



The News

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France is hosting a farewell visit for German Chancellor Angela Merkel on her final trip as leader. She will be welcomed by President Macron in the Côte d'Or in Beaune. The invite by the French government is seen as a signal of the close relationship between the two countries and after sixteen years of Mrs Merkel as German Head of State. In recognition of this, President Macron will award Mrs Merkel the Grand' Croix de la Légion d'Honneur.

The Labour Minister, Elisabeth Borne has said that new discussions on remote working are not currently on the agenda. Suggestions have arisen due to the sharp increase in Covid cases in the past week – up 10% in just seven days to an incidence rate of 60 cases per 100,000 inhabitants. Rules on remote working were relaxed in September although mask-wearing is still stipulated in the workplace.

The European Medicines Agency is reviewing the case for vaccinating 5 to 11 year olds with the Pfizer jab. This has already been authorised in the United States which takes in 28 million American children. It will be administered as two injections given three weeks apart. US President Joe Biden has welcomed the latest stage in the battle against the coronavirus.

New York has a new mayor. Democrat Eric Adams won the ballot hands down with 67% of the vote. The former police officer will be only the second African-American mayor in the city's history. His campaign focused on reducing social inequality and he will take office in January.

And finally to football news and the fourth day of the Champions League. After their victory last night against Seville, PSG will take on Leipzig. However, the Parisian team will have to manage without star player Lionel Messi who is still injured. Kick off is at nine o'clock.