

Verbiér, 4 February 2021

Dear Copperfield parents & students,

Thank you for your enthusiasm, encouragement and trust. We are enjoying getting to know our students better as each week goes by, and as the students settle into the school they are showing more of themselves. We are grateful for this as it creates opportunities for pastoral impact. We are also grateful for our educators who are settling into a productive routine after some weeks of operational challenges. They are doing a stellar job.

CLASSROOMS

Thank you for your continued support as we have sought new spaces for teaching, learning and play. We want to update you on our current space arrangements:

- All students are in the restaurant area for Home Rooms and lunch. This creates a strong community atmosphere.
- The main school area near Les Esserts steps is being used for lessons with Years 7-10. This gives the older students their own space.
- The classroom fronting the courtyard and the restaurant are being used for Years 0-6. This gives younger students readier access to outdoor play areas.
- We intend to add more spaces to our estate during the term.

PICKUP

Thank you for your feedback on our pickup routine. We understand that one chief joy of Verbiér is that it is safer for children than large cities. If you would like to permit your child to make their own way home, or be picked up by another adult, please fill out the form [here](#).

SKIING

Thank you for your input on ski bibs. These are aesthetically pleasing and make it easier for instructors to identify students. However, they are not a requirement where students have school ski jackets. Therefore, students have the autonomy to make their own choice about wearing a ski bib. Please find full details about skiing [here](#).



LOCKERS AND DEVICES

The lockers have arrived and each student has had a locker assigned to them. As mentioned in a prior newsletter, the locker can take a padlock: please see photos below for sizing of padlock. We encourage you to leave the door unlocked.



Home Room educators are responsible for ensuring that devices are placed in the lockers when students arrive in the morning. Students should not be using their devices during the day, except if specifically requested by an educator during a lesson. When students use devices without permission, the device will be placed with Johana in the cafe for pickup by the parent at the end of the day. The internet has a child safety block, but it is imperfect and young people are creative. Please continue to let us know if inappropriate content is getting through so that we can liaise with our internet service provider.

SNOW / ICE

Now that the snow has hardened, we have asked the students to refrain from throwing snowballs and to be careful under foot. Please do be careful as the paths around Le Hameau have become very slippery. There are first aid kits in all rooms of the school.

Yours faithfully,

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