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Dear Parent/Carer

Remote Learning and Gaming Consoles

I hope this letter finds you well and you are managing to access our on line learning provision.

I am just writing to let you know that Microsoft Teams, our remote learning platform, can be accessed via popular gaming consoles such as the Xbox and Playstation.

As a school we are obviously wary of encouraging students to use gaming consoles during the school day. However, we are also aware that it is often difficult for families to find suitable devices for everyone to access during the day and a games console might just add in an extra option to help ease the pressure.

Where you have other options we would request that you use them, a laptop will always be a better working device, but for anyone who is interested we have attached instructions on how to access Teams from a games console with this letter.

Should you encounter any technical difficulties accessing work on Microsoft Teams during the period of closure please contact the e-mail address below:

it@student.furnessacademy.co.uk

Once again, I would like to wish you and your family well and look forward to welcoming students back to school when we are advised that it is safe to do so.

Yours faithfully

M S Kelly
Deputy Headteacher

Xbox or Playstation games console

XBOX

1. At the Xbox home screen, open My games and Apps.
2. Select Microsoft Edge to open the web browser.
3. Proceed to step 4 below.

PLAYSTATION

1. From the Playstation home screen, scroll to the Library.
2. Select Applications, then choose the WWW icon surrounded by small circles to open the web browser.
3. Proceed to step 4 below.
4. Type <https://teams.microsoft.com> to access the Microsoft Teams homepage and select the option to “Use the web app instead”. This will take you to the Teams sign-in page.
5. Enter your school email address followed by your password when prompted to access your Teams application.

If you encounter any technical issues – forgotten email addresses, passwords etc then please contact the IT Technical Team at it@student.furnessacademy.co.uk.

Please note that the above procedure is significantly easier to follow with the use of a USB keyboard and mouse which both the Xbox and Playstation consoles support for web access.