

Stakeford Primary School 2025-2026

IMPORTANT
INFORMATION
AND LINKS

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Urgent Safeguarding Alert From The NCASP Team

The children's publisher Puffin has issued an alert regarding books authored by **Andy Cope** including those in the **Spy Dogs**, **Spy Cats**, and **Spy Pup** series.

Within the books, there is a link which encourages children to find out about additional information told during the story. The link is intended to take children to Mr Cope's webpage; however, the domain is no longer owned by him and instead the link will direct children to a webpage now owned by a third party. This third party is publishing pornographic content. There is no suggestion that Puffin or Mr Cope are responsible for the pornographic materials, and the content of the actual stories are fine to read, however if any children access the link with the intent to learn more about the story online, they will be exposed to highly inappropriate materials.

Puffin has paused sales, and libraries and retailers have removed these books from their shelves until further notice. As a school, we are reviewing our class and library book collections and will remove any of these that we find from school shelves immediately. If your child has a school library book from any of the series mentioned, **please return these urgently**.

NCASP also advise that parents speak to their children about talking to an adult first before following any links within books that they read. We will share the same message in school.

Backpack Request

In the last newsletter, we asked that parents not send children to school with **large** backpacks. The issue we are facing is that when so many large backpacks are piled onto the narrow pegs, coats and bags are falling off pegs and are causing trip hazards in the main corridor. Children risk hurting themselves and belongings will be trampled on and damaged. Draw string PE style bags or smaller bags would help - if a bag is needed at all.

We thank all of those parents who understood our request and its intentions and have not sent their children with large bags. Sadly, there are a small minority of parents who are not happy with this request which they perhaps feel is unreasonable and some staff have been subjected to verbally aggressive outbursts. This will not be tolerated. The school's position is clear, we will always put the safety of your children first.

