

e – Safety

SWGfL have put together the following **Golden** Rules:

Ground rules

- How should the internet be used in your home?
- Keep information private – think, would you tell this to a stranger?
- Agree rules about meeting online ‘friends’ in real life
- Generally – if not acceptable in real life it shouldn’t be acceptable online

Online safety

- Anti-virus and parental monitoring systems
- Online safety guides
- Know how to activate security and privacy settings

Location

- Understand that your child’s internet access could be from wherever they are
- Be aware that devices such as gaming consoles or mobile phones can access the internet
- For younger children access should be in a family room, rather than bedroom

Dialogue

- Apply offline parenting online and share experiences
- Get them to teach you – this is better than any course you can go on
- Ensure they are happy to talk to you if they have a problem or feel uncomfortable