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Dear Parents and Staff

Many of you will be aware that allegations of inappropriate behaviour with young boys at another Jewish school have recently been made against a certain individual associated with the administration of our landlord, Elwood Talmud Torah Congregation. Those allegations are currently under investigation by the Victoria Police.

Although we understand that the individual concerned has been suspended from involvement in the ETTC committee until the Police investigation has concluded, he continues to attend at 39 Dickens Street for minyanim.

The potential risks involved in this situation are a matter of grave concern to the YHT Board, staff and parents.

Legal inquiries that have been made indicate that there is minimal likelihood of any restraining or other orders being made by a Court with respect to the individual concerned before the Police investigation has completed and resulted in charges being laid. We have also initiated discussions with ETTC officials for them to try to reach some arrangement with the individual concerned that he refrain from attending the site at all, at least until the allegations have been resolved. These discussions are ongoing, but there is no guarantee of a positive result.

In the meantime, there are some practical measures that can be taken to minimise the potential risks:

- Rebbeyim, Moros and General Studies staff must be alert at all times to the presence of the individual concerned and ensure that he not have interaction with any of our boys.
- Parents must take responsibility for reinforcing in their boys the Child Safety Guidelines which I have attached. This applies to all boys attending YHT regardless of age.

I will keep you informed of progress in this matter.

Sincerely,
 YESODEI HATORAH COLLEGE



Rabbi Sholom Strajcher
 Menahel