



Giffnock Primary School



Digital Learning

Information for Parents

Working hard having fun, that's the way we get things done

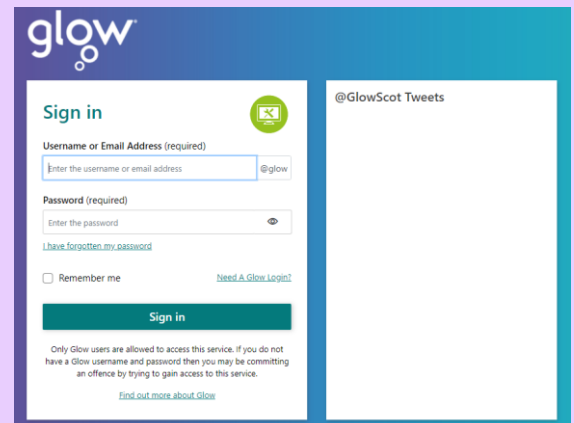
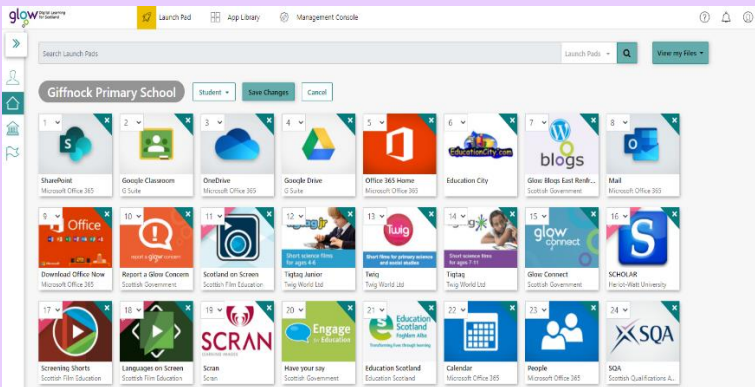
Accessing Glow

You can log in to Glow from home simply by going to the Glow Sign In page.

<https://sts.platform.rmunify.com/Account/SignIn/glow>

The Glow username is always in this format:

gw00surnamefirstname



From the Launchpad you can navigate to all the other areas of Glow.

Download Microsoft Office365

Office 365

For all Glow users, it is possible for you to get copies of Microsoft Office 2016 to use on your home machines - PC, Mac, phones and tablets.

This will allow you to use a range of Microsoft products (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access, OneNote etc.) on up to 15 home devices without cost (the 15 licences being split as 5 for PC/Macs, 5 for tablets and 5 for phones).

To Download Office 2016 Apps

To do this from RM Unify, you will need to see this tile. It is on the Launchpad when you log into Glow.

To download the software to a PC or Mac then click on this tile and follow the instructions on the screen.

Please note that if you are downloading to an iPad or iPhone then the process is different. You need to download the apps from the App Store and then log in using your Glow username.



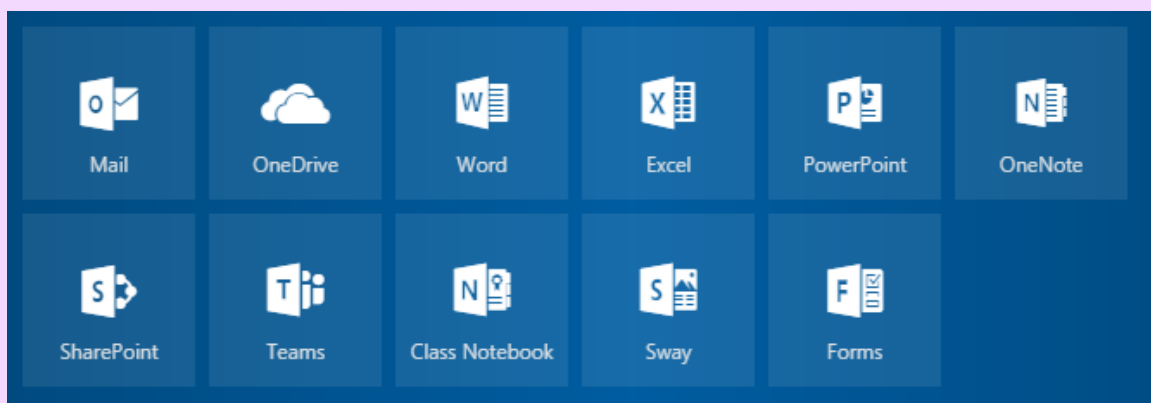
When logging in, you will be asked to enter your username. This is your Glow username plus the domain e.g. **gw15surnamefirstname@glow.sch.uk**

Once you do this, you will be transferred to the usual Glow login page. Once you enter your details, registration is complete.

The Glow username will only activate the software for as long as that account is active in Glow.

Microsoft Office365 through Glow

Microsoft Office365 is available through the Glow Launchpad.

