



## The News

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Disciplinary meetings between pupils who display seriously concerning behaviour, teachers and parents may be introduced in primary schools. The process is already in place in high schools. Earlier disciplinary meetings are one of the ideas the government is exploring to address the recent spate of violence in schools. This morning, government spokesperson Prisca Thévenot told France 2 that action had to be taken at the first signs of any violence from a pupil. Last week, a 15-year-old boy was killed by fellow students outside their school in Viry Chatillon. Four young people have been charged with murder, and a 15-year-old charged with deliberately failing to prevent a crime.

The public prosecutor in Grenoble has confirmed that the man suspected of being the so called “scooter rapist” who is responsible for a spate of assaults in Grenoble over the past few weeks, has admitted to a single incident in which his DNA was found. The 23-year-old man has been placed in pre-trial detention. His lawyer says that the suspect had consumed a substantial amount of alcohol when he committed the offence.

In Yonne, as the Mayor of Avallon and two of her brothers have been taken into custody after 70kg of cannabis resin was found at the Mayor’s home. The two men, who are known to police for drug-related offences, allegedly used Jamilah Habsaoui's home to store the drugs. The investigation continues in order to determine whether Jamilah Habsaou was aware of the situation or not.

And finally, in the wake of storm Pierrick hitting the north of France, three départements will be placed on amber weather alert from 4pm: Seine-Maritime and Eure for flooding and Finistère for strong winds and waves.