



## The News

**January 10<sup>th</sup>, 8am** ©

*by Emma Phillips*

“I will carry the cause of France’s schools here with me to Matignon”. These were the words of the country’s new Prime Minister, Gabriel Attal. At only 34 years old, the former Minister of Education is the youngest tenant that the PM’s offices at Matignon have seen in the history of the Fifth Republic. He barely had time to be appointed before Gabriel Attal was off to Pas de Calais to drop in on victims of the flooding there. The Prime Minister announced that at least 50 million euros will go towards the reconstruction of public facilities.

As for the rest of the government, the final list of new names and who will be staying put is expected before the end of the week. According to several sources, Gérald Darmanin should remain at the Interior.

You can expect to keep your hats, gloves and scarves with you as the cold snap continues this week, with temperatures dipping below zero for the first time. Seven départements remain on amber alert for snow and ice.

The head of Boeing has held his hands up to a mistake after a door of one of the aircraft manufacturer’s planes came off mid-flight last week. Alaska airlines, the operator involved in the accident, said that it had detected “poorly attached equipment” on some of its carriers. The US Civil Aviation Agency has said that the planes in question will remain on the ground until further notice.

And finally, if you can bear to brave the cold and hit the shops, the winter sales officially start today. The slashed prices will last for the next four weeks.