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## **West Midlands Railway urges passengers to plan journeys ahead of August Bank Holiday engineering works**

Rail passengers in the West Midlands are being urged to plan their journeys carefully ahead of major engineering works over the August Bank Holiday weekend.

Network Rail is undertaking an extensive programme of maintenance to improve the reliability of railway infrastructure such as tracks and signals from Saturday 29 August - Monday 31 August.

For West Midlands Railway customers it means buses will replace trains between Birmingham International and Rugby on all three days and travellers should allow extra time for their journeys.

Similarly, buses will also replace trains on the line between Leamington Spa and Nuneaton, via Coventry, on all three days.

Further afield, buses replace trains between Crewe and Liverpool South Parkway.

Jonny Wiseman, customer experience director for West Midlands Railway, said: "Network Rail is undertaking a major programme of work and we are urging our customers travelling over the August Bank Holiday weekend to plan their journeys carefully and consider alternative routes.

"Passengers should also remember that face coverings remain mandatory when using public transport, unless exempt on medical grounds, and should be worn on board the train."

For more information visit [www.wmr.uk/plan](http://www.wmr.uk/plan) or follow @WestMidRailway on Twitter

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West Midlands Trains operates both West Midlands Railway and London Northwestern Railway services.

- **London Northwestern Railway** services operate between Liverpool and Birmingham, and on the West Coast Main Line to and from London Euston.
- **West Midlands Railway** services operate to destinations across the West Midlands via Birmingham New Street and Birmingham Snow Hill.

For more information on these services visit [westmidlandsrailway.co.uk](http://westmidlandsrailway.co.uk) or [londonnorthwesternrailway.co.uk](http://londonnorthwesternrailway.co.uk)

The West Midlands Trains franchise started on 10 December 2017 and will run until 2025/26. Over the course of the franchise, West Midlands Trains will be investing £1 billion into the rail network to deliver new trains, improved routes and station upgrades.

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