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As a member of the Etz Chaim Religious School community, I pledge to do my part to keep our community safe and our building secure.

I will:

Pay attention and be mindful of my surroundings

I will be aware of others who are in the parking lot and/or around the building who don't appear to belong and report my observations to Debbie Deutsch or another Etz Chaim administrator.

The Etz Chaim parking lot is frequented by dog walkers, neighbors, and community members and we should be vigilant in noticing who is there.

Ensure the door is locked behind me

I will listen as I enter and exit to be sure I hear the door latching closed.

As the doors are heavy and designed to close automatically to be secured by the magnetic lock, it is imperative to confirm that the doors have closed properly behind you.

Ensure security is a priority when entering and exiting the building

I will not hold the door open for anyone who wants to come inside if they haven't identified themselves on the intercom, they do not have a working key fob, or I do not know them by name. When entering, I will wait for them to be identified through the intercom before opening the door. When leaving, I will wait for them to be identified before opening the door to exit. ***Under no circumstances should any door be propped open and left unattended at any time. If I notice this has happened, I will close the door and report the incident to Debbie Deutsch or another Etz Chaim administrator.***

The best way for us to ensure only those who are authorized to access the building is to make sure each person is verified before they enter.

Be courteous to those who answer the intercom

I will be patient and courteous as my information or the information of others who are entering is verified via the intercom system.

The process of using the intercom to activate the camera at the door is the best form of security we have. However, not all employees can identify all parents by sight and pair them with an enrolled child. To that end, you may be required to identify yourself by name and state the name of your child.

Be respectful of those who are entering the building in front of me

I will respect and understand when the person in front of me does not hold the door open and will not expect them to do so, as each person needs to be identified individually.

This may be uncomfortable, however it is necessary and will become part of our culture if we all adhere to the guidelines.

Stand in front of the camera when using the intercom

I will stand at the camera while I am waiting for access.

The door cameras only see a specific radius, which does not include the area immediately in front of the door.

Acknowledge that there might be exceptions

If I am entering the building alongside someone whose name I know, I will be sure to identify myself, along with that person.

Understand that security is not an option – it is a requirement for enrollment

I acknowledge that my children may not be able to continue their enrollment at the Etz Chaim Religious School if I or my family members do not comply with this pledge.

Parent 1 Signature _____ Date _____

Print Name: _____

Parent 2 Signature _____ Date _____

Print Name: _____