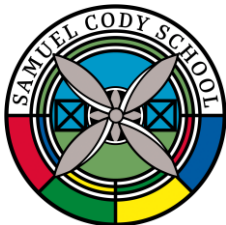


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Dear Parents/Carers

Important Safeguarding Notice: Children's "Spy" Books

We want to make you aware of a recent issue affecting some popular children's books by Andrew Cope, including the *Spy Dogs*, *Spy Cats*, and *Spy Pups* series. Some editions of these books include a printed web address at the back. This link used to go to the author's website, but the domain is no longer under his control. It has since been taken over by another party and now leads to inappropriate adult content.

The publisher, Puffin, has paused sales and distribution of the books and is working with schools, libraries, and retailers to remove copies from circulation. They have stressed that the website has no connection to the author or publisher.

What this means for you:

- If your child has any *Spy Dog*, *Spy Cat* or *Spy Pups* books at home, please check the back for website links and make sure they do not try to visit the site.
- It is safe for children to continue reading the stories themselves — the concern is only with the outdated link.
- We recommend talking with your child about the importance of not following web addresses in books without checking with an adult first.

Hampshire County Council have confirmed that all editions of the books featuring this link, both physical and digital, have been removed from all public libraries in the county and from our Schools Library Service stock. Our own school libraries have also been checked and any books removed from circulation.

An Online Behaviour Reminder

Across Samuel Cody, we are committed to creating a safe, respectful environment for every child, both in school and online and we ask parents to share this responsibility with us. As part of our safeguarding approach, we kindly ask parents and carers to avoid sharing information about other children on social media or group chats.

Our [Code of Conduct](#), which every parent agrees to adhere to at the time of their child's admission, states that:

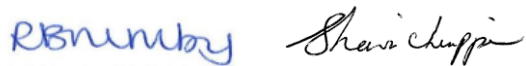
- Defamatory, offensive, or derogatory comments about the school, its pupils, parents, staff, or governors on online platforms will not be tolerated.
- Social media must not be used to voice complaints, fuel campaigns, or publicly criticise individuals connected to the school.

- Sharing images or videos of children without consent, or posting abusive or personal comments, is strictly prohibited.

As you will be aware, not everything that can be read online is factual. We would therefore urge you to contact the school if you have a concern, in line with our Code of Conduct.

Together, we can make sure every child feels safe, respected, and supported. We thank you for working in partnership with us to do so.

Yours sincerely

The image shows two handwritten signatures in blue ink. The first signature, on the left, is 'RBrumby' and the second, on the right, is 'Sharon Chinnappa'.

Rebekah Brumby and Sharon Chinnappa

Co-Headteachers