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London Northwestern Railway: Services to resume from Northampton station following flooding

A limited train service will resume at Northampton station on Thursday (November 28) following severe flooding earlier this week during Storm Bert, operator London Northwestern Railway has confirmed.

Due to ongoing infrastructure challenges caused by the flooding, a reduced hourly timetable will be in place when services resume, with passengers advised to check journey planners before travelling. Rail replacement buses

will continue to support the train service.

The River Nene burst its banks in the early hours of Monday morning, leaving tracks, signals and other vital railway equipment submerged in water for many hours. Following the deluge, specialist response teams from Network Rail worked round the clock to clean, repair and test flood-damaged equipment to make sure the signalling system is working safely.

After the completion of safety checks, the first trains are expected to begin calling at the station this evening (Wednesday). Disruption to services on the West Coast Main Line is expected to continue for the remainder of the week.

Jonny Wiseman, customer experience director for London Northwestern Railway, said: "I would like to thank our passengers for their patience while we have worked with Network Rail to restore train services to Northampton. The flooding has had a significant impact across our network and I am sorry for the disruption this has caused to our customers.

"Due to ongoing infrastructure challenges caused by the flooding, including some damage to our train fleet, a limited timetable will be in operation for the remainder of this week. I urge passengers to check their journeys before setting out."

Gary Walsh, director for Network Rail's West Coast South route, said: "We're pleased to have been able to reopen lines through Northampton station following Monday's severe flooding caused by Storm Bert. Our teams are continuing to work around the clock to meticulously clean, test and repair water-damaged equipment so we can restore a full timetable as quickly as possible.

"I'd like to thank passengers for their patience while our complex repairs

continue and urge people travelling this week to check their journeys at www.nationalrail.co.uk or with London Northwestern Railway."

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- West Midlands Railway services operate to destinations across the West Midlands via Birmingham New Street and Birmingham Snow Hill.

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