

# glow



A guide for parents

## **Linking learning at home and at school**

Glow is the world's first national safe and secure online community for pupils, parents and teachers.

Glow is an award winning national intranet for education, developed exclusively for Scotland's educational community. Enhancing and supporting pupils' learning, Glow allows pupils to learn using the tools of technology they are familiar with. The sort of personalised learning that Glow can offer children and young people is a key aspect of Curriculum for Excellence.

### **What does it do?**

Glow gives access to information and activities including interactive educational games, revision papers, links to other sites and news features. These resources support pupils to learn in innovative and exciting ways. Glow has a number of key features and access to, or restrictions to, these features is dependent on the permissions set by your local authority. Not all features are relevant to all users.



How does it work?



How does it assist my child's learning?

Each child or teacher is given unique logins to access this trusted, safe environment where they can create personalised programmes of work, share resources or help parents understand and become more involved in their children's learning possibly by keeping up to date with their progress and achievements.

For children, GLOW is:

- A tool to access the benefits of the internet and a range of online resources and services via one log-in
- A space for collaborating with other learners
- A facility to connect with teachers about assignments and learning
- A space to create and innovate as you learn



Why use it?

The constantly evolving digital world has transformed the way in which our children communicate, network, seek help and access information to learn. We must recognise the need to provide our children with relevant and contemporary experiences that allow them to successfully engage with technology and prepare them for life after school.

Glow provides tailored resources, appropriate to the children in a safe, secure and engaging way.



What are the benefits?

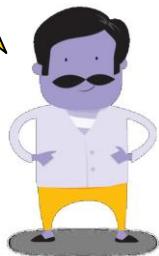
Your child will have access to the world's first educational intranet in a secure and safe setting. Teachers at their school can share experiences and best practice to ultimately improve teaching and learning across Scotland.

Your child is learning life skills and embracing technology in a constantly evolving world and it is the role of educators and parents to ensure children are in the best position to be prepared for the challenges that lie ahead. Glow is a crucial part of the 21st century learning journey.

How does  
my child  
get access?



Can my child  
access Glow  
during school?

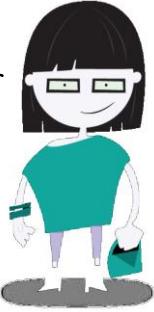


Your child will be given access by their school via a unique login using a secure username and password. This gives the child access to information and resources suitable to them.

A pupil's access to, and view of, Glow will be different from a teacher's view.

Glow can be accessed either within the school or, as it is web-based, wherever an internet connection is available, such as at home or in a public library.

All your child needs is their unique username and password.



How can I,  
as a parent,  
use Glow?



How does  
a parent get  
access?

You will be able to view and access the same information as your child.

Through your child's password, you have access to all the national material.

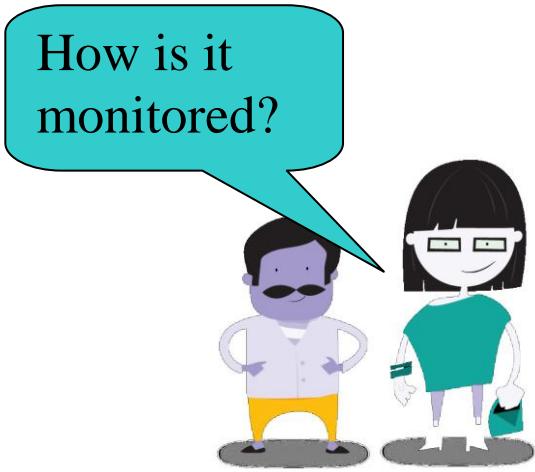
At school level the way we use Glow will develop over time. In Alves upper stages class we are using Glow in a way that allows the teacher to access work created by individual pupils and share resources with individual pupils or the whole class.

Pupil folders are private and cannot be accessed by other pupils.

You can log into Glow using your child's username and password. Pupils know that their password is to be shared with parents and carers.

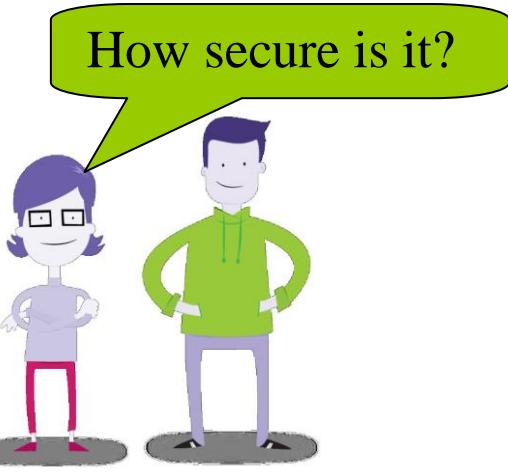
In the longer term parents may have their own usernames and passwords.

All pupil passwords have been reset. The first time they login they will be asked to change their password. This password should be shared with you so you can also access the system.



How is it monitored?

Every user has a unique login and activities on the site can be monitored at a school or local authority level. All children can report anything inappropriate through a link on every page. Your child will only be able to access information that is relevant and age appropriate for them.



How secure is it?

Users login using a unique username and password. We use a safe and secure technology to ensure that personal information is never shared, and users can only engage within a trusted federation of educational websites and services. No-one can ever be anonymous in Glow, so any comments or work they post can be always traced to the source.

For more information on Glow or for advice for parents, go to:

- [connect.glowscotland.org.uk/](http://connect.glowscotland.org.uk/)
- [glowhelp.wikis.glowscotland.org.uk/Glow+For+Learners](http://glowhelp.wikis.glowscotland.org.uk/Glow+For+Learners)
- [parentingacrossscotland.org/](http://parentingacrossscotland.org/)
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