



Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2022

Dear River Gum school community,

I am pleased to share that today we have received a supply of rapid antigen test (RAT) kits.

In support of giving you access to these tests before the first day of school we will make the kits available from the school gym on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January** between 9am and 3pm. If you are unable to collect tomorrow we will send home a kit with each student on Monday. If you do not wish to receive a kit please let the school know by Monday.

The kits provided contain 5 individual tests, providing enough tests for the first two weeks of school. The recommendation is that families test their children at home twice a week before they come to school. These tests will support particularly in identifying asymptomatic cases and help to limit the spread of the virus in our community. Information about how to do a test, including a how-to video translated into 33 languages is [available online](#).

In the event that your child does test positive on either a Rapid Antigen Test or a PCR test, please report this result to the school as soon as possible by calling 9799 1216. With this information we can support you and your child, record that they will be absent while in 7-day isolation, and let the rest of the school community know there has been a positive case onsite and encourage other parents to monitor their child/ren for symptoms. Negative Rapid test results do not need to be reported to the school.

All students who return a positive result from a rapid antigen test must also report this to the Department of Health and should also follow the latest advice at <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/rapid-antigen-tests>.

As has been the case throughout the pandemic, if your child is unwell, regardless of a RAT or PCR test result, they must stay home.

I thank you for your support with this process, enabling students and staff to safely return to school and ensure positive cases are identified as quickly as possible.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ritzceiak". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Robyn Trzeciak  
**Acting Principal**