## Problem scenario – boys

## **Appearance**

Nathan wears baggy trousers and hoodies. When Nathan and his friends go into shops they are either watched closely by the shopkeepers or are accused of stealing. Nathan's parents think it is because of what they are wearing but Nathan doesn't think he should change what he is wearing to avoid these kinds of situations.

## Questions

- Why does Nathan choose to dress like this?
- ▶ How does he feel about his appearance?
- ▶ How do you think his parents/carers feel about it?
- Why do shopkeepers accuse him of stealing?
- ▶ Is this stereotyping?
- ▶ How would you feel in his shoes?
- What advice would you give to him as a friend?
- ▶ Should we all be free to dress exactly the way we want to?



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