This School Diary is the privileged communication tool between the school and the family. It enables the student to organise his/her activities, and the parents to regularly keep up with their child’s school work.

The student must bring the School Diary to school and write down the homework in it. The teachers write in the evaluation results. They can also write in information from the school, in particular remarks about the student’s performance or behaviour, or announce special events.

Parents must sign the School Diary each week to acknowledge they have seen and read the information. There is a space for their comments.

Particular attention should be paid to the kind, nature and number of observations written in the School Diary. Direct dialogue enables the most complete and precise communication regarding the pupil’s school life. Parents and teachers may ask for a meeting at any time. The request can be made under the section called «Demande d’entretien» (Request for a meeting).

Other opportunities for the family to find out about what is happening at school also exist, in particular general information meetings.

**Classroom, institution and school rules**

Each class or school is entitled to set up their own rules for community life, in accordance with the Law on Mandatory Schooling and its Implementation Regulations. Those rules are found on pages 8 and 9 («Les règles de vie»).

**Justification of absence and request for time off school («Justification d’absence et demande de congé»)**

On page 104 and following, you will find the conditions governing absences and individual leaves of absence for pupils, together with the forms to be used to justify absences and request leave of absence.