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West Midlands Railway issues ‘do not travel’ warning to passengers ahead of post-Christmas strike

Passengers are being warned not to travel on any West Midlands Railway (WMR) services on two days between Christmas and New Year due to industrial action.

Strike action by the TSSA union means no service will run on any WMR route on either Wednesday 28 December or Thursday 29 December.

Passengers are also being reminded that Christmas Eve services will finish at

4pm due to industrial action by the RMT union. No trains will run on Christmas Day or Boxing Day.

Ongoing industrial action by the RMT is expected to impact timetables across all operators up to and including Saturday 7 January 2023 and passengers are advised to only travel if absolutely necessary.

Jonny Wiseman, WMR customer experience director, said:

“It is disappointing that our passengers’ journeys are continuing to be affected by industrial action over the Christmas period.

“Due to the impact of industrial action no WMR services at all will run on the Wednesday and Thursday after Christmas and passengers should not attempt to travel with us on these dates.

“A reduced service is in operation on some routes across the Christmas period due to ongoing industrial action and passengers travelling in this period should check before setting out.

“Anyone whose train is cancelled as a result of industrial action can claim a full refund from their point of purchase or travel on an alternative date.”

To stay up to date with how industrial action is impacting WMR services, visit www.wmr.uk/industrialaction

About West Midlands Trains

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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.

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