

# Social behaviour

Year Group **8**

Experience **On the train**

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## Setting the scene...

When a train arrives, an open door can be a signal to all pile on and that's fine if no one's getting off. Unfortunately, people can act in exactly the same way when passengers ARE getting off.

Exiting passengers are blocked by a group of teenagers – one 15 year old realises his mistake quickly and earns respect by standing away from the doors.

At another door, a boy stands to the side and lets people off. They nod to him and thank him.

The others in the group don't do this, they're blocking the doors and a mother with a small child is having trouble getting on. The 16 year olds don't seem to care – they're more interested in sharing their music, whether anybody else likes it or not.

A young person starts listening to music on his phone and further down the carriage a

passenger moves away from the teenager playing music out loud. There's some messing about going on, but a train isn't the place to do it.

One of the group is eating crisps while another tries to nick some. The first kid tries to hold his crisps away from his friend and there is a tussle and lots of laughter. Unfortunately an old lady is pushed and drops her shopping.

You can see how the ones who act like nobody else matters get nobody's respect and anyone who respects others earns big respect back in return.

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## Social behaviour lesson plan

### 1 Review the scenario in small groups and discuss the following questions:

- What do you think are the key messages?
- What do you think could be the consequences if the young people in the scenario carry on their behaviour?

Feed back to the main group three key points from your discussion.

### 2 Design a presentation for Year 6 and 7 pupils

- Divide the class into small groups. Ask them to design and produce a powerpoint presentation about the type of behaviour that is acceptable on public transport.
- Each group then presents their ideas to the whole class.

### 3 Review the lesson and the key messages learnt.



approximately 1 hour