**Torrens Primary School**

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Dear Families

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**: Torrens 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. A message will go to all parents via SMS on the day of delivery.

**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 reply to this email or contact the school by phone on 6142 0777 by 12 midday, Wednesday 9 February.

I appreciate your ongoing support in keeping our community safe. If you have any questions regarding the RATs or collection, please contact the school’s leadership team on 6142 0777.

Kind regards,

***Rachel Matthews - Principal***

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