

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

I hope that all our families have been able to have a safe and relaxing break during the school holidays in what has been yet another period of difficult times in our state as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

As you would have seen in the media, schools are being supplied rapid antigen test (RAT) kits for distribution to parents. Ultimately you will receive 4 weeks worth of RAT kits but our first shipment only has supplies for the first two weeks. The RAT kits are a part of the Department's COVID-19 plan and families are asked to test children twice a week (we suggest Mondays and Thursdays). You are not required to report any negative tests to the school; however, if your child tests positive they must isolate immediately, record the result via the Service NSW app and notify the school as soon as possible.

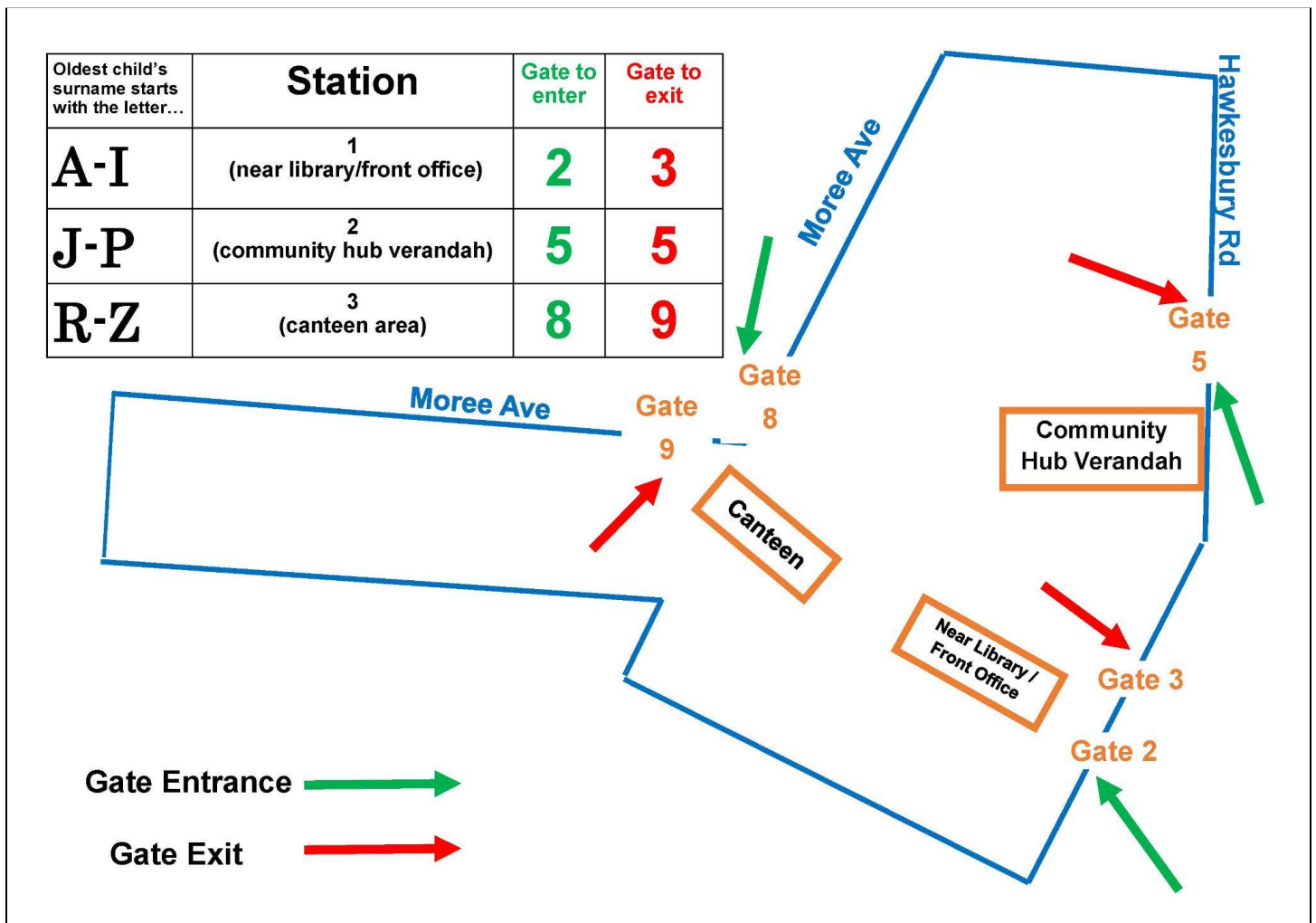
More details about the Department's guidelines can be found here:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families>

WHEN AND HOW TO COLLECT YOUR RAT KITS:

RAT Kit collection at our school will occur on **Monday 31 January** for families of students in Years 1-6 in 2022. We will have 3 distribution stations open in 2 different time slots. You may choose which time slot but please enter and exit via the gate allocated to you based on the oldest child in your family's surname as per below:

COLLECTION TIMES: **Session 1: 9-11.30am** or **Session 2: 1-2.30pm**



Expectations of RAT Kit collection:

- Enter through the allocated gate. We understand this might not be your usual gate or closest gate but we are aiming to streamline foot traffic in each location in order to support social distancing. We appreciate your cooperation.
- Maintain **social distancing** at all times and **wear a mask**.
- This is not a time for discussions with staff or mingling with other families. The aim is for the distribution to be as quick and Covid-safe a process as is possible.
- There is no paperwork involved. You will just need to say how many children you have at the school and will be given 4 RAT kits per child. Please then exit out of the gate listed above.
- You can arrive at any time during those session windows (9-11:30 or 1-2:30). Please do not arrive before 9am or between 11:30 and 1pm.

Kindergarten 2022 families: Best Start assessments will be occurring in a covid-safe manner and you will be receiving your supply of RAT kits at your allotted assessment time.

We will be sending out further communication on Monday 31 January with more detailed 'back to school' information regarding bell times, Covid-safe operations and any important information you will need to know before your children return to school.

Kind regards,
Mr Jenkins
Principal