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Glow is developing

The Scottish Government and Education Scotland are working together on an ambitious project to develop replacement services for Glow and a lot has changed already. A core priority is to ensure that Glow continues to evolve in line with improvements in technology and the developing requirements of learners and teachers.

The current Glow services and the old Glow portal will be switched over to the new services in the Autumn and the old services will be shutdown.

Usernames and passwords will not change and Glow will be accessed in the same way however any content that has been created in the old SharePoint site since the migration last year **will not** be automatically moved across.   Users should plan for moving across any

content they will continue to require access to into the new Microsoft Office 365 environment.

So what exactly is being developed?

One of the biggest changes to Glow is RM Unify. After Logging in, you will now see RM Unify, your very own launchpad to all the new Glow services and other content you might find useful.

Through Glow you can access online content and other useful tools to support learning and teaching like an online periodic table, an avatar creator and even a comic strip creator.

You can customise your launchpad to add links to any website that you will need to access regularly or add apps from the app store.

This means your Glow launchpad can keep all your web links together in one place and make it easy to jump between places you need to be online and you can customise just what is there to suit your needs.

On RM Unify you will see various tiles for Office 365.

Office 365 is one of the core replacement services that is already available. You can now use your Glow account to access Office 365 in the cloud.

Although other services are coming in the Autumn, Office 365 has plenty to offer teachers and learners.

There's **OneDrive** cloud storage with 1TB of storage for every single user. OneDrive means you can access your files wherever and whenever you need them and share them with any other user or keep them just for you.

There's a **National Newsfeed** where you can discuss learning and teaching and share with others across Scotland.

There's the **Office online apps** including Word, Powerpoint and Excel which means you can create and share documents fully online even if you don't have those programmes on your computer.

There's the **OneNote digital notebook** which means you can share notebooks with any user and work together.

Using Glow – Scotland's national online environment for learning

What's on offer
Find out more about Glow on:
http://connect.glowscotland.org.uk

Logging On
Glow is a **password protected environment** for all teachers and learners in Scotland and can only be accessed with a unique log-on.

10 ways
We have produced a series of 10 mini **guides** to help users to get started with Glow Office 365, please have a look.

Glow services
The services available through Glow are being continuously reviewed and updated to ensure schools have access to the best and most up to date content for learning and teaching. What this means is that services will be removed and updated from time to time. A user update will be issued to Local Authority Glow Key Contacts to alert them to changes and additions.

Glow in Action
A series of case studies are being produced to showcase how Glow is being used in schools to give practical examples and share ideas amongst teachers and learners. Look out for

these on Glow Connect, our national communications portal for Glow.

All schools should have someone in the role of **ASM** (Accounts and Services Manager) for Glow. These users can provide account details and reset passwords for all staff and students. If you don't know who the ASM is for your school, you should first ask the senior management team or your local authority **Glow Key Contact.**

Getting Involved

National Digital Learning Community

A National Digital Learning Forum has been created to involve teachers and learners in the development of digital learning developments. As part of the Forum a National Digital Learning Community is also being set up with the following aims:

- Share
    - to exchange practice approaches for using ICT in learning
    - to share experiences of developing and using the Glow environment for learning
- Collaborate
    - to create opportunities for learners and teachers to collaborate on how a digital approach can make a positive impact on learning and teaching

- to work together to find solutions to practical issues
- to build a self-supporting community for the exchange of ideas

- Innovate
    - to develop and share new ways of using ICT in learning
    - to improve how ICT is being used to support learning and teaching

- Inform
    - to keep members up to date with national developments in ICT in learning and the Glow programme

Find out more about the Community in our next update.

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Glow Connect is the national communications portal for Glow – a one stop shop for information, updates and support.