

Dear parents and carers,

I am writing to inform you of an important matter regarding a series of children's books.

You may have seen it reported in the media today that some editions of the *Spy Dog*, *Spy Pups*, and *Spy Cat* series by Andrew Cope, which are aimed at primary school aged children, contain a printed URL linking to a companion website which now contains inappropriate content.

While the books themselves remain age appropriate, the website link featured has recently been taken over by a third party and now directs to content that is highly inappropriate for children.

Publisher Puffin Books and the author have confirmed that they are taking this matter extremely seriously. They have paused sales and distribution of the books, and are working urgently through the appropriate legal channels to remove the inappropriate website content.

As a precaution, we have taken the following actions at school:

- We have endeavoured to remove all copies of the affected books from libraries, classrooms, and any other areas accessible to children. This happened as soon as we were informed of the issue.
- Staff have been reminded to ensure any resources with online links are safe before use.
- Pupils are being supported in understanding online safety and encouraged not to follow links to websites they do not recognise or that seem unsafe.

We also ask that parents and carers check if your child has any of these books at home and would advise removing them from their bookshelves. This will help ensure children do not accidentally access the inappropriate website.

We understand this situation may cause concern, and we want to reassure you that the safety and wellbeing of our pupils is our top priority.

If you have any questions or would like advice on talking to your child about online safety, please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance.

Thank you for your support in keeping our pupils safe.

Yours sincerely,

Victoria Buckland
Headteacher