

Knowsley Junior School

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Dear Parent/Guardian

We are writing to share a concern that has recently been brought to our attention. This concern has not occurred in school, nor has it been shared with the children as we do not want to trigger any unnecessary curiosity.

You may be aware of the popular Spy Dog, Spy Pups and Spy Cat books by author Andrew Cope that are aimed at children of primary school age. Until recently, a URL inside some of the books directed readers to a companion website featuring fun bonus content. However, it has been reported that the domain address used by the author and his publishing team has been taken over by an unconnected third party. Instead of reaching the intended link, the link took you to inappropriate adult material. This website has now been taken down and was not connected to Puffin Publishing or to Andrew Cope.

As a precaution, any copies of the books that we have in school have been temporarily removed from our library and classrooms whilst we check for the inclusion of any website links (not all the books have this). We also advise you to remove any personal copies that you may have at home and to check for any inclusion of links to websites. It is safe for children to continue reading the stories themselves - the concern is only with the children accessing any website links within.

In addition, the publishers immediately paused the sale and distribution of the books. As with any information that we share with our families, our aim is not to cause any unnecessary alarm but to ensure that you are aware and can make informed choices for your family.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "T. Gresty".

Mrs T Gresty
Acting headteacher

