Cambridge Gardens Public School

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Tuesday 22nd February

Collection of Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs)

Dear parents,

The third round of Rapid Antigen Tests can be collected by parents **between 8:40am-9:30am this Friday 25th February.** The RAT kits will be available for collection outside Gate A (Gate closest to the kiss and drop). Each student will receive a further 8 RAT kits for the remainder of the school term. Beyond that, PCR and RAT tests are now widely accessible in the community when required.

With the higher rates of vaccination and the current stage of the pandemic, the NSW Government and the Department of Education is taking a measured approach and moving to the use of RATS tests when students are symptomatic.

If a student receives a **positive** RAT result, parents need to:

- ✓ Record the positive RAT result through the Service NSW website.
- ✓ Notify the school of the positive RAT or PCR result as soon as possible.
- ✓ Follow NSW health advice and isolate for 7 days.
- ✓ Negative results do not need to be reported to Service NSW or to the school.

It is recommended that students that return to school after recovering from COVID-19 do not participate in rapid antigen test surveillance for 28 days (four weeks after recovery) following release from self-isolation. This is due to NSW Health advice that people who have recovered from COVID-19 have a low risk of contracting it again in the following 28 days. After 28 days (from week five after recovery) students may resume participation in RAT surveillance.

If you are unable to organise collection of the RAT tests throughout Friday, please contact the school to arrange collection at an alternate time during school office hours.

If you have any issues, questions or queries regarding the collection of the RAT kits please contact Mr Attard on 0247 301 201.

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