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Flybe collapse: Stranded passengers offered free travel on West Midlands Railway and London Northwestern Railway

Airline passengers left stranded following the collapse of Flybe are being offered free travel on West Midlands Railway (WMR) and London Northwestern Railway (LNR) services to help them get home.

The airline, which operates flights from airports across the UK including Birmingham International and Liverpool John Lennon, went into administration on Wednesday evening.

All flights with the airline have been cancelled, leaving passengers - and crew members - struggling to make alternative arrangements or return home.

Passengers simply need to show their Flybe booking confirmation to traincrew to claim their free train travel. Flybe staff can also travel for free by showing proof of employment. The offer is now live and runs until Wednesday 11 March.

Andy Camp, commercial director for WMR and LNR, said: “Passengers with Flybe may be anxious as they work out how they are going to complete their journeys.

“At this difficult time we are happy to play our part in helping remove some of the stress by providing free travel on our services for Flybe ticket-holders and staff members.”

WMR and LNR run services between Liverpool and London, and across the West Midlands.

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 mainline to and from London Euston.
- **West Midlands Railway** services operate to destinations across the West Midlands via Birmingham New Street.

For more information on these services visit westmidlandsrailway.co.uk or londonnorthwesternrailway.co.uk

The West Midlands Trains franchise started on 10 December 2017 and will run until 2025/26.

West Midlands Trains operates 1,300 services a day, manages 150 stations and provides over 80 million passenger journeys a year. 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. This will include 400 new train carriages across the network and space for an extra 85,000 passengers into Birmingham and