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Dear Parent/ Carer,

Spy Dog book series – Safeguarding Concern

We have been made aware by the Cambridgeshire County Council Safeguarding Team about a potential issue with some copies of the Spy Dog, Spy Cat and Spy Pup books by Andrew Cope. A website link printed in certain editions has been taken over by a third party and now leads to an adult site.

You may have already seen a link to this story on the BBC News webpage.

What's being done:

- The publisher, Puffin, has stopped sales and is working to have the website removed.
- They recommend removing any page that shows a web address from copies of the book.

What is recommended:

- Check any Spy Dog, Spy Pup and Spy Cat books your child may have and take out the page with a website link.
- Use this as an opportunity to remind your child about safe internet use and the importance of telling a trusted adult if they ever see something that makes them uncomfortable.
- Keep enjoying reading together – it's a wonderful way to stay involved and connected with what your child is learning.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep children safe while enjoying their reading.

Yours sincerely,

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