

Verbiér, 7 January 2021

*Dear Copperfield parents & students,*

With this newsletter, four days before we will open our school doors for our students, we would like to update you on the preparations and information for this first exciting day. For us and for the teachers, it is a huge and exciting step - we cannot wait.

#### LE HAMEAU

On Monday we started our inset week for all staff of Copperfield Verbiér with a walk from Medran to Le Hameau. As Head it was a great pleasure to feel and see the enthusiasm, share our experiences and begin our work together. Currently we are expecting to welcome about 30 children for which the classrooms have been made ready.

#### CHECKLIST

There are now a large number of things to remember, and therefore we attach a checklist to aid parents in their administration ahead of the start of term.

#### LOCKERS

Each student will be provided with a personal locker replete with space for a padlock. These lockers will arrive during the next two weeks. We ask that all students would please bring along a padlock for their locker. The padlock can be with a number code or a key. Bring both keys to school so the spare key will be with the school administration in case the student forgets or loses the key. Please mark the spare key with the student's name.

#### DEVICES AND STATIONERY

When the lockers have arrived, we will inform parents and from that time onwards, each student as of Year 1 is asked to attend with an ipad or laptop on which Word Office software is installed. The students can leave their computer overnight at school in their personal locker or bring it along home with them to take it back to school the next day. In the first two weeks, younger students will begin the ICT curriculum, which addresses subjects including online safety, privacy and respect.

Where a mobile phone is brought to school, this will be stowed securely in the student's locker upon arrival for the duration of the school day. If a device finds its way into the open, then parents will be informed, with their permission it will be powered down, and will be kept safely by the school administration for return to parents at the end of the school day.

To respect COVID rules and have students using their own material - avoiding sharing pens & tools - each student should have their own set of stationery. It is kindly requested that parents equip students with the list we shared with you in our newsletter #7 of 4 January (details repeated in the annex to this newsletter). All learning materials, including notebooks, workbooks, textbooks and exercise books, will be provided by the school. Please do not hesitate to contact [susanne@copperfield.education](mailto:susanne@copperfield.education) with any queries.

## UNIFORMS & JACKETS

On Monday 11 January, we expect students to arrive in the school uniform as lined out in our previous newsletter (dark blue trousers or skirt, white shirt / polo and green pullover). The green pullovers with the school logo are available to purchase directly from Copperfield Verbier tomorrow (Friday 8 January from 0900-1200hrs) at the Administration of the school (Le Hameau). For details see attachment.

For those who did not pick up the winter/ski jackets yet, they will be available for pickup at the same time as the green pullovers. All items will be invoiced by the school to all parents, according to the items they bought.

Primary students should bring ski trousers to allow them to play outside in the snow of our beautiful courtyard. Proper snow boots are highly recommended. There will be hanging space inside for stowage of outdoor clothing after outside playtime.

## SKIING

As you will notice in the timetable, our students will be skiing on Tuesday & Thursday afternoon with official 'Swiss Ski School Verbier' instructors, led by Mike Coppens.

Students are asked to bring their helmet, ski's, pole's and shoes to school on Tuesday morning; a proper ski locker has been put in place where they can leave their skis until Thursday, their second afternoon of skiing. The ski-room is located in the underground parking garage of Le Hameau; we will show you the exact location during our 'site tour' on Sunday 10 January (more information below).

To have a uniform look, and where possible, we would appreciate it if the student would combine their Copperfield Verbier ski jacket with dark coloured ski trousers. All students will be finishing skiing on Tuesday and Thursday at around 1600hrs. If parents pick up students at the school premises, this will allow students to return their skis to the ski room.

For those students who are members of Ski Club Verbier, they will ski additionally on Wednesday afternoon. After finishing their lunch, the school will make sure that those students

are on time and accompanied by a teacher to the Savoleyres ski lift for their training with the Ski Club. All other students will follow their activity, as indicated in the school timetable.

#### EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Attached is the final timetable, which includes the extra curricular activities for this winter term. These activities will be starting as of Monday 11 January. With these activities in place, the school will be finishing at 1630hrs. The timetable, and details of all activities within the school, will be available and updated on our Firefly site, access to which will be provided in the coming week or two.

#### COVID

In light of the rapid changes to COVID regulations globally, nationally and locally, we will address more detail on COVID during the next 3 days. We ask that you prepare by equipping your child/children with personal masks.

#### SITE TOUR FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS

We are delighted to invite students and parents for a on site tour of our school premises, while enjoying a 'vin chaud', hot chocolate & cinnamon rolls. This will give students and parents the opportunity to see their new school and meet their classmate families of their year group, and will occur on Sunday 10 January in the afternoon. Respecting the maximum number of people gathering, we will organise small groups with a defined timeslot.

Each of you will receive a personal invitation today with your allocated time slot. We ask you kindly to respect this timeslot so we stay in line with the COVID rules. This will be an activity in collaboration with the Copperfield Verbier Parents Teacher Association (PTA), whose inaugural Chair is Mr Jonas Palm, father of two children at Copperfield Verbier.

#### YOUR PRIVACY AND CONTACT DETAILS

Copperfield Verbier takes the privacy of you and your child very seriously. As you may have noticed from our enrolment regulations, no photography or videography of your child will occur without your express prior written consent.

