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Dear Families,

I am writing to make you aware of a recent issue affecting some popular children's books by **Andrew Cope, including the *Spy Dogs*, *Spy Cats*, and *Spy Pups* series.**

Some editions of these books include a printed web address at the back. This link used to go to the author's website, however it has since been taken over by another party and now leads to inappropriate adult content.

We do not hold any copies of these books in school.

The publisher, Puffin, has paused sales and distribution of the books and is working with schools, libraries, and retailers to remove copies from circulation. They have stressed that the website has no connection to the author or publisher.

**What this means for you:**

- If your child has any *Spy Dog*, *Spy Cat* or *Spy Pups* books at home, please check the back for website links and make sure they do not try to visit the site.
- It is safe for children to continue reading the stories themselves — the concern is only with the outdated link.
- We recommend talking with your child about the importance of not following web addresses without checking with an adult first.

If there are any further updates, we will share these with you.

Thank you for your support,

Yours sincerely

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