Using Glow for Learning in School or at Home

What is Glow?

Glow is Scotland's nationally available digital environment and can support learning across the whole curriculum. Funded by the Scottish Government and managed by Education Scotland, Glow provides a safe, online environment for educators, learners and parents.

The package of resources provided through Glow includes access to Microsoft Windows Office 365 applications such as Excel, Word, Forms, Sway, PowerPoint and Teams as well as other services such as Glow Blogs, One Drive cloud storage and the RM Unify Launchpad. These services can be accessed by Glow account holders at anytime, anywhere, and on any device including tablets and phones.

Why use Glow?

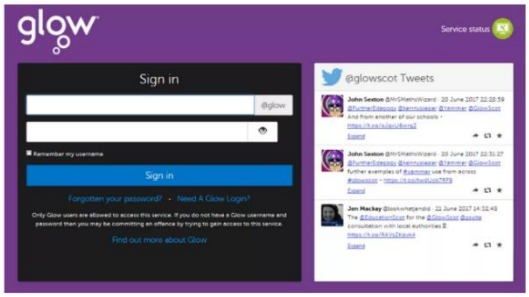
Glow is used by learners and educators in lots of different ways. In Inverclyde every pupil is given access to these online web based resources which allow pupils to:

- share ideas and access learning resources;
- to complete and submit assignments and projects;
- to share and create work online;
- to collaborate and co-create with their peers;
- to communicate with their teachers.

How does your child access Glow?

As Glow is all based online, your child just needs to visit the website below.

https://glow.rmunify.com/



Enter your username and password in the boxes shown. (You can find these on your login card) then click 'Sign in'

Each child also has a Glow email account associated with their Glow account which pupils in the upper school are taught to use appropriately, this allows them to safely communicate with others in their class and school.

The email address for each person takes the same basic format : username@glow.sch.uk

Downloading Office 365 for Free

Every Glow user is also able to download the latest version of the Microsoft Office Suite on to a total of 15 home machines (5 PCs or Macs, 5 tablets and 5 phones), free of charge.

This provides access to a range of products such as Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access and OneNote.

When you are logged on to Glow you will be able to find this tile on the school launch pad which will direct you to the Microsoft site where a download of Office 365 is available.

It can be downloaded to iOS, android and windows devices

What is Teams?

Some classes are using Teams on Glow. Teams are created by a teacher for their class and they bring a range of Office 365 tools together in one place. By bringing together an area for conversations, to store content and to easily access a variety of apps it enhances the opportunity for collaboration between pupils.

Why use Teams?

Class Teams provides a collaborative space to help distribute tasks and resources to pupils. Pupils can then easily access resources or upload evidence of learning to share with their teacher or fellow pupils.

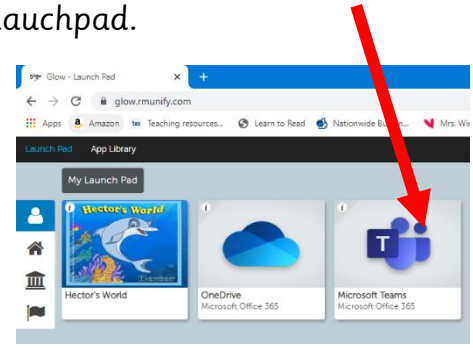
Teams provides the digital tools necessary for collaboration and co-creation, allowing pupils to work in groups or even across classes.

Each team provides pupils with:

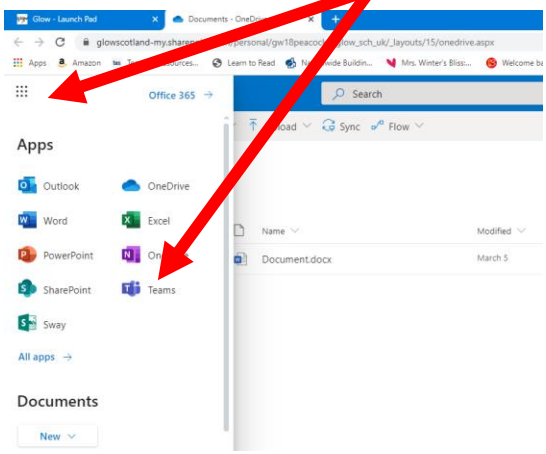
- more flexible access to learning materials;
- a conversations area for learners to plan their work and self and peer assess;
- an area to store evidence of learning;
- a central point to access digital resources;
- a class collaboration space;
- the ability for the teacher to provide feedback and support on learning activities.

How does your child access Teams?

You can access Teams through a tile on your personal lauchpad.



Or through the App Launcher (Waffle) when they open their one drive.



Digital Safety

Within Inverclyde schools, online activity is monitored carefully and filtered to ensure that staff, children and young people are kept safe. Monitoring is also part of Glow, so pupils need to use it responsibly. Any individual not using the resources properly may find that their access to these resources is blocked.

Other Resources - Education City & Sumdog (See login cards for username/passwords)

Sumdog provides maths games at your child's level which can be tracked by their teacher. Education City has many language and maths activities and specific tasks will have been set for each child. They can access this using the My City area.