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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 week, [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. The kits will be distributed this week at the front of the school – by the flag/office.

REMINDERS:

1. If you pick up your kits between 2:15-2:45, park & walk to front of school due to moving traffic at student pick up times.
2. Please pick up only for your own child(ren).

RAPID TEST KIT PICK UP SCHEDULE:

DAY	DATE	PICK UP TIMES:
TUESDAY	MARCH 8	2:15-5:30 pm
WEDNESDAY	MARCH 9	2:15-3:00 pm
THURSDAY	MARCH 10	2:15-3:15 pm
FRIDAY	MARCH 11	2:15-3:15 pm

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 to our PAC for assistance with distribution of the kits and for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Brad Issel
Principal

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