



Dear Parents/Carers

Cancellation of school-based activities and excursions

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. I am writing to inform you of an unfortunate decision that the school has had to make regarding the upcoming Activities Week, which was scheduled to take place the week commencing 10th July 2023. It is with great disappointment that I must inform you that we have had to cancel Activities Week for school-based activities and excursions due to not receiving enough donations from parents and carers.

As you may be aware, organising school trips requires extensive planning and financial arrangements. We had initially set a deadline for receiving the necessary funds, hoping to proceed with the activities as planned. Regrettably, despite our collective efforts, we have not been able to secure the full amount needed to run the events.

Our school deeply values the enrichment and educational opportunities that Activities Week can provide. Activities offer students a chance to broaden their horizons, engage in hands-on learning experiences, and foster meaningful connections with their peers. Therefore, it is with a heavy heart that we have had to make this decision, as we understand the disappointment it may cause to both students and parents alike.

I want to assure you that we explored various alternatives and options to prevent the cancellation. The shortfall of donations runs into thousands of pounds. As I am sure you are aware, the funding of schools has been the subject of industrial action this academic year. The ability of the school to meet the costs are not possible as there are no funds available to make up the financial shortfall.

The guidance from the Department of Education states that we are not allowed to take students who have donated for excursions, whilst cancelling for those who have not. This means that Activities Week will be cancelled for all students who are not participating in residential trips, with all money being refunded. The residential trips to the Lake District, Paris and PGL can go ahead as all donations have been received.

While I understand that this news may be disappointing, I would like to emphasise that the school is committed to exploring alternative opportunities for our students to continue their learning and personal development within the school environment. Students remaining at Warlingham will follow their normal timetable. Our dedicated staff are working diligently to organise engaging activities that will provide valuable experiences for our students during these lessons. I appreciate your understanding and support in this matter. Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely

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