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Nicolas Sarkozy will learn today whether he faces a second jail term for overspending in his 2012 election campaign. The Paris Criminal Court will deliver its verdict this morning following weeks of hearings. The case has been dubbed the Bygmalion affair, named after the PR firm Sarkozy hired in order to throw lavish parties and rallies. In 2012, Sarkozy spent nearly double the legal amount on his bid for the Elysée. Now, he could be handed a year's sentence, 6 months of which are suspended, on top of the three year term he received in March.

Primary school children in 47 départements will no longer be obliged to wear a mask during lesson time as of Monday. The list of the areas concerned has been published in the journal officiel. The news comes as case numbers have dipped below the alert threshold. Masks will have to stay on in the Île de France, Alsace and PACA, among other regions.

Meanwhile, children between 12 and 17 years old will have to show the health pass in order to gain entry to cinemas, restaurants and gyms.

Jean Castex will be the guest on this evening's 8 o' clock news on channel TF1. The Prime Minister is expected to announce new measures in order to safeguard the public's purchasing power in the face of a hike in energy prices. This morning, the Minister for the Ecological Transition, Barbara Pompili confirmed on CNews that gas prices will increase in November and that by February, electricity prices will have risen by 12%.

And finally to football, at two o' clock today French coach Didier Deschamps will announce his pick of the players who will face Belgium in the semi-final of the Nations League next week. Ngolo Kanté, who has tested positive for covid 19, will not be part of the line-up.