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Welcoming our students back

We look forward to welcoming back all students on Wednesday 10th March unless they are clinically extremely vulnerable.

- Students in years 10 & 11 should arrive by 8:35am.
- Students in years 7, 8 & 9 should arrive by 8:50am.

Students should use their separate entrances as we have been doing all year. Period 1 will be a session with their tutors; welcoming students back, handing out timetables, reassuring them about all the covid safety measures and reminding them about school rules. Lessons will begin period 2.

The live lessons will continue up until Tuesday 9th March. From Wednesday 10th March, there will be no more live lessons, but remote learning work will be provided on Show My Homework for those students who are isolating.

We expect students to attend school in full school uniform including shoes (or PE kit on the days where they have PE). We recognise these are challenging financial times so, if you need support with uniform, please let us know as we have some spare.

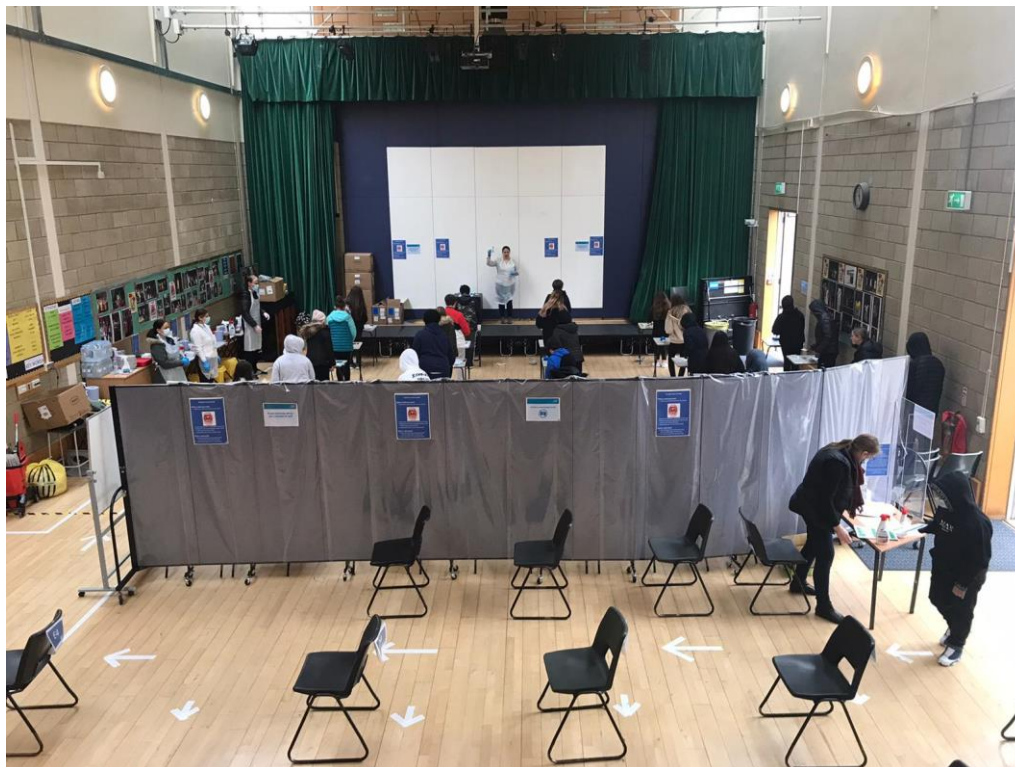
Rapid Response Test

We've created a short 'How to complete a Rapid Response Test at JCA' video to help introduce parents and students to our Testing Centre and what to expect when we run mass testing.



<https://youtu.be/jgQSYI6kXHo>





During the first two days of Mass testing, JCA tested an outstanding number of 637 students. If you have not consented yet, please find the Parent consent form for the Rapid response test [here](#).

Clubhouse

A free online safety guide on Clubhouse.

Clubhouse is an audio-only social media networking app that is currently available only to Apple users. The app encourage conversation between users, in various rooms discussing topics from the serious (health, sports, cryptocurrency, etc.) to the more frivolous (favourite cereals, corniest jokes and so on). Clubhouse is like an interactive podcast that allows real-time two-way communication. The app is still in beta-testing stage and is invite only – you can only join if someone sends you an invite.

