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## Rail Safety Week 2025 – Staying safe on the railway.

Dear all,

Did you know that next week (w/c 16/06/25) is Rail Safety Week?

We're reaching out to you today to talk about something that's incredibly important to all of us: the safety of our children and young people around trains and railway stations.

Train travel is a regular part of life for many young people and their families, and while it's usually safe and reliable, it's important that children and teens understand the potential dangers that can exist at stations and around the tracks. Even small lapses in judgement — like standing too close to the edge of a platform or not paying attention when using a level crossing — can lead to serious consequences.

We'd really appreciate your support in reinforcing some key messages within your community this week. Whether it be in assemblies, in newsletters, or in lessons. A simple discussion around the below messages could go a long way to help your young people make safer choices while on our network.

Here are some important reminders to share:

- **Always stay behind the yellow line** on the platform, unless boarding a stationary train.
- **Never try to touch or get close to a moving train** – it may be travelling faster than it looks.
- **Use designated crossings only** to cross the tracks – shortcuts can be deadly.
- **Listen carefully** to any announcements or instructions from staff – they're there to keep everyone safe.
- **Avoid crowding narrow areas** of the platform, and move down to make space for others.
- **Let passengers off the train before boarding** – it keeps everything moving safely and smoothly.
- **And finally, if you see something that looks unsafe or suspicious** – *you can text British Transport Police on 61016 (or call 999 in an emergency!)*

We believe that safety is everyone's responsibility, and through working together with schools, colleges, parents, and the wider community, we can help keep our young people safe and confident when using the railway.

If you are planning lessons or safety programs, you can find free to access learning resources - tailored to specific age groups - on the Network Rail website here >>. [Safety education - Network Rail](#)



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If your school or college community would be interested in a rail safety talk or want to engage with us about any other railway related area, we'd be happy to help and you can contact our Community Engagement Manager, via [Shantel.carty@wmtrains.co.uk](mailto:Shantel.carty@wmtrains.co.uk) for more information.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us make rail travel safe for everyone.

Warm regards,

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