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West Midlands Railway: Passengers urged to check journeys and plan ahead of industrial action

Passengers travelling with West Midlands Railway (WMR) are being urged to check their journeys and plan ahead of industrial action.

Members of train driver union ASLEF have announced their intention to stage strike action on Wednesday 8 May. No services will operate on any WMR route as a result.

In addition, ASLEF members have also announced their intention to stage

industrial action in the form of an overtime ban between Monday 6 May and Saturday 11 May inclusive. Services will be subject to short-notice cancellation as a result.

Jonny Wiseman, WMR customer experience director, said:

"It is disappointing that industrial action is continuing to affect passengers' journeys. Services will be subject to disruption after the May Bank Holiday weekend and I urge passengers to check their journeys. There will be no service on any WMR route on Wednesday 8 May.

"Anyone holding a ticket for travel on a strike day can use their ticket on a different day or claim a full refund."

The following alterations will apply between Monday 6 May and Saturday 11 May inclusive (excluding Wednesday 8 May):

- Buses will replace trains between Leamington Spa and Nuneaton via Coventry
- Fewer services will operate between Birmingham and Hereford
- Fewer services will operate between Birmingham and Shrewsbury
- Fewer services will operate between Birmingham and Rugeley in the evening
- No services will operate on any WMR route on Wednesday 8 May

To stay up to date with how industrial action is impacting WMR services, visit here.

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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 <u>westmidlandsrailway.co.uk</u> or <u>londonnorthwesternrailway.co.uk</u>

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