

## Information Regarding Activities' Week 2020

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November 2019

Dear Parent

For some years now the school has been looking at the activities offered to pupils in the week prior to the end of the Summer Term, known as 'Activities' Week'. It has become increasingly difficult to ensure a full take-up of activities by all pupils and the balance of residential trips and school-based events has put a strain on both staffing and those planning and administering the week.

We have come to the conclusion that it would be best to 'rest' the week this year to give time for a thorough evaluation of how it can best be reshaped for the future to meet the needs and aspirations of all pupils in the school.

The French residential trip to Normandy will still take place at this time, but other activities regularly offered will be placed in abeyance pending the results of our review.

We are hoping that some year group based off timetable events may still occur near the end of the summer term in addition to the usual Sports Days. If so, then further information will be forthcoming nearer the time.

As we consider the future of this impactful and formerly popular element of our curriculum at Test Valley I would be glad to hear from any parents and pupils on their views of Activities Weeks past or ideas for moving forwards.

Yours sincerely,

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