Acknowledgment and Assumption of the Risk Relating to Coronavirus/COVID-19
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The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. COVID-19 is extremely contagious and is believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact. As a result, federal, state, and local governments and federal and state health agencies recommend vaccination, physical distancing and face-coverings for unvaccinated individuals, and have, in many locations, discouraged the congregation of groups of people without mitigation measures such as face-covering and physical distancing for unvaccinated individuals.

The Blacksburg New School has put in place protective measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19; however, BNS cannot guarantee that you or your child(ren) will not become infected with COVID-19. Further, attending BNS activities, including but not limited to those at school, on the grounds of BNS, or in conjunction with other BNS families, could increase your risk and your child(ren)’s risk of contracting COVID-19.

By signing this agreement, I, the undersigned, acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and on behalf of myself, my child(ren), and any spouse or co-parent of my child(ren), voluntarily assume the risk that my child(ren) and I, and any member of my family, may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 by attending activities on BNS campuses and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and death. I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 while on BNS campuses may result from the actions, omissions, or ordinary negligence of myself and others, including but not limited to, BNS employees, agents, and representatives, volunteers, program participants and their families, and/or any other individual who may be present on school property or in attendance at any school activity.

I agree to assume, on behalf of myself, my child(ren), and any spouse/co-parent of child(ren), all risks to my child(ren), myself, and any member of my family, (including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, and death), illness, damage, loss, claim, liability, or expense, of any kind, that I, my child(ren) and/or members of my family may experience or incur in connection with my child(ren)’s attendance in activities or participation in BNS’s programming (“Claims”), and I hereby release, discharge, and hold harmless BNS, its employees, agents, and representatives, of and from Claims of any kind arising out of or relating thereto.

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Name of Child(ren)                                                                                      Signature of Parent/Guardian Date
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Print Name of Parent/Guardian

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