

Dear Parents/Guardians,

1. Please familiarise yourself with '**Student protocol for online learning**' as these protocols give clear guidance for us all, in particular with regard to timetabled classes, student/parent contact, behaviour, replying to emails etc. (see link below)

Please go through '**Online learning Protocols**' regularly with your Son/Daughter

If we ALL follow these guidelines it will be beneficial to us all.

'Student protocol for online learning'

<https://www.goreycs.ie/policies/Student%20Online%20Learning%20Protocol%20-%20final%20draft%20-19-10-20.pdf>

2. **GCS has already the following in place**

- All classes are already on MS Teams
 - Students are now used to receiving homework assignments through MS Teams regularly.
 - Students are already familiar with accessing and uploading homework assignments.
 - Most students are using MS OneDrive.
 - All students/parents have their full **MS Office 365** account.
 - Clear protocols for students for online teaching and learning.
 - Extensive **tutorials on all aspects of online learning** are available on the school website (please go through the **MENU** on our **ICT & Tutorials page**, access on front of school website or '**Quick links menu**')
<https://www.goreycs.ie/virtualclassteams.html>
 - Extensive '**Online Subject Resources**', are available on the school website, access through '**Quick Links Menu**'
<https://www.goreycs.ie/onlineresource.html>
 - **Reminder that all online classes will be through MS Teams and according to your school timetable only.**
3. **With schools going to online learning, Students and Parents can get free online access to primary school and secondary school textbooks.**

For more information, simply follow the links below:

For books by CJ Fallon click <https://my.cifallon.ie/dashboard/student-resources>

For books by EDCO click <https://www.edco.ie/>

For books by Folens click <https://www.folens.ie/news-and-events/parents-teachers-get-access-to-all-our-digital-teaching-materials>

For Primary Books by Gill Education click <https://www.gilleducation.ie/primary>

For Secondary Books by Gill Education click <https://www.gilleducation.ie/secondary>

4. Teams & Office 365 can be accessed on Xbox & PS4 to stream live classes. This may be of benefit to students/families who do not have sufficient computer devices but do have such consoles.

Instructions on how to access can be seen in video below.

<https://youtu.be/yTQSsxqdhmY>

Also available on our **ICT & Tutorials page**

https://goreycs.ie/virtualclassteams.html#ps_xbox

Please Note

We are aware that online teaching is different, therefore schoolwork will not necessarily be covered entirely in the same way as normal class.

Teachers are mindful that students will be in front of a computer/digital device for a considerable amount of time each day, both for online classes and completing and uploading assignments, therefore all classes will not necessarily be live streamed; some will be self-directed learning, assignments, quizzes, evaluation feedback, recordings, PowerPoints, essays, gathering of resource materials.

However, all homework/ assignments will be recorded on MS Teams/Assignments/Onenote and MS Teams/Calendar for online live classes.

Kind regards

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