

OUR SCHOOLS ARE THE FOUNDATION OF OUR COMMUNITY AND FUTURE

Serious financial crisis threatens our schools and the chinuch of our children

Our schools have found themselves without enough money to pay for day-to-day running costs



Our schools need increased payments from parents, together with stronger support from the קהילה.

— PARENTS' OBLIGATIONS (independent schools)

Fees must be paid in full and on time. This obligatory payment takes priority over any donations to Tzedokoh. Parents who are unable to afford full fees must discuss this with the school and are duty bound to keep to the agreement reached.

— PARENTS' VOLUNTARY DONATIONS

Voluntary contributions for state funded schools are an integral part of the costs of their Kodesh programme. We therefore encourage all parents to donate their voluntary contributions in a full and timely manner to avoid significantly impacting on the quality of their School's Kodesh programme.

In addition, voluntary contributions from a halachic perspective take priority over all other Tzedokoh donations.

— SUPPORTING COMMUNAL INFRASTRUCTURE

The שו"ע ורמ"א ח"מ ס' קס"ג:א-ג provides clear halachic guidance for everyone in a community to support the essential communal infrastructure, which includes schools. This takes precedence over Mitzvas Tzedokoh and applies to everyone in the community, whether they have children in schools or not. The amount is "לפי ממוק" i.e. proportional to one's relative wealth.

While individuals may be distributing Tzedokoh at their maximum affordable level (in the range of 10-20% of their net earnings), the amounts being allocated to local schools are unfortunately a very low percentage.

It is therefore requested, in view of the present financial situation, that for the foreseeable future all members of the community allocate 20% of their total Tzedokoh outgoings towards the local schools of their choice. This is in addition to any existing contributions paid.

Of course, if you are already contributing a larger percentage to local schools, we ask you not to reduce at all, and may you be zoche to the ברכה of כי בגלל הדבר הזה יברכך ה' אלקיך בכל מעשיך ובכל משלח ידך (דברים ט"ו י')

With the קהילה fulfilling the above, we will אי"ה help ensure the future of our children - ויקוים בנו מאמר הכ' "לא ימושו מפידך ומפי זרעך... אמר ה' "