



# St Augustine's Catholic Primary School

## Head Teacher: Mrs J Foley



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in friendship with Jesus

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Dear Parents/Guardians

**Subject: Important Safeguarding Notice – Spy Dog Book Series**

I am writing to inform you of an important safeguarding issue that has come to our attention regarding the *Spy Dog*, *Spy Cat*, and *Spy Pups* book series by Andrew Cope.

It has been discovered that a website link printed in the back of some editions of these books—originally intended to provide additional content about the characters—has been compromised. The domain, which was once owned by the author, has since been acquired by an unrelated third party and now redirects to a website containing inappropriate adult material.

Please be assured that this content is not associated with the author or the publisher, Puffin Books. The publisher has paused all sales and distribution of the affected titles and is working with schools, libraries, and retailers to remove them from circulation. Mrs Spillane has already actioned this in school.

An update received this morning has advised:

*Nominet, a UK registry service provider, says it has suspended the site for breaching the Online Safety Act.*

What we ask of you:

If your child has any books from the *Spy Dog*, *Spy Cat*, or *Spy Pups* series at home, please check the back pages for any printed website links. If such a link is present, we strongly advise that you mark over the back of the book with a pen, to disable the possible access to the website.

Safeguarding our children is always our highest priority, and we appreciate your support in helping us respond swiftly and responsibly.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Julie Foley

Head Teacher

