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Dear Rabbi Smukler

Thank you for your email advice of 3 August which detailed the approach and practices employed at Yeshivah College regarding child protection issues, and which included the school's revised mandatory reporting procedures.

I note that your policy document Policy - Child First - Child Protection has been updated and will be reviewed again in February 2013. The revised document now clearly states the steps which are to be taken by staff for each of the key areas of child wellbeing (Child First), child protection and mandatory reporting.

The revised policy document has clarified that it is the teacher who is required under the *Children, Youth and Families Act 2005* to make a report if that teacher has formed a belief, on reasonable grounds, that a child has or is likely to suffer significant harm as a result of physical injury or sexual abuse.

I also note that the school undertakes a range of professional development and information activities to ensure that staff are aware of their responsibilities in relation to this aspect of student welfare.

The VRQA is satisfied that the school's mandatory reporting policy meets the prescribed minimum standard. Thank you for addressing this matter in a timely manner.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robyn Timmins', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

ROBYN TIMMINS
Acting Director

9th August 2011