In the guide, you will find tips on a number of potential risks such as adult content, no age verification and insufficient safety protocols.

This is part of our Social Media and Online Platforms Categories.



At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one app of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.



What Parents & Carers Need to Know About CLUBHOUSE



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Fear of Missing out
Clubhouse's exclusivity has created significant curiosity and FOMO (fear of missing out) among internet users still awaiting their invite. Many have turned to Reddit forums and social media for a way in. Scammers are exploiting this excitement: there have been people with the same username selling invites on different platforms. This is a red flag, since any one person only gets two invites to use.

Lack of Moderation
Clubhouse wants to be a safe environment for its users and aims to assign a moderator to every room. However, as users are able to create their own rooms at will, it is hard to see how all of these could be appropriately moderated. Hence, a young person listening in could easily be exposed to adult language or comments that could be deemed offensive.

Recorded Conversations
There has been no evidence to date of Clubhouse conversations being leaked onto the wider internet. But the possibility cannot be dismissed that someone could easily record a conversation and then circulate it online. This would become a problem if a young person used their real name on the app and discussed a potentially sensitive issue in any of the rooms.



No Age Verification
The app is targeted at users aged 18 or over. However, there is no age verification system in place (as yet), so anyone under 18 could easily join the app if they received an invitation. As Clubhouse encourages forthright discussion among adults, a young person signing up to the app would be highly likely to hear vigorous discussions of age-inappropriate subjects.

Insufficient Safety Protocols
Although the app condemns hate speech and online abuse – and is working hard to keep these off the platform – there have been some safety concerns about Clubhouse. The speakers in some rooms, for instance, have been found to be taking advantage of the lack of moderation to incite hate against minority groups.

Accidental Exposure
There are three types of room: open (anyone can join), social (only for someone's 'friends' on the app) and closed (the room creator decides who is allowed in). A child could easily be invited to join rooms by their friends or by someone they follow. This may result in them accidentally joining rooms that aren't age appropriate. There is currently no way to prevent this from happening on the app.

Advice for Parents & Carers

Use 'Closed' Rooms
If your child is determined to use Clubhouse, emphasise that – in privately created rooms – they should only chat with people who they actually know. When creating their own chat room, encourage them to always set it to 'closed' (so only they can decide who can listen in or join the conversation) and don't allow strangers to have access.

Avoid Linked Social Media
When creating a profile, users can link it to their Twitter or Instagram account. Many people have used this to then connect with or message others users directly. You can protect your child's personal information by keeping any other social media accounts they might have separate from Clubhouse. This will reduce the potential of a stranger privately messaging your child away from the app.

Block or Report
Even as just a listener you can block someone or report them for abusive behaviour. If your child comes across a speaker in Clubhouse that is being offensive or abusive, then encourage them to block and report that user. It's good practice to always walk your child through blocking and reporting on any app with those facilities, giving them a method to protect themselves.

Talk about the App
Clubhouse is for over 18s. So if a young person really *does* want to use the app, assess whether they are mature enough to handle some of the conversations they might encounter before allowing them to download it. Prevent them being misinformed by encouraging them to research the speakers they follow – making sure that they are credible people who are qualified to present on a particular topic.

Emphasise Digital Etiquette
There are no text-messaging or image-sharing options currently available on Clubhouse; speakers whose presentation needs a visual element change their profile picture as a way to show the image. But it is still possible that conversations (even in private rooms) may be recorded by another user. Remind your child of the importance of maintaining good digital etiquette and behaviour.

Explore it Yourself
If your child is interested in Clubhouse, perhaps the best way to understand how the app works, and its format and content, is to download it yourself before they do. Trying the app will help you to decide if it is appropriate for your child to use. If you're not happy that it's suitable, explain your reasoning to your young one and possibly cooperate in researching more child-friendly alternatives.

Meet Our Expert

Parven Kaur is a social media expert and digital media consultant who is passionate about improving digital literacy for parents and children. She has extensive experience in the social media arena and is the founder of Kids N Clicks: a web resource that helps parents and children thrive in a digital world.



