

Remote Learning via PlayStation 4 or Xbox One

This guide will detail how to access learning platforms via a games console.

Modern day consoles, such as the PlayStation 4 (PS4) and Xbox One (XBO), come with internet browsers pre-installed. These browsers enable users to access remote learning sites.

PlayStation 4



1 - The icon for the PS4's internet browser.

The following is taken from [Lifewire's](#) console guide.

How to Open PS4 Browser

Opening the PS4's web browser is quick and easy.

1. Power on your system until the PlayStation home screen is visible.
2. Navigate to the content area, which contains a row of large icons used to launch your games, applications, and other services.
3. Scroll to the right until the Internet Browser option is highlighted, accompanied by a www icon and a Start button. Open the browser by tapping the X button on your PS4 controller.

The following link will take you to the relevant section of the PS4 user guide.

[LINK TO PS4 USER GUIDE](#)

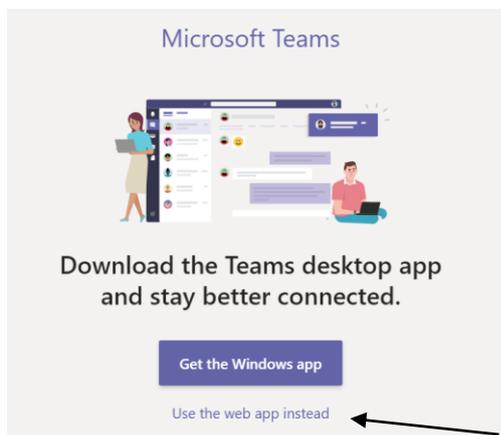
If you don't see the WWW icon in the main navigation pane, you can find it in your Library, under Apps.

Common browser functions:

- To open a new browser window: Press the R2 button.
- To move to a previously opened window: Press the L2 button.
- To toggle Full-Screen mode on and off: Press the square button. The PS4 browser defaults to the desktop version of responsive websites.
- To zoom in on the active web page: Use the R3 button—activated by pressing down on the right-hand stick on your PS4 controller.
- To enter a URL/web address: First, press the R2 button to open a new window. Navigate to the address bar at the top of the page, labeled Enter URL, and tap the X button. The on-screen keyboard will now appear, prompting you to enter a web address. Once complete, press the R2 controller button to load the corresponding page.
- To perform a Google search: First, press the triangle button on your controller. The blinking cursor should now be visible in the search box and the on-screen keyboard should pop out directly under it. Enter your desired search words or terms and submit them by pressing the R2 button.
- The URL address you will need is

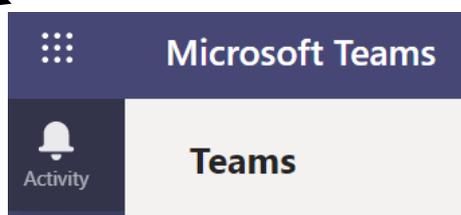
Microsoft Teams: <https://www.microsoft.com/en-gb/>

- You should then use your child's login details to access their Teams account.



You need to choose the bottom option to use the web app.

- If they wish to access Microsoft Office (Word, Powerpoint etc) this can be found by clicking the icon top left of the screen.





XBOX One

Microsoft Edge is available on most major platforms, so it seems natural to see it on Microsoft's own Xbox One as well. The browser has been present on Xbox One for quite some time, and it's available out of the box.

The user interface is similar to the desktop version and you can have multiple tabs open. File download and streaming are also supported, allowing you to enjoy multimedia with ease.

Notable Microsoft Edge features:

- Available by default
- Available on other platforms
- Support for streaming and file download



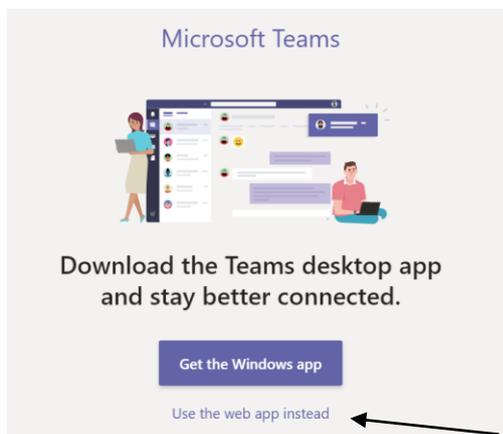
If you cannot see the browser it can be directly downloaded from the XBO's store.

How to use the Xbox Controller:

- Xbox One's version of Internet Explorer can be accessed using the left analog stick to control a pointer and the right stick to control scrolling. To get to the address bar, press the View button. The A button is used for mouse clicks. The B button navigates back a page.
- Clicking once on the left stick zooms out the maximum distance, clicking again zooms in the maximum distance. The triggers regulate more fine-tuned zooms, and the bumpers regulate tabs.
- If you are using the Xbox Kinect, you can take full advantage of the motion controls as a means of exploring Internet Explorer. By using your hands to gesture to and fro, you can scroll through the windows you're exploring on the Internet. Reach your hands forward to interact with the page, pulling the page in to zoom in or pushing it away to zoom out. Saying "Xbox, Select" will bring up a list of voice commands to use on Internet Explorer with Kinect, such as "Browse to" or "Click on".
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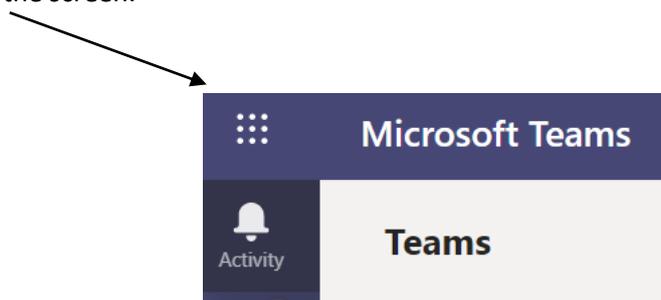
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Finding it tricky to navigate the browser and site with a controller?

Try plugging in a USB keyboard and mouse.

Using games consoles will provide you and your family with greater flexibility in accessing the learning materials that have been prepared by the school.