



# GOOD SHEPHERD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

Thanks again for your support as we prepare to welcome all our students back to school. You would have heard much in the media in the past few weeks about the return to school and Rapid Antigen Tests. I know many of our families were impacted by Covid last year and we know that the safety of our students, staff and all our extended families is the priority of everyone in our community. Well, the good news is that our supply of Rapid Antigen Tests has arrived and will be available to be picked up this week.

You will receive two tests per week for each child for the first two weeks of term 1.

It is recommended that tests should be completed at home in the morning on Mondays and Wednesdays before attending school.

If your child receives a positive RAT test, you need to:

- record the positive RAT result through the Service NSW website or Service NSW app
- notify the school of the positive RAT (or a PCR test) result as soon as possible
- follow NSW Health advice to isolate for 7 days.

Negative results do not need to be reported to Service NSW or to the school. Please also note that school staff will not be administering RATs to students.

## **Picking up your RAT kits:**

You would all be aware that we have many families in our large school so it is necessary to allocate times and days for you to pick up the RAT kits to ensure you are not waiting too long and not crowded. To do this safely we have decided to give out the kits over three days.

- **Thursday 27th January all families with surnames starting A-K** can collect the kits from 9.00am til 2.00pm
- **Friday 28th January all families with surnames starting L-Z** can collect the kits from 9.00am til 2.00pm
- Monday any families who still need to collect the kits may come along from 9.00am-12.00pm

I realise that many parents work and may not be able to make these times. We will send the kits home with your child in that case or with someone else you have nominated in writing/email.

## **Wearing a mask at school:**

A reminder that wearing a surgical mask indoors is strongly recommended for all primary students but is not mandatory.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office. Thank you for your support as we keep working together to respond to COVID-19.

Kind regards,

Patricia Carr  
**Principal**