



## WILLIAM WATSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As you know, the Ministry of Education has been shipping rapid tests to schools for distribution to students. Our school has now received our shipment.

Last Thursday, [Health Canada](#) sent out an advisory about potential risks associated with the misuse or accidental ingestion or spillage of COVID-19 rapid antigen test kit solutions. Health Canada has determined that the kits are safe and effective when used as intended. However, many test kits include liquid solutions with chemical preservatives, such as sodium azide and Proclin that may be poisonous if swallowed or absorbed through the skin, particularly in children and pets.

As a result of this advisory, we will not be sending test kits home with students but will **instead require parents/guardians to pick them up at the school.**

- Parents of Primary students can collect kits from their child(ren)'s classroom teachers after school starting Wednesday, March 2
- Parents of Intermediate students can collect their kits after school on Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> from the north gym doors facing the flagpole.

Once you have received your test kits, please store these kits out of the reach of children and pets. The [BCCDC's website](#) has more information on the test kits and safety.

If you have any questions about the distribution process, please contact the school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Anne Smith, Principal