or Principal.**

Clothes & Dress Codes:

- Haircuts should reflect the spirit of our Yeshiva.
- Talmidim should wear clothing that befit the spirit of our Yeshiva. No "character" clothing or words, pictures or numbers, are permitted.
- **Only dark colored Sneakers/Shoes are allowed.**
- Light colored sneakers, white, neon, red or any striking colors are not permitted.
- Sneakers with lights, roller blades, crocs and clogs are not permitted.
- Remember that children are very active in school. Clothing should be sturdy and comfortable, yet neat.
- White shirts should be worn on Rosh Chodesh in order to highlight the importance of the day.
- **All clothing should be labeled with the child's name.**

Grades 1-6:

- Shorts are not permitted.
- Sport pants, jeans, sweat pants, and cargo pants are not permitted.
- No ankle socks.

Grades 5 & 6:

- Shirts with a collar and minimum of two buttons.

Bus Transportation:

- Please be advised that YTV Bus Service will only service the children who have registered for YTV Service at the Yeshiva. The Yeshiva is not responsible after dismissal for any child who does not use our transportation.
- If for any reason you want your son to take a different bus at dismissal in order to visit a friend, etc., **a note dated and signed by the parent**, must be brought to the office. **If your child does not bring a dated and signed note, he will be put on his regular bus.** If a parent intends to pick up the child at dismissal time, a note should be sent stating so. **Otherwise he will be put on his regular bus.**
- Any issues regarding transportation should be referred to our transportation coordinator.

School Supplies:

- It is extremely important that children come to school each day prepared with all their supplies, books and homework.
- Supplies should be plain and simple. Do not purchase supplies that have "characters" on them.

Seforim, Textbooks, & Workbooks:

- Seforim and workbooks must be kept in good condition.
- Textbooks are provided free by the school. If, however, a student loses a book, he must pay for it.
- Textbooks must be covered at all times and must not be left on desks overnight.

Care of Notebooks & Loose-Leaf Books:

- Periodically pupils' notebooks/loose-leaf books and workbooks are inspected by the Principal.
- This year, all notebooks and workbooks may be called in for inspection.
- Parents are urged to encourage pupils to keep their notebooks neat and clean at all times.

Vacations:

- There are specific vacation days allotted to the talmidim throughout the year.
- No additional vacation days are permitted without prior permission from the Menahel.
- Trips with children should be in a positive Torah environment (*i.e.*: endorsed by Rabbonim).

Yeshiva Bulletins, Notes, Newsletters:

- School notes contain vital information regarding scheduling and events. Therefore, please make sure to read all school notes that are sent home.

Security:

- The Yeshiva employs a full time security guard for the safety of our children. All hallways and doorways are monitored by security cameras.

Communication:

- Open communication among rebbeim, teachers and parents is crucial for your child's development. It is important for us to know of any changes taking place in your son's environment, (*i.e.* family simchas, sickness ו"ח, parental vacation, etc.)
- If there is any problem that you are aware of with regard to either social or academic issues, please do not hesitate to call your sons' Rebbe/Teacher.
- Always feel free to call Rabbi Goldstein, Rabbi Sabo, or Mr. Fink to discuss your son's progress.

Lunch & Snacks:

- Please notify the school of any allergies or special diets.

Grades Nursery-4

- The Yeshiva will be providing snack (the cost is \$65 for the year). The goal of this policy is to be sensitive to children who are allergic to certain foods and eliminate competition. If your son would like an additional fresh fruit in addition to our snack, you may send it with him.

Also drinks are to be limited to water bottles or fruit juice only (no sweet drinks e.g. Mondo – punch).

Grades 5-6

- We strongly recommend sending nutritious snacks. If every parent would insist upon this, it would become the norm. Super Snacks and high sugar foods only increase hunger. We suggest the following:
♦Fruits ♦Vegetables ♦Pretzels ♦Drinks ♦Popcorn ♦Cake, Cookies
- **Cholov Yisroel products only, not UD .**
- **(Instant) noodle soup is not allowed.**
- **No form of gum is allowed.**

Peanut, Nut Free Environment – Life Threatening Situation:

- A child in the yeshiva has a severe allergy to peanuts, nuts which can become life threatening if he is exposed to peanut, nut products – even through smell or touch. Therefore, our Preschool and Elementary School has become a peanut, nut free environment. Please do not send peanut, nut products in any form, as snacks or party treats on the bus or to yeshiva. ***Please check all ingredients of any snack you are sending with your son, so that we may continue to provide a safe environment for all our children.***

Parties:

- Food for all birthday and Shabbos parties or *Siyumim* should be bought at bakeries or stores with a proper *hashgocho*, (*i.e.* Paskesz or Liebers, etc.). No homemade food should be brought to the Yeshiva for such events.
- Out of school birthday parties with classmates are not permitted.

Extra Curricular, Out of School Activities:

- Karate Instruction, etc. are prohibited.
- Students are not allowed to join any questionable out of school activities. Please discuss any out of school activities with the Menahel prior to enrollment.

Homework / Tests:

- Homework is given daily both in לימודי קודש and general studies, and should be signed by a parent. It is imperative that you review and aid your son in completing his assignments. This will ensure his progress and success.

Money:

- Please discourage your child from bringing spending money to Yeshiva; however, please encourage him to bring a coin for *tzedakah* on a daily basis.

Cellphones, Toys & Electronics:

- Cell Phones, Watches with alarms, Tablets, iPads, iPods, MP3 Players, Electronic Games, Electronic Watches, Cameras, etc. are not allowed in Yeshiva or on the Bus.
- We are always looking to promote Torah values and role models for our children. Only Torah oriented cards and toys are acceptable for our talmidim. War and fighting oriented toys should not be played with or brought to Yeshiva.

Fire Drills:

- In accordance with the State Education Department regulations regarding Fire Drills, schools must conduct a minimum of eight such drills prior to December 1st and four drills in subsequent months. We, at Yeshiva Torah Vodaath, are proud of the fact that we adhere to the State regulations due to the importance of maintaining a *safe* environment during an emergency. Thus, pupils must conduct themselves properly during Fire Drills. Any student who violates this rule risks immediate suspension.

Lockers for Grades 3 & Up:

- This year, once again, lockers will be available in many classrooms in Grades 3 and up. The rental fee will be \$20.00 for the year.

Lost & Found:

- The Yeshiva provides a lost and found area for lost private items. Anything not claimed by ראש חודש will be considered הפקר.

Internet Policy:

- It is the policy of the גדולי תורה that anyone who is permitted to have internet must have it filtered (*recognized proper filter*). Students should not have access to internet at all - even if it's filtered. A student found using unfiltered internet or using social sites (e.g. Facebook, Instagram) may be expelled from the Yeshiva.

Medical Requirements:

- It is a violation of New York State Law to permit any student to attend our Yeshiva without the proper record of immunizations and a completed immunization form. We also must have on file a current up to date "medical history and report form". If you have not yet returned these forms to the office, please take care of this matter immediately.

Medical Emergency 1"ח:

- If a child becomes ill in school, we will immediately try to contact the parents. If we cannot reach any parent, we will refer to our emergency cards for further information.
- A properly completed Emergency Card must be on file ונשמרתם מאד לנפשותיכם!

School Emergency Hot Line *(snow days, school closings, etc.)*

Call:

347-592-2000

and listen to the recorded message

***Please keep
this guide
for reference
throughout
the year.***