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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to give you an update about the number of COVID cases in school.

Like many of our neighbouring schools, positive cases are on the rise at Barham. Year 3 have a number of cases and have reached the threshold of more than 10% of the class which means they are being kept in a separate bubble.

We also have isolated cases in Wrens, Year 4 and Year 6 but several pupils across the school are also awaiting results from tests.

There will be no whole school events such as assemblies and we have reluctantly decided to cancel clubs for the next two weeks to avoid classes mixing indoors. The breakfast and after school club, run by Alan and Jane, will not be affected by this decision. Clubs will start again, the week beginning Monday, November 29th providing the number of cases has reduced.

Please remain vigilant. Parents are reporting a range of symptoms including headaches, vomiting and eye problems. Please do not send your child in if they have any cold-like symptoms, unless they have been tested on a PCR test.

The three main symptoms are:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Thank you for your continuing support. I will keep you updated of any changes.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Al Higgins'.

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