Guide for accessing remote education using a games console

With our MS Teams provision becoming ever more important, there have been a number of questions as to how this platform can be accessed. Some of you may be unaware that this can be done through the PlayStation 4 or Xbox. Please follow these steps for each of the devices.

Xbox

- 1. Go to the Home Menu
- 2. Select My games and apps
- 3. Scroll down to Apps
- 4. Go to the Microsoft Edge application
- 5. Search for Office 365
- 6. Sign in using your school 365 account and password
- 7. Click on the Teams application

Playstation

- 1. Scroll to Library when on the Home Screen and select it
- 2. Search library for the internet browser application
- 3. Select internet browser and press the triangle button to start search
- 4. Search for office 365
- 5. Sign in using your school 365 account and password
- 6. Click on the Teams application

Both of the above consoles can operate a mouse and keyboard through their USB ports. A wired keyboard and mouse can be purchased cheaply (£8 and £4 respectively) in most supermarkets. There is also the option of using a wireless keyboard and mouse in the exact same way. For both devices, simply plug them into the USB port and just wait a few moments for the devices to be recognised. Settings for the devices can be customised in the usual way under Settings>Devices.

A wireless keyboard and mouse may take a little longer for the console to recognise it but can be adjusted for preference in the Settings section too. On the PlayStation specifically, you can set up a mobile phone as a keyboard. You need to download the PlayStation App and make sure that the phone and PS4 are on the same wi-fi network. If you log-in to the Play Station Network on your phone and PS4 you can use the phone screen as a second screen for your PlayStation. If you click the keyboard icon, your phone then acts as a keyboard. Once you are logged into your school Google account you can access Microsoft Teams. Having a keyboard as described above will make the use of these applications more productive.