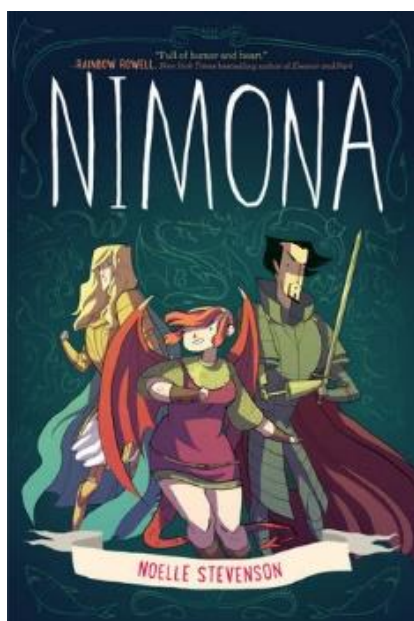
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Library news

Book of the Week - 5/03/2021

Nimona, by Noelle Stevenson



Nimona is an impulsive young shapeshifter with a knack for villainy. Lord Ballister Blackheart is a villain with a vendetta. As sidekick and supervillain, Nimona and Lord Blackheart are about to wreak some serious havoc. Their mission: prove to the kingdom that Sir Ambrosius Goldenloin and his buddies at the Institution of Law Enforcement and Heroics aren't the heroes everyone thinks they are.

But as small acts of mischief escalate into a vicious battle, Lord Blackheart realizes that Nimona's powers are as murky and mysterious as her past. And her unpredictable wild side might be more dangerous than he is willing to admit.

With her silly humour and cheerfulness Nimona makes for a very loveable antihero, but this lighthearted comic quickly evolves into a morally and emotionally complicated fantasy, with a trio of lead characters who are all more complex than they initially appear.

World Book Day - £1 Book Tokens

Lots of things are a bit different this year, but reading and a love of books remains so important. World Book Day's £1 Book Tokens have gone digital so even in lockdown we can still celebrate with a free book! Please use the following link to access your £1 Book Token, and to find out more about how and where to use it:

www.worldbookday.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/booktoken_SecondaryUK.pdf



World Book Day - JCA Competitions

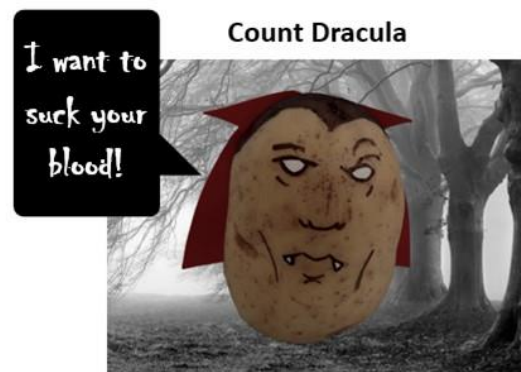
We're running two different book related prize competitions as part of JCA's World Book Day celebrations. Both competitions will run until **12th March 2021** and you can submit your entries by either emailing Mrs Harnell, or by posting a picture of your work on our Instagram account @jcalibrary.

• Book Character Potatoes

Gandalf the Grey

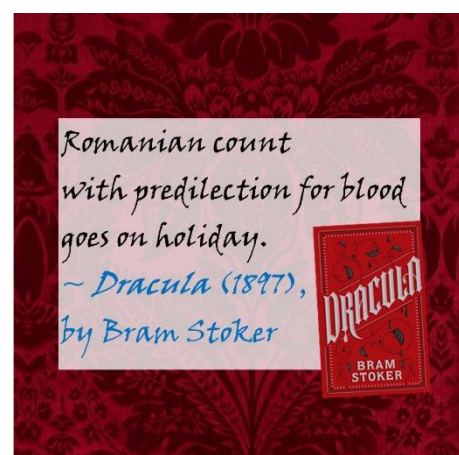
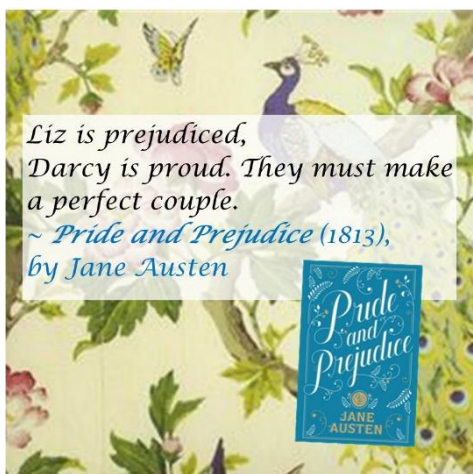


