

Dear Parent/Carer,

You will be aware of the announcement to close schools this Friday. We understand that this will cause a disruption to the normal pattern of learning for your child or young person and want to do all we can to support them in making use of digital tools and online learning resources such as Glow.

Glow is free to all children and young people can access it by using their Glow login and password; it can be accessed anytime, anywhere and on any device. Once on, they will be able to work on their own or link and work with their classmates.

Some of the Glow tools which they may use are:

- Microsoft Teams
- Glow blogs

These tools will allow them to view suggested homework tasks, follow a set of instructions and complete work assigned by their teacher(s).

You can find out a little more about how each of these tools work using the links below:

#### **Microsoft**

<https://support.office.com/en-us/article/remote-learning-with-office-365-guidance-for-parents-and-guardians-89d514f9-bf5e-4374-a731-a75d38ddd588>

#### **Glow Blogs**

<https://glowconnect.org.uk/about-glow/glow-for-parents/>

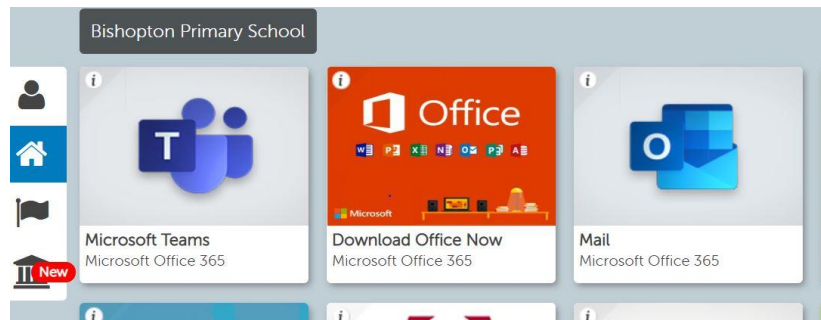
In Renfrewshire, as in all other local authorities, we have an Acceptable Usage Policy that is shared with all children and young people at the start of the school session. The key points from it are listed below for you and it might be an idea to remind your child or young person of the need to stick to the policy when using digital platforms like Glow for learning and schoolwork. This will ensure they stay safe and keep others safe while online.

- I will always be polite and will not use bad language.
- I will remember that anything I do can usually be traced back to me.
- I will not access, create, store or distribute files that could be thought of as offensive or indecent, or that harasses or insults others.
- I will not share my personal details or any personal information about other people (home address, phone number etc) in emails, on the internet or with other people.
- I will only send emails to people I know, or my teacher knows.
- I will not arrange to meet people I talk to online.

We understand how anxious a time this is for you. This information relates to an unprecedented way of working, but we want to continue to support all children in their learning throughout this period in whatever way we can and hope that you find this helpful.

Please note that you can also contact us via the '*Contact us*' section on the school's website.

As a Glow user you can also download MS Office 365 onto your PC, laptop, tablet or mobile device via the tile on the student launch pad.



Your child's teacher will have already provided you with a username and password. They will post a task related to literacy, numeracy and health and wellbeing each day along with another more general activity.

We realise that access to devices will be shared so please do as much as possible. Some activities can be downloaded and completed offline. Your child has been provided with a jotter for this.

Links to Accelerated Reader have also been added to ensure pupils are making progress with their reading. The book finder link will allow you to find books appropriate to your child's age and stage.

Our aim is to provide as much continuity of learning as is possible for all our pupils and we appreciate your continued support in this.

Pupils have been asked to stay in regular contact with their teachers, although we appreciate that they might not always be available during normal school hours due to varying child care arrangements.

The school building may be physically closed but teaching and learning continues and we are here to give you as much support as possible.

Yours faithfully

Mrs McNaught

Head Teacher

