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Andrew Cope – Children's Books Series

Dear Parents/Carers,

We want 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 on the last page of the book. This link used to go to the author's website, but the domain is no longer under his control. It has since been taken over by another party and now leads to inappropriate adult content.

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 pages for the website link and make sure they do not try to visit the site by removing the page or crossing out the address.
- It is safe for children to continue reading the stories themselves – the concern is only with the outdated link.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 in books without checking with an adult first.

As a school, we have taken steps to address the issue within our own stock of books. The copies available in the school Library that we have found have been removed and teachers have checked for any copies in classrooms. We will continue to share updates from the publisher as more information becomes available.

Yours sincerely

Elmhurst School