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Dear Parents/ Guardians,

I am writing this letter to provide you with some additional support and guidance with remote learning.

### Useful Websites

As a school, we have put together a list of useful websites by subject area for Key Stage 3, 4 and 5, that can help to support your child with their learning. This document has also been uploaded to the school's website and placed on each form tutors Google classroom area for your child to access.

### Using an Xbox or Playstation to Access Remote Learning

If your son/ daughter would prefer to access lessons using their Xbox or Playstation, please find here further guidance on how to do so. Using Xbox or Playstation to access remote education may be helpful especially where your children are sharing devices or do not have an alternate digital device.

#### Xbox

- Plug a keyboard into the Xbox USB slot on the front or back.
- Press the Xbox button top-centre of a game controller and go to "my games & apps" in the side menu.
- Click on "see all", scroll down to "apps" and you will see Microsoft Edge in the icons on the right-hand side, click on this.
- Type in the web address of your remote learning platform and log in as you would on a PC.
- You can then access your work as you would on a laptop.
- You can either use an Xbox controller to move the cursor or a separate USB mouse plugged into one of the other ports.



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### **Playstation (PS4 & PS5)**

- The PlayStation 4 has its own web browser that is easy to find on the PlayStation 4 (in the content menu as an icon with WWW written on it). However, it's currently a bit trickier on PS5, as there is no way to open the browser natively. Instead, you can open the system settings, then the user guide. This will open up an online user manual inside a web browser page so you only have to change the URL at the top. Otherwise, the rest of the steps are the same.
- Plug a wired keyboard and/or mouse into the USB ports on the PS4 or PS5 – each console should recognise them.
- In the URL bar of the browser, type classroom.google.com and then log in using the details provided by your child's school.
- You can now access your remote platform.

Online 'how to guides' link: <https://www.techradar.com/how-to/how-to-access-home-learning-on-ps4-and-xbox-one>

In some cases, your son/daughter may not be able to do everything they can on a laptop or PC, but they can, at the very least, access remote platforms such as Teams and Google Classrooms and see what work their teacher has assigned. Students can also access YouTube for pre-recorded lessons and other remote education such as BBC Live.

I hope you find this information useful. Feel free to contact me should you have any further questions or ideas.

Yours sincerely

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