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West Midlands Railway: Nuneaton – Leamington Spa service to resume

Train services between Nuneaton and Leamington Spa will resume on Sunday (27 Feb), operator West Midlands Railway (WMR) has confirmed.

Services on the route have been temporarily suspended since Christmas due to a significant rise in the number of traincrew unavailable to work due as the Omicron variant took hold. Rail replacement buses have been in operation.

However, with cases of Covid-19 falling in recent weeks, WMR is reinstating the full hourly timetable on the route from Sunday.

Jonny Wiseman, WMR customer experience director, said: "I would like to thank our customers for their patience while we were forced to temporarily suspend the train service on this route.

"Like many industries, the Omicron variant had a significant impact on the railway. However, with case numbers falling in recent weeks we are now able to reinstate the full hourly timetable and look forward to welcoming customers back on board."

Councillor Wallace Redford, portfolio holder for transport and planning at Warwickshire County Council, said: "We welcome the reopening of the route and the opportunities it brings for people to travel across Warwickshire using public transport.

"As we all learn to live with Covid-19, we hope people will be able to get out and about more to enjoy our wonderful county. Whether it's visiting the museum and art gallery in Nuneaton, learning about the history of Kenilworth Castle or checking out what's on at the Royal Pump Rooms in Leamington, there is something for everyone to enjoy."

Jeremy Wright MP, whose Kenilworth constituency is served by the route, said: "Kenilworth Station has been without a full service for too long. Following the extensive engagement I have had with West Midlands Railway and the leader of the County Council, whose support has been appreciated, I welcome the resumption of the service. I now hope and expect West Midlands Railway to focus on maintaining and improving the service."

To view the timetable, click here.

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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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