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Dear Parents and Carers

Important Safeguarding Notice - Compromised Book Series

It was brought to our attention that several titles in the **Spy Dog, Spy Pup**, and **Spy Cat series by Andrew Cope** contain a weblink at the back of the book that has been compromised.

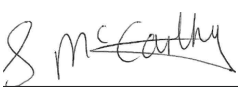
Instead of directing readers to appropriate content about the books, the link led to inappropriate and unsafe material, including pornographic content with no age restrictions.

It has since been reported that the site has been suspended for breaching the Online Safety Act. The publisher has paused sales and distribution of the books and is working with schools, libraries and retailers.

As a school we are currently checking through our library content to ensure that any of these books we may have are made safe for use by the children or are removed from circulation. If you have any of these books at home, you may wish to block out the website link in the book as a safety precaution. If they are books on loan from school or a local library we recommend that you return them as soon as possible.

It is also an opportunity to talk to your children about the importance of not following web addresses in books without checking with an adult first.

Kind regards



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