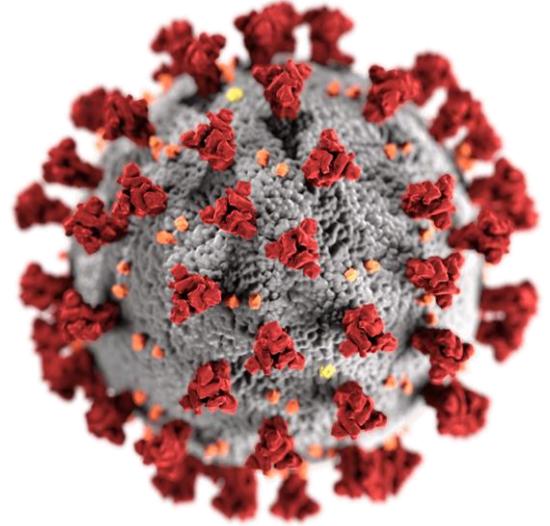




February 1<sup>st</sup> 2021

### Compliance with Lockdown Restrictions

You may have seen in the press that, in the last week, there have been some cases where schools have felt the need to send out reminders to parents that children and families should not be mixing during Lockdown. In a few instances, this has led to some pupils still attending school, having places withdrawn. As you might expect, this has been controversial and has fragmented and damaged relationships between those schools and parents and amongst parents themselves.



To clarify the position at William Penn, we would like to assure you that our aim, during these times or otherwise, is to maintain a positive and mutually respectful relationship between school and home. This is always in the best interests of the children, who are the centre of all we do. Obviously, we are also committed to protecting the health, safety and wellbeing of those pupils who are in school and the staff that are supporting them. Any decisions taken to grant and maintain places for pupils in school during this period, must adhere to high standards of health and safety. Whilst we would never wish to withdraw a place on grounds of unnecessary risk to others, either through mixing or otherwise, like every other school, we cannot take undue risks.

It is not our intention to 'police' Lockdown in any way and we appreciate your support as we maintain the safest provision possible.

### Contacting/Emailing the School

**The primary point of contact remains the school email address: [office@williampenn.co.uk](mailto:office@williampenn.co.uk)**

**Please be reminded that, when emailing the class teachers, it is important to copy in the school office on [office@williampenn.co.uk](mailto:office@williampenn.co.uk)**

**Whilst this is **always** the routine, this is particularly important when the school is closed as it is this email address that is primarily monitored.**

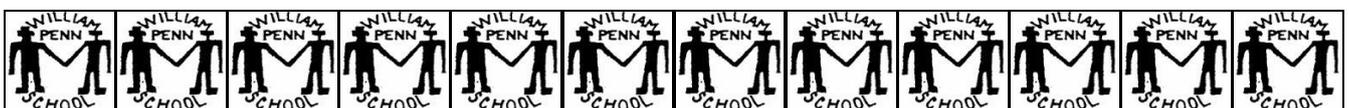
### Half-Term Break

The DfE has recently released guidance to the effect that school will not remain open over February half term. Schools will not be expected to provide care for vulnerable children and the children of critical workers or provide and distribute meals for those eligible for a FSM (outside of the voucher scheme).

Please use this advanced notice, should you need to make alternative arrangements for that week. Thank you

### Running/Exercise Track

As mentioned in this morning's assembly, our push towards installing an all-weather track around the school field continues. We would like to thank William and Josh Jacob and the Jacobs family, who have been undertaking their own fundraising activities to support the project. By the end of last week, their fantastic total





had reached £500, which is just phenomenal! Please let us know if you or any of your contacts may be able to support the project further. When we are back in school properly, we would like the children to have as much access to the outside space as possible in support of their health and wellbeing. In the meantime, thank you again to the Jacobs family and to all those who have supported them in supporting the school.

## Amazon Smile

During this time when we are all shopping online, please could we ask that you consider shopping via The Giving Machine and/or Amazon Smile. These do make money for the school, perhaps growing our running track fund, at no extra cost to parents.

The way they work is as follows:

*Remember to shop via TheGivingMachine whenever you shop online!*

*Just start at TheGivingMachine website, desktop reminder or mobile app whenever you go shopping and you'll raise a free cash donation for TheGivingMachine Community.*

*Find us*

*here: <https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/thegivingmachine-community-fund>*

*It's really simple, you click to your favourite shops from their website, desktop reminder or mobile app and a percentage of your shopping bill is converted into a cash donation for us, at no extra cost to you. With over 2,200 stores participating including ebay, M&S, John Lewis & Partners and Tui, you can really help make a difference.*

The school is also now registered with Amazon Smile and details of how to nominate William Penn as your beneficiary when shopping can be found below:

You can also use this link to take you to the registration page.

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1134936-0>



*AmazonSmile*

*What is AmazonSmile?*

*AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support a charity of your choice every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at [smile.amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk), you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as [amazon.co.uk](https://amazon.co.uk), with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your selected charity.*

*How do I shop at AmazonSmile?*

*To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to [smile.amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk) from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. You may also want to add a bookmark to [smile.amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk) to make it even easier to return and start your shopping at AmazonSmile.*

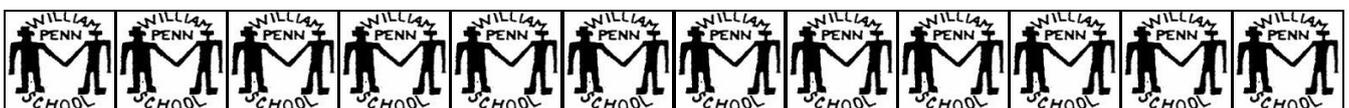
*Which products on AmazonSmile are eligible for charitable donations?*

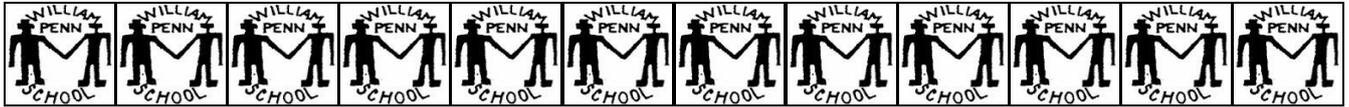
*Millions of products on AmazonSmile are eligible for donations to charities by Amazon. You will see eligible products marked "Eligible for smile.amazon.co.uk donation" on their product detail pages. Recurring Subscribe-and-Save purchases and subscription renewals are not currently eligible.*

*Can I use my existing Amazon.co.uk account on AmazonSmile?*

*Yes, you use the same account on [amazon.co.uk](https://amazon.co.uk) and AmazonSmile. Your shopping cart, Wish List, wedding or baby registry, and other account settings are also the same.*

*How do I select a charitable organisation to support when shopping on AmazonSmile?*





On your first visit to [smile.amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk) you need to select a charitable organisation to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping.

Follow the steps and choose: **William Penn School Parent Teacher Association**

We will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at [smile.amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk) will result in a donation. AmazonSmile will occasionally contact you about donation amounts disbursed to your chosen charity or about the programme

Can I change my charity?

Yes, you can change your charity any time. Your AmazonSmile purchases after the change count towards your newly selected charity. To change your charity, sign in to [smile.amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk) on your desktop or mobile phone browser and simply select "Change your Charity" in "Your Account."

What charities can I choose from?

Customers can select from a list of charities that are registered with the Charity Commission of either England and Wales, Scotland, or Northern Ireland and have enrolled in the AmazonSmile programme.

If I represent a charitable organisation, how can I learn more about enrolling my organisation for AmazonSmile?

Go to [org.amazon.co.uk](https://org.amazon.co.uk) to learn how to enrol your organisation to receive funds.

How much of my purchase does Amazon.co.uk donate?

Amazon will donate 0.5% of the net purchase price (excluding VAT, returns and shipping fees) of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases. The purchase price is the amount paid for the item minus any rebates and excluding shipping & handling, gift-wrapping fees, VAT, and service charges, and less any rebates, returns, and bad debt. From time to time, we may offer special, limited time promotions that increase the donation amount on one or more products or services or provide for additional donations to charitable organisations. Special terms and restrictions may apply. Please see the relevant promotion for complete details.

Can I receive a tax deduction for amounts donated from my purchases on AmazonSmile?

Donations are made by AmazonSmile and are not tax deductible by you.

How can I learn more about AmazonSmile?

Please see complete AmazonSmile [programme details](#)

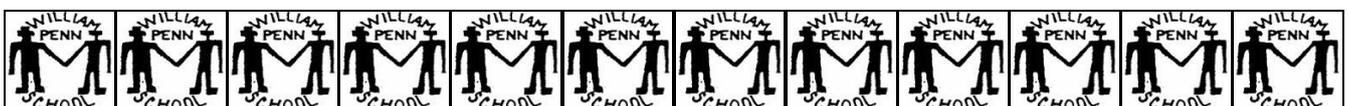
## Free School Meals

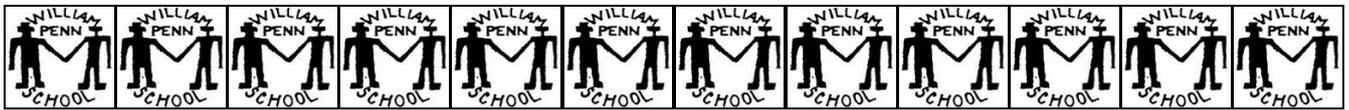
We are aware that the coronavirus pandemic may have changed financial circumstances for some families. This is a reminder that some pupils are entitled to free school meals. If you think your child might be eligible please fill in the form or contact us at school for further guidance. There is a link to the form below. If you would like help with applying please contact the school office (01403 741274).

Children are eligible to receive free school meals (FSM) if their parents are in receipt of any of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190.

During lock down, vouchers are sent out to help with providing food while students are at home. You can apply for FSM directly online or we can help you by checking the form and sending it for you. If you would like assistance, please contact the school.





The government provides additional funding to schools based on the number of students who are in receipt of Free School Meals. Therefore by applying for FSM you also help secure extra funding for the school which enables us to provide extra support for a wider range of students.

It is important to apply for FSM even if your child receives a free meal as they are in Year R, 1 or 2, as the entitlement can bring assistance with other aspects of school provision such as school clubs and trips.

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/free-school-meals/#how-to-apply>

## Employability Service

A new employability service in Horsham is offering support to unemployed people in West Sussex. The service is free and personalised to offer people the best chance of finding work.

Please see the information below or use the following contact information for further details.

## Making a Difference Education Development Trust

m: +44 (0) 7717 580

183 e: [nhaynes@educationdevelopmenttrust.com](mailto:nhaynes@educationdevelopmenttrust.com) w: [www.educationdevelopmenttrust.com](http://www.educationdevelopmenttrust.com)



**MAKING A DIFFERENCE**  
A PROGRAMME OF TAILORED EMPLOYABILITY SUPPORT

Our programme offers a bespoke journey to support your customer to progress. Whether they are actively seeking work or looking to progress to becoming job search ready after a period out of employment, we can help. Using the Work Star online assessment tool, we will work with your customer to create a personalised action plan designed around their specific needs. Using this plan our Employment Coaches will then tailor a programme of support to match the individuals' needs.

For each customer, their programme will last up to four months with a range of interventions on offer, including but not limited to:

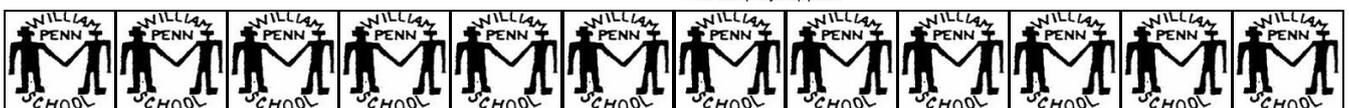
<p>Group workshops covering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CV writing</li> <li>• Interview skills</li> <li>• Money management</li> <li>• Confidence and self-esteem building</li> <li>• Transferable skills</li> <li>• Sector specific labour market information.</li> </ul>	<p>Employer-led activities including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Job tasters</li> <li>• Volunteering opportunities</li> <li>• Jobs fairs</li> <li>• Conferences</li> <li>• Work experience.</li> </ul>
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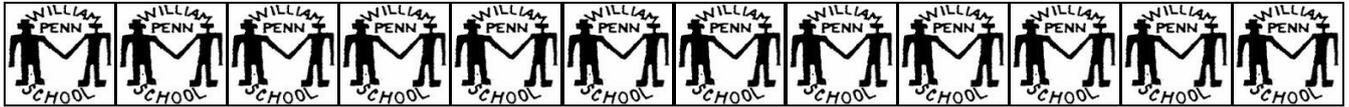
All customers will be offered a free advice and guidance session with a qualified National Careers Service Adviser before starting the Making a Difference programme. Customers will have access to a dedicated Employment Coach for the full period of their programme who will offer 1-2-1s by phone, email and face to face where restrictions allow.

Our Employment Coaches are supported by a dedicated Employer Engagement Manager who will offer a range of employer led activities and opportunities designed to achieve customer progression.

If you would like to join the Making a Difference programme, talk to your National Careers Service Adviser who will be able to make an appointment for you. Alternatively, for more information and to speak to us about joining the programme please email [mades@educationdevelopmenttrust.com](mailto:mades@educationdevelopmenttrust.com) or call 01329 559177 to make an appointment.

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## Half Term 'at Home with Science' Week

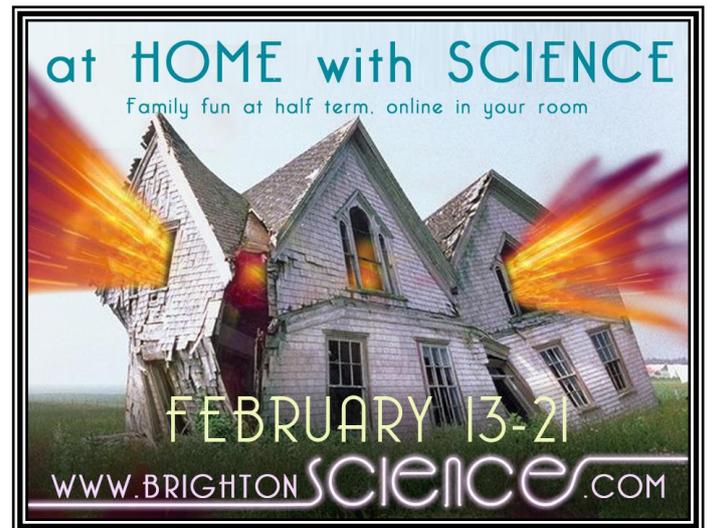
What kind of animal can live for a month without its head?

James Woodward likes to talk about insects (\*clue\*) and other animals at Drusillas Park. Over lockdown he is tending to some at home, and can tell you many tales about his companions.

***Please feel free to show any pet ones you may have on screen, or indeed bring some in from the garden we can identify.***

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February, 1100 to 1140 with James Woodward (and his cockroaches).

Part of *At Home With Science*; from Brighton Science Festival - [www.brightonscience.com](http://www.brightonscience.com)



## Safeguarding/Health and Safety/Wellbeing Update

### ▪ **New single phone number and email for concerns about children and young people**

Work has been underway to design and implement a single telephone number and email address for use by professionals and the public for all concerns relating to children, regardless of risk and complexity.

This will simplify the process for the public and professionals and has been designed to ensure that children's needs are reviewed quickly by a joined up Early Help and Social Care team.

The new contact details which went live on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021 are as follows:

Telephone number: 01403 229900

Email address: [WSChildrenservices@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:WSChildrenservices@westsussex.gov.uk)

The current telephone numbers we have for our different access points are still in place and from 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021 these will all be redirected to the telephone number listed above.

- **West Sussex County Council** produces a range of documents designed to support residents during the pandemic. These include newsletters which residents can sign up to receive. Please view the page using the link below and if you would like to receive newsletters the facility to sign up is located here too.

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/fire-emergencies-and-crime/coronavirus-covid-19-advice-and-information/>

## Pupil Achievements

If you have any pupil achievements that you would like mentioned in the newsletter, please e-mail the office: [office@williampenn.co.uk](mailto:office@williampenn.co.uk)

