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RAPID ANTIGEN HOME TEST (RAHT) KITS ROLLOUT Week 5 Term 1

Dear Parents and carers,

As we continue to be a Covid Smart school and inline with Department of Education protocols, your child/children will be offered **8 x RAHT** kits before the end of the term to bring home. At this stage we have not received all RAHT test supplies so students will be sent home with a five pack of RAT tests this week. Support Unit students will be supplied with **20 x RAHT** kits. Please note that this may only be 10 RAHT tests this week. Should you not wish to receive these tests please let us know by phoning the school office. (If you have previously notified the office you do not wish to receive the test, you do not need to let the office know again, unless you now wish to receive the tests.) These kits are to be used over the remainder of the term from **Monday 28th February on a need's basis, for example your child has symptoms or you believe they may have been in contact with someone with COVID 19.** If your child is absent on the day their class group receives the kits and would like them, they can get their tests from their classroom teacher on their return.

The use of RAHT kits is an important step to support the health and wellbeing of our students and staff. They are a quick and easy screening tool to help detect COVID-19. It is a simple process of placing a nose swab in a chemical solution, which is put onto a scanning device. Results can be ready within 15 minutes. Moving forward, the use of RAHT kits is not mandatory but we ask families to use their discretion as to when to use them.

Instructions are included in the kits detailing how to use the tests, check the results and dispose of the tests safely. You can also download the instructions through the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) website. The user guides will also contain a contact number for the suppliers if you need additional support.

Yours sincerely,

Kind regards, Christine Avery Principal