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Dear Yeshiva College Community,

I am sure by now you are aware of the very unfortunate incident we are dealing with, involving a case of abuse that took place on our campus in 2015. Our response to the regrettable exposure of the incident was contained in a communication to the Yeshiva College parent body on Wednesday 16 November 2016.

To reiterate, this incident involved a minor offender and minor victim, both of whom were visitors to our campus and not pupils of Yeshiva College School. The incident took place out of school hours on a Shabbat. The offender is not a pupil of Yeshiva College School.

It pains me greatly to have read and heard a significant number of mistruths, inaccuracies and falsifications levelled against our Managing Director, Rabbi Leron Bernstein and our Chairman, Mr Israel Bender with regards to their handling of this very sensitive matter.

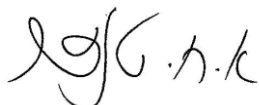
In light of these scurrilous allegations against them, I feel that as Rosh Yeshiva of our campus it is incumbent on me to publicly state my full and unwavering support for the manner in which Rabbi Bernstein and Mr Bender have, and continue to handle this very sensitive matter. These are men who are Yirei Shamayim and always act L'sheim Shamayim for the sake of our students and institutions.

Not only do I fully endorse and support their actions but I received a letter from the renowned Teddy Bear Clinic, an organization who are experts in dealing with child abuse, commending Yeshiva College on the manner in which they have handled this incident, from a legal, procedural and empathetic perspective.

I pray that we are able to resolve this matter and that most importantly, the children involved, continue receiving the care they need in order to deal with the trauma they have experienced.

I, once again, thank Rabbi Bernstein and Mr. Bender for their mesirut nefesh on behalf of our students, schools, shuls and campus.

Yours Sincerely,



Rabbi Avraham Tanzer

Rosh Yeshiva, Yeshiva College Campus