Count Dracula



For a fun, creative challenge, try your hand at creating a book character potato. Choose your favourite character from a book, get a potato (other vegetables are available), and decorate. We can't wait to see how your favourite characters look as potatoes!

• Book Summary Haiku



Write a summary of your favourite book as a haiku poem. Haiku poems have just three lines, with 17 syllables in total: 5 syllables in the first line, 7 syllables in the second, and 5 syllables in the third. Haiku poems are very short, but also very carefully constructed. Here are some examples below to help inspire you.



World Book Day official site

There lots of great resources to explore on the official [World Book Day website](#), from live events, to writing masterclasses and even free audiobooks to listen to online. There are also even more bookish competitions to take part in, with a chance to win hundreds of pounds of books for yourself and your school in Book Tokens.

www.worldbookday.com/competitions/design-a-national-book-token-2021/
www.worldbookday.com/show-your-shares/



Reporting to Parents

One of the items brought up most frequently in the Parent voice surveys this year concerns reporting to you on your child's academic progress. No doubt because of the disruption Covid has caused. So I wanted to remind you of the ways in which we report on academic progress every year, including this year.

Written report. This is a report written by your child's tutor and goes through the data we collect mid-year on their academic progress.

Data report. A report which gives you your child's data based on their end of year assessments. *Parents' evenings.* There is one (two for year 11) parents' evening each year. This is an opportunity to talk to each class teacher about your child's academic performance.

It is especially important that you have the Insight App downloaded as we send you the reports via the app. You also book parents' evening appointments on the app.

	Parents Evening	Written Report	Data Report
Year 7	19 th November 2020	March 2021	July 2021
Year 8	20 th May 2021	March 2021	July 2021
Year 9	28 th January 2021	Feb 2021	July 2021
Year 10	17 th June 2021	March 2021	July 2021
Year 11	16TH Dec 2020 1st April 2021	TBC - awaiting DfE guidance	January 2021



Percussion & Composition Masterclasses

Percussion & Composition Masterclasses – completely free for students aged 11-18

Dani Howard Masterclass - This Sunday!

7 March 2021 - 16.00-17.30



A FREE ONLINE MASTERCLASS WITH

Percworks

7.3.21
16:00-17:30

**DANI
HOWARD**
COMPOSER &
ORCHESTRATOR

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For Young Percussionists
Aged 11-18 in the UK
[percworks.co.uk/online-masterclasses](https://www.percworks.co.uk/online-masterclasses)

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A free interactive masterclass with Dani Howard a British composer who is quickly gaining international - recognition.

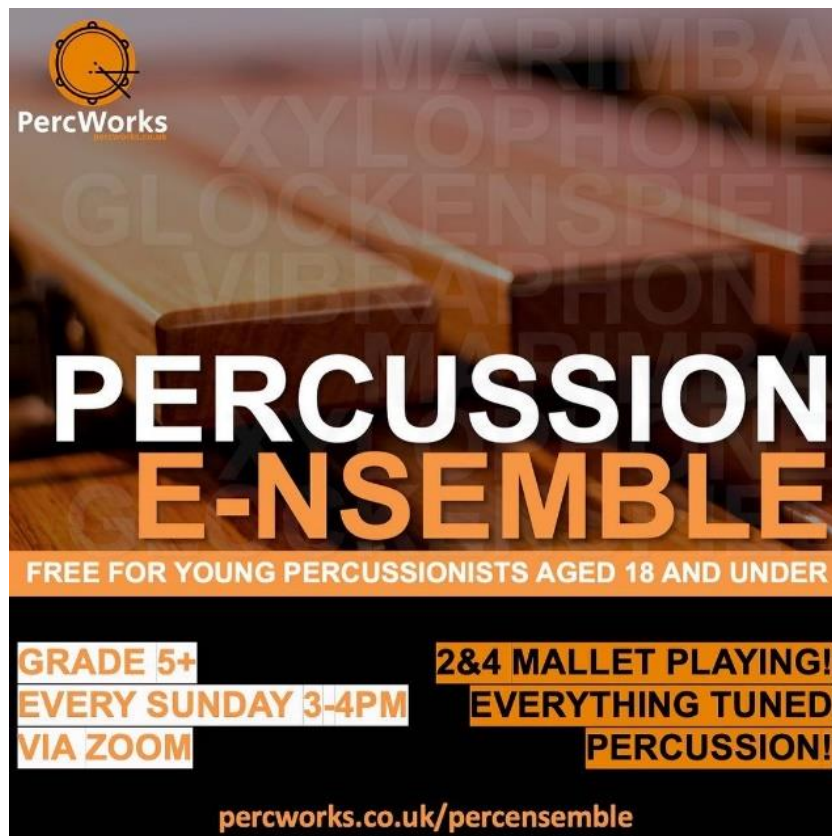
In this class we will learn about Dani's journey so far and some tips and tricks getting started with composition. RSVP for free here:

<https://www.percworks.co.uk/event-details/dani-howard-composer-1>



Percussion e-nsemble

Every Sunday - 15.00-16.00



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GRADE 5+ 2&4 Mallet PLAYING!
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Open to all percussionists aged 11-18 and grade 5+, our PERCUSSION E-NSEMBLE rehearses weekly via Zoom, to join email us at director@percworks.co.uk. We focus on all things tuned percussion!



Digital drumline

Every Sunday - 16.00-17.00



THE FREE ONLINE DRUMLINE

PERCWORKS ALLSTARS

For Drummers & Percussionists aged 11-18 in the UK



Weekly sessions via Zoom || Sundays 16:00-17:00

What's involved?
Warm Ups | Technique (including Traditional Grip) | Rudimental Exercises | Technical Exercises | Drumline Pieces | Stick Tricks | Back Sticking | Visuals | Choreography | Marching

First Session: Sunday 11th October
Standard: Grade 5+
Equipment: Sticks & Snare Drum or Practice Pad



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Returning to schools and colleges safely from 8 March



Delivering for you

Department for Children, Adults and Health

We are writing to thank you for everything you have been doing to support your child's learning, to update you on the arrangements for all children returning to schools and colleges from Monday 8 March and to ask for your continued support of your school communities to keep everyone safe.

Our priority is a permanent return to face-to-face education for our children and young people. We know school is the best place for them for their educational and social development and wellbeing.

We want to reassure you that we have been working with school leaders to ensure a safe return to school. We have produced our own local guidance to support the government guidance, so that schools can enhance safety measures inside and outside the classroom.

Your school will have already been in contact to explain the arrangements in place for your child's safe return. Each school is working in a set of very individual and different circumstances, so the plans they have in place will be based on their individual risk assessments, in line with the guidance.

What's changing

On 22 February the government set out its plan for the return of all pupils to schools and colleges from 8 March as part of the [COVID-19 Response - Spring 2021 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/covid-19-response-spring-2021). All children will once again be expected to attend school, as they did in the autumn term.

The return to school for all pupils is being prioritised due to the significant and proven impact



on the health and wellbeing of children and young people, caused by being out of school. A range of measures will be in place to keep everyone safe:

- In addition to the already established rapid testing (lateral flow testing) regime and regular testing of staff, there will be twice-weekly testing of secondary school and college students, initially with on-site testing and then home testing. Primary school children will not be required to test regularly, unless they have symptoms, in which case they need to stay home and you should book a test for them at www.gov.uk or by calling 119.
- Students in secondary schools and colleges will be strongly encouraged to wear face coverings* in all communal areas and in the classroom, unless 2m social distancing can be maintained.

