

Dear Families:

September 10, 2020

We are pleased that your child will be riding the bus with us this year. In order to enjoy a safe and healthy ride this year, we are requiring the following of all students and parents.

- **Parents must screen for symptoms** and complete a self-attestation form every morning prior to students boarding the bus. The easiest way to do self-attestation is to use the PikMyKid app. Self-attestation requires you to provide to the School your answer to questions about your child's health, including COVID-19 symptoms, travel, and body temperature (using a thermometer). To make this process more convenient, parents will need to download the "PikMyKid" app to a smartphone. You can find directions here ([ENGLISH](#)) ([SPANISH](#)). The self-attestation form may also be found [here](#), although we will be requiring parents and caregivers to use the PikMyKid app.
- **Students are expected to wear face masks** before boarding the bus for the duration of the bus ride. Face masks should fit snugly and cover the mouth and nose. Handkerchiefs, neck gaiters, and masks with vents are not permitted. Face shields may not substitute for face masks. The School will provide a disposable face mask for students who need one. Students who refuse to wear a mask will not be allowed to ride the bus. If your child has a medical exemption then please contact your child's school immediately.
- **Students are expected to face forward** for the entire duration of the ride. They must keep their belongings with them.
- **Students will be assigned a seat** and must remain in that seat. Students will be seated one per seat, except for siblings who will be seated together.
- **The windows will remain open on the bus** to improve airflow and ventilation, so students should be dressed for inclement weather. As the days become colder they will need layers of clothing to keep them warm. On days where it is raining, students should wear rain gear.
- **Students will be expected to use hand sanitizer** when entering and exiting the bus, which the school will provide.
- **Students will be expected to maintain social distancing and wear masks at bus stops** and during drop-off and pick-up.
- **Students who do not meet these expectations will not be allowed to ride the bus.**

I am certain that, together, we will make the school bus ride a safe and pleasant experience for all children.

Yours truly,

Christopher Haskins
Head of School