We ask kindly that you permit us to pass a parent name, mobile telephone number and email address to the ski instructor team, and the PTA. This will improve your experience at the school and we would be grateful if you would advise us of your permission by emailing [info@copperfield.education](mailto:info@copperfield.education).



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The above is a lot of information for having a 'as smooth as possible start' on Monday 11 January. Thank you in advance for your collaboration on this. We will reach out to you still before this first day of school with latest information and updates (COVID, others) . We and the staff of Copperfield Verbier look very much forward to meeting you on the 10th of January at Le Hameau for a 'vin chaud' and a hot chocolate. Your private invitation will follow soon.

Yours faithfully,

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Attached: Timetable

Annexes: Start of term checklist  
Uniforms  
Stationery list

#### ANNEX 1: START OF TERM CHECKLIST

- Confirmation/refusal of permission to share contact details
- Facemask(s)
- Stationery
- Device with MS Office installed, year 1+ (as of arrival of lockers)
- Uniform and ski jacket pickup (Friday 0900-1200hrs)
- Dark coloured ski trousers for skiing
- Ski trousers for breaktime play in the snow
- Padlock (numerical or key; and if key, spare key with name attached)
- Response to invitation to tour premises on Sunday 10 January

#### ANNEX 2: COPPERFIELD VERBIER UNIFORMS

We kindly ask parents to purchase the following items before the start of the school 11 January:

##### Year 1 - Year 6

Boys: white polo's, Oxford blue trousers, Oxford blue socks, green pullover with school logo\*

Girls: white polo's, Oxford blue skirts, Oxford blue tights, green pullover with school logo\*

All: Copperfield Verbier ski / winter jacket

Year 7 - Year 14

Boys: white blouses, Oxford blue trousers, Oxford blue socks, green pullover with school logo\*

Girls: white polo's , Oxford blue skirts and Oxford blue tights, green pullover with school logo\*

All: Copperfield Verbier ski / winter jacket

\* The green pullover with school logo and the ski / winter jacket are available at the secretariat of Copperfield Verbier (Le Hameau) on friday 8 January from 9-12am. All other items we suggest online at Marks & Spencers.

End of February, we will be receiving cardigans, sweatpants, hoodies, t-shirts for PE and polo's for all Primary students. We will reach out to you in due course.

Mid-April, there will be a Copperfield Verbier website on which our garments will be available to order directly from our Swiss uniform supplier, for next academic year.

In the meantime we ask parents to support us by having the students dressed as of 11 January as follows:

Year 1 - Year 6: white polo, green jumper, Oxford blue trousers for boys and skirts for girls and Oxford blue socks for boys and thighs for girls.

Year 7 - Year 14: white shirts (blouse), green jumper, Oxford blue trousers for boys, Oxford blue trousers and/or skirts for girls and Oxford blue socks and tights for girls.

All students: for physical exercise (PE) the students are free to wear any appropriate outfit (without excessive branding); combined with a pair of indoor trainers (sport shoes) & outdoor trainers.



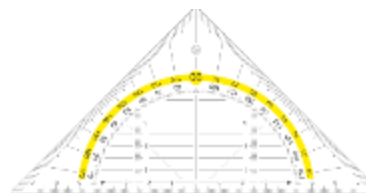
ANNEX 3: STATIONERY LIST

FOR THE EARLY YEARS :

- Long-sleeved cloth painting apron
- Pair of house shoes (pantofle)
- Training / jogging pants, trainers & a pair of rhythm slippers in a canvas bag
- Set of 12 pieces fancolor maxi

FOR YEAR 1 - YEAR 6 (PRIMARY):

- House shoes (pantofle)
- Two pairs of trainers for sport (one for indoor, one for outdoor)
- Pencil case
- Water bottle
- HB pencil & B pencil and a pencil sharpener
- Eraser
- Ruler 30 cm & set square
- Compass
- Pilot friXtion pen red / pilot friXtion pen green / pilot friXtion pen blue & refill
- Color pencil box 12
- Highlighter yellow
- Sizer
- Glue stick
- Small white board & pen ( for example of BIC)
- Word processing computer



FOR YEAR 7 - YEAR 14 (SECONDARY):

- House shoes (pantofle)
- 2 pairs of trainers for sport (one for indoor, one for outdoor)
- Pencil case
- Water bottle
- Scientific calculator (Casio fx-991ES / Texas Instruments: TI-Collège Plus)
- HB pencil & B pencil and a pencil sharpener
- Eraser
- Ruler 30 cm & set square & protractor
- Set square
- Compass
- Pilot friXtion pen red / pilot friXtion pen green / pilot friXtion pen blue & refill
- Color pencil box 12
- Highlighter yellow
- Sizer
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For the material to be purchased, the nearest shop is in Le Chable: La Plume d'Or papeterie / librairie. Alternatively the items can be ordered online for example with OfficeWorld or MicroSpot. Children often misplace their clothes or school materials and do not always know how to recognize them, so we ask you to mark all belongings. One option for you to order labels for the school material as well as clothing online is with [stickerkid.ch](http://stickerkid.ch).