Family and household testing

Families and households with primary school, secondary school and college age children, including childcare and support bubbles, are encouraged to test themselves twice every week from home. Regular testing for those without symptoms will help keep you, your family, and your school community safe.

There will be a number of ways of accessing these rapid home tests. We are working hard to provide kits for collection from sites in the community. Information on local collection points will be shared once available.

- For now, rapid home testing kits can be booked for home delivery here: www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests
- People can also access rapid testing at our assisted rapid testing sites in Bradley Stoke Leisure Centre, Kingswood Leisure Centre and Yate Parish Hall. Slots can be booked on our website www.southglos.gov.uk/book-rapid-test

Remember that anyone who has symptoms of Covid-19 – a new, continuous cough, high temperature or a loss or change to their sense of taste or smell - should isolate and book a test online at www.gov.uk or by calling 119.

Videos, support materials and further information



We have produced videos and support materials to help you and your family understand what you need to do and guide you through some of these changes:

- Watch a local primary head teacher guide you around their school to explain the extra measures in place and help prepare you and your child.
Visit: [Covid-19: Blackhorse Primary School tour - YouTube](#)
- Hear from teachers and a parent about how they are feeling about the return to school, to reassure you if you or your child feels anxious. Visit: [Covid-19: Raysfield Primary tour - YouTube](#)
- See what taking a Covid-19 test at your secondary school or college is like. Visit: [Covid-19: Brimsham Green School tour - YouTube](#)
- Read further information about the return to school including testing:
www.southglos.gov.uk/return-to-school

Supporting your child to settle back in

We all know that every child and family has had different experiences over the past year and been affected by the pandemic in very different ways. Children who are anxious will need more support to help them settle back in and learn effectively.

Our schools will be continuing to use a range of resources to explore children's social and emotional needs, helping them to reconnect with learning and each other. This includes resources for children with complex and special educational needs and disabilities.

Visit Mind You [Parents and carers | Mind you \(southglos.gov.uk\)](#) or [SENsational learning ideas newsletter for parents and carers | South Gloucestershire \(southglos.gov.uk\)](#).



Things you can do to help keep everyone safe and support our schools

- Continue to follow the national restrictions and always remember Hands Face Space.
- Wear face coverings* when dropping off and picking up your child
- Encourage your child* to wear a face covering safely, to cover their mouth and nose, if they go to secondary school or college. This includes in all communal areas and in the classroom, unless 2m social distancing can be maintained.
 - Send your child in with a spare face covering – one to wear and one to swap later in the school day - and a clean bag, for example a sandwich bag, to keep the spare one in.
- Make sure your child has a school jumper, cardigan or fleece as windows and doors are more likely to be open to allow for extra ventilation.
- Remember to leave the school premises promptly, follow all social distancing measures the school has in place such as staggered start and finish times, and not to gather outside.
- Do everything you can to make the journey to school part of your daily exercise. Walking or cycling even part of the way to school helps to improve concentration and health and reduces the number of cars around schools.

*unless exempt

Thank you

A huge thank you for all the hard work and sacrifices you have made to support your child's learning over the past year. We would like to pay tribute to the exceptional hard work, dedication and commitment of everyone – our school leaders, all teaching and support staff and above all you and your child.

At the heart of our approach is what is best for children and young people in South Gloucestershire and how they can re-engage with their friends and receive the face-to-face teaching that is so important to their learning and wellbeing. We are committed to making sure that all students are able to bounce back from the impact on their learning caused by the disruption of the past year.

Please visit www.southglos.gov.uk/return-to-school and look out for further information and guidance from your child's school or college.

Thank you for your ongoing support,



Face coverings need to cover your mouth and nose



- ✓ you are strongly encouraged to wear a face covering in all communal areas*
- ✓ if you cannot keep two metres apart, you should wear a face covering in class
- ✓ wear it properly - cover your mouth and nose - to help keep everyone safe
- ✓ keep your face covering in a clean (sandwich) bag when not required to wear it
- ✓ take a spare to school so you can change it throughout the day

*unless you're exempt



Stop the spread. Do the right thing.

www.southglos.gov.uk/coronavirus