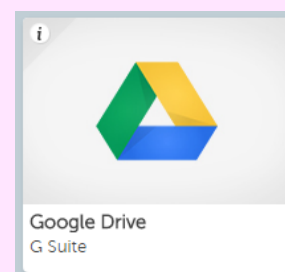
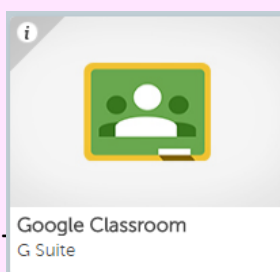


This includes Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Sway and Forms, which are the most commonly used software within our school. Work is automatically saved via the OneDrive facility, allowing easy collaboration in projects.

G-Suite through Glow

Google's education resources are now available through Glow and can be located on the Glow Launchpad when you log in.

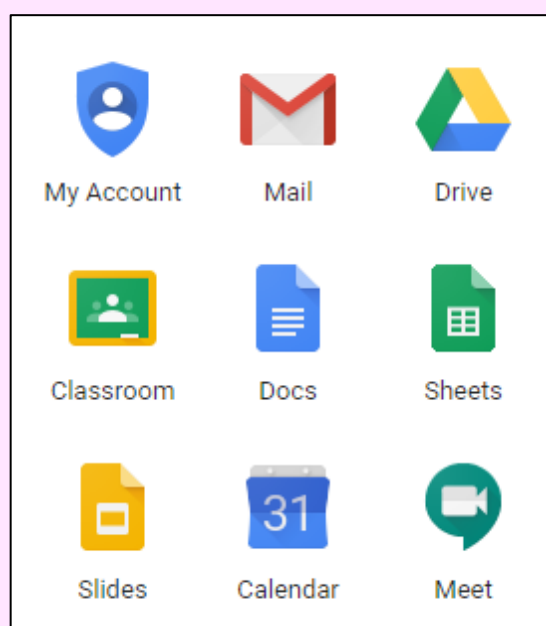
Through the Google Classroom tile, the range of G-Suite tools can be accessed. The username for this has a different domain - **gw15surnamefirstname@er.glow.scot**



Google Docs is a word processing feature. By clicking on Tools and selecting Voice Typing, Google Docs will automatically type anything you say. This Voice Typing feature can be helpful in removing potential barriers to learning.

Google Drive is a cloud-based storage facility. When used alongside Docs, Sheets and Slides, it allows for easy collaboration on projects.

Any work completed on Google Classroom will automatically save into the child's Google Drive.



Internet Safety and Social Media

We live in a world where access to the internet is increasingly common so it is really important that we educate and support our young people to harness technology effectively and also safely. We work closely with our Campus Police Officer, and we have gathered further information for you to highlight the importance of internet safety and keeping your child safe online.



The following social media platforms require the user to be 13 years or older,
(and with parental control to access it up the age of 17 years)
Instagram Facebook Twitter Snapchat Houseparty TikTok



The following social medial platform require the user to be 16 years or older,
WhatsApp

The **NSPCC** website gives detailed advice for staff, parents and pupils about a range of social media apps and ways to stay safe online.

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/>

<https://esafetytraining.org/>

The body responsible for applying **UK PEGI ratings** is the **Games Rating Authority** (GRA). Games for computers are labelled as age appropriate **e.g. 12, 16 and 18** years of age. These are legally enforceable meaning that they should not be supplied to persons below those respective age bars.



Games such as Assassin's Creed, Call of Duty and Grand Theft Auto are intended for older players i.e. 18 years due to explicit violence or other inappropriate content.

We use a wide range of resources to support learning, including:

- ✓ www.thinkuknow.co.uk by CEOP
- ✓ Home Learning Packs created by ThinkUKnow <https://tinyurl.com/yxuza3p2>
- ✓ Promoting Anti Bullying week and Safer Internet Day initiatives
- ✓ All children and families receive a Responsible User Agreement upon enrolling at Giffnock Primary.
- ✓ Workshops for pupils by Campus Police Office.
- ✓ Interactive games and drama
- ✓ Being Cool in School: programme supporting positive behavior and self confidence
- ✓ Bounce Back: supporting resilience and interpersonal skills



Practical Tips and Guidance

- ✓ Talk to your child about what they are doing online – the NSPCC website has conversation starters
- ✓ Watch ThinkUKnow films and cartoons with your child
- ✓ Encourage your child to go online and explore!
- ✓ Keep up-to-date with your child's development online
- ✓ Set boundaries in the online world just as you would in the real world
- ✓ Keep all equipment that connects to the internet in a family space
- ✓ Know what connects to the internet and how
- ✓ Use parental controls on devices that link to the internet, such as the TV, laptops, computers, games consoles and mobile phones

Useful Websites Literacy and Numeracy

Education City – literacy and numeracy games. Ask the school about paying £2 for home access
<https://ec1.educationcity.com/>

ICT Games – a selection of games for Literacy and Numeracy
<http://www.ictgames.com/resources.html>

Spelling Game using “Look Cover Write Check”
<http://amblesideprimary.com/ambleweb/lookcover/lookcover.html>

Dolch Word – Lists and games for common words
<http://www.dolchword.net/>

BookBox – features over 30 of the most popular authors, poets and illustrators
<http://www.channel4learning.com/sites/bookbox/home.htm>

Roy the Zebra – reading website for emerging readers
<https://www.roythezebra.com/>

The Literacy Shed – short films and animations
<https://www.literacyshed.com/>

Storyline Online – listen to stories
<http://www.storylineonline.net/>

Cool Math games
<http://www.coolmath-games.com/>

Sumdog Maths – ask your teacher for your login details. Also available as an app.
<https://www.sumdog.com/>

Hit the Button maths. Also available as an app.
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

Tables Trees – multiplication games
<http://www.amblesideprimary.com/ambleweb/mentalmaths/tabletrees.html>

Useful Websites Other Curricular Areas

Internet Safety information and games
<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk>
Information from NSPCC and O2 for internet safety
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-we-do/about-us/partners/nspcc-o2-online-safety-partnership/>
NSPCC advice about Social Media and apps
<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/>

Dance Mat Typing – an introduction to touch typing for 7-10 year olds
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/guides/z3c6tfr>

Originally Woodlands Junior – resources for many curricular areas
<http://primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/>

BBC Bitesize – links to many curricular areas.
Early/First Level
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/education/levels/zgckjxs>
Second Level
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/education/levels/zr48q6f>

Topmarks – links to many curricular areas
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>

Coding websites
<https://code.org/>
<https://scratch.mit.edu/> Scratch (ages 7+)
<https://www.scratchjr.org/> Scratch Jr (ages 5-7)
<https://raspberrypi.org>




CBBC Newsround
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround>

Crickweb – interactive resources for a variety of curricular areas
<http://www.crickweb.co.uk/Early-Years.html>
<http://www.crickweb.co.uk/Key-Stage-1.html>
<http://www.crickweb.co.uk/Key-Stage-2.html>

BBC Primary French 1
http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryfrench/index_flash.shtml

Please note that many of these games require Adobe Flash Player. This will need to be enabled for the games to work correctly.

Useful Apps – Literacy and Numeracy

<p>Fry Words</p>  <p>Flashcards based on the common word list we use</p>	<p>Phonics Genius</p>  <p>Over 6000 words, group by phonics rules</p>	<p>Chalk Pad</p>  <p>Draw on a chalkboard</p>	<p>Jumbled Sentences</p>  <p>Interactive way to improve writing skills</p>
<p>Dragon Dictation</p>  <p>Easy to use voice recognition app. Dyslexia friendly</p>	<p>Collins Big Cat Readers</p>  <p>Set of 8 books. Read to me, read by myself, Story Creator</p>	<p>CBeebies</p>  <p>Games and fun features to help your child learn as they play</p>	<p>Bluster</p>  <p>Rhymes, prefixes, suffixes, synonyms, homophones, adjectives and more</p>
<p>Math is Fun</p>  <p>Series of apps to target increasingly harder maths calculations</p>	<p>Math Kid</p>  <p>Aimed for ages 4-12, with a range of maths calculations and skills</p>	<p>Teach Me</p>  <p>Series of 6 apps, for toddler to age 8. Mixture of literacy and numeracy</p>	<p>Spelltower</p>  <p>Giant version of Boggle, find and spell words in an enormous letter grid. For ages 9+.</p>
<p>Marble Maths</p>  <p>Designed for ages 9+ Marble mazes to help develop maths skills</p>	<p>Sumdog</p>  <p>Multiplayer games for maths, reading and writing</p>	<p>Hit the Button</p>  <p>Develop mental maths and calculation skills. Has 97 different game modes</p>	<p>Comics Head</p>  <p>Retell stories and experiences through a visual format. Create comics and photo journals</p>

Useful Apps – Other Curricular Areas

Book Creator  Create your own books, with music, narration and video	Shadow Puppet  Create short video clips. Digital story telling	Kodable  Progressive coding for younger children	Scratch Jr  Children as young as 5-7 can enjoy coding with Scratch Jr.
iMovie  Create movie trailers and short movies quickly and easily	Stop Motion  Create stop motion movies instantly, with themes and sound effects	Science 360  Videos on a wide range of topics from the National Space Foundation	The Human Body by Tinybop  Investigate the body and interact with the organs
Sock Puppets  Hit the record button and the puppet will automatically lip-sync to your voice	HP Reveal (previously known as Aurasma)  Bring everyday things to life! Create your own Augmented Reality	Green Screen  Just like they use in the movies! Combine images from your camera and merge them onto a background	Tellagami  Create a quick animated video called a Gami

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/er/Giffnock/>

<https://twitter.com/giffnockprimary>

<https://twitter.com/GiffnockNursery>

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