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Dear Parents/Carers

We have been made aware that several titles in the **Spy Dogs, Spy Pup, and Spy Cat series by Andrew Cope** contain a weblink at the back of the book that no longer directs people to information about the books. Instead, the link has been compromised and now leads to inappropriate and unsafe material, containing pornographic content with no age restrictions.

We do not have copies of the book in our school library.

Below are images of some of the front covers in the series to help you identify the books should you have any at home. This is a nationwide issue and we have been asked to make parents/carers aware of the issue.

Parents should:

- Immediately prevent children from accessing the website in question
- Remove any Spy Dog, Spy Cat, or Spy Pups books containing the QR code from home bookshelves / e-readers **temporarily** in order to take steps to remove reference to the corrupted website
- Inform their children not to visit the linked website as it contains inappropriate content
- Follow any guidance or updates from the publisher Puffin Books regarding the situation
- Engage in conversations with their children about the importance of safe internet use and reporting if they accidentally visit unsuitable sites
- Ensure they actively monitor and supervise their children's online activity

Parents can also be signposted to the following websites to support them in keeping their children safe online and talking to their children about online safety:

<https://parentsafe.lgfl.net/>
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>
<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>
<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/esafety-leaflets-resources/>

Kind regards

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