

**GREAT NECK PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
JOHN F. KENNEDY SCHOOL**

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*Mr. Ron Gimondo, Principal*

*Mrs. Michelle Bell, Assistant Principal*

Dear JFK Families,

Riding on the school bus is an exciting experience for our students. We strive to ensure that our students feel safe, experience joy, behave appropriately, and follow safety guidelines whenever they ride a school bus. Many of our students ride the bus to and from school, but all students ride the bus when traveling to and from a field trip. We enlist your support by asking you to read this agreement carefully with your child and that you review the guidelines listed below periodically throughout the school year.

The John F. Kennedy School follows the Responsive Classroom Approach, which focuses on the social and emotional well-being of all of our students. This year, students will wait in their classrooms for their buses to arrive. An announcement will be made when each bus pulls up to the bus platform. Students in grades prekindergarten through first grade will be escorted to their bus from their classrooms. Students in grades two through five will be dismissed from their classroom when their bus is called over the loudspeaker. Once students arrive in the lobby, all students will be escorted out to the buses in a quiet and organized manner. Students will wear masks and all district guidelines, which can be found in the GNPS Reopening Plan on the district website, will be followed when loading the buses in the afternoon.

If your child rides a bus to and from school or on a field trip, he/she will need to understand and follow the guidelines. The guidelines and agreement are attached. We ask our parents and guardians to please read these with your child, discuss the guidelines together, and sign the agreement with your child. Please return the signed agreement to your child's teacher. We will keep the agreements on file as a reminder for students who may experience difficulty following the guidelines.

Every day, our bus drivers will provide our bus monitors with a report regarding behavior from the previous day. We will celebrate when our students demonstrate appropriate and positive behaviors.

Thank you for your ongoing support in encouraging our students to practice good manners and respectful behavior at all times.

Most sincerely,

*Ron Gimondo*

*Michelle Bell*

Principal

Assistant Principal

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_



**John F. Kennedy School**

**Peaceful School Bus Rider Behavior Agreements and Commitments**

*Pre-K, Kindergarten, First, and Second Grade Students*

- I will **LISTEN** to my bus driver.
- I will **WEAR** my **MASK** at all times.
- I will keep my **HANDS and FEET to MYSELF**.
- I will **NOT EAT OR DRINK** while riding the bus.
- I will use **KIND** words.
- I will **STAY** in my **SEAT** and **SEATBELT** at all times.
- I will help to create a **PEACEFUL** bus ride.

If I choose not to follow these agreements, the bus driver will inform the school administrators who will notify my parents or guardians, and the following consequences may occur:

- Verbal warning/possible phone call to parents or guardians
- Assigned seating/phone call to parents or guardians
- Meeting with parents or guardians and school administrators
- Suspension from bus



Signatures indicate that parents and guardians have reviewed, discussed, understand, and agree to the above statements.



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Please sign and return to your teacher no later than Friday, September 11, 2020.

**Student Name (Please Print):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Teacher:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Bus Numbers:**    **AM** \_\_\_\_\_    **PM** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Students who do not ride a bus on a daily basis may still have an opportunity to ride the bus throughout the year. Therefore, all students will complete this agreement.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_



**John F. Kennedy School**

**Peaceful School Bus Rider Behavior Agreements and Commitments**

*Third, Fourth, and Fifth Grade Students*

- I will **obey** and **respect** the bus driver’s instructions and these guidelines at all times.
- I will **wear** my **mask** at all times.
- I will use **kind** words only.
- I will keep my **hands** and **head inside** the bus.
- I will keep my **hands and feet to myself** and will not use my hands or feet to hurt others.
- I will **not eat or drink** while riding the bus
- I will **not play with any electronics or use a phone** to make phone calls, share videos or take pictures.
- I will **stay in my seat** and **seatbelt** at all times. I will **not change seats**.
- I understand that **there are video cameras** in the front and rear of each bus.
- I will help to create a **PEACEFUL** bus ride.

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