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Dear Families

ISSUE OF RAPID ANTIGEN TESTS (RATS) FOR USE BY STUDENTS

This letter is to inform you about how our school will distribute Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) for use by students. As part of our risk mitigation strategies for the commencement of the school year for the first four weeks of school, the ACT Government is providing two rapid antigen tests per week for all on campus students from pre-school to year 12 and all school staff in all schooling sectors – government and non-government.

RATs are being provided to all teachers and school-based staff. This helps us ensure we are testing of anyone symptomatic and to help identify cases as early as possible.

The use of RATs is recommended for students and staff, and early childhood education and care staff, twice weekly at home before school or childcare or when symptomatic. Testing is voluntary.

NEW:

Chapman Primary will now be making RATs available by distributing RATs directly to ALL students.

Each student will receive two tests for the week's supply which need to be stored below 30 degrees. Tests will be provided to students prior to the end of the school day and students will be encouraged to keep these in a safe place, such as their school bag.

ACTION:

Each student will now receive their RAT supply directly, unless parents advise that they do not want this to occur.

If you do not wish your child to be provided with RATs, or you wish to arrange collection please contact the front office on 02 6142 2400 or via email chapmanps.info@ed.act.edu.au by 10am Tuesday 8 February.

I appreciate your ongoing support in keeping our community safe.

Kind regards

James M. Barnett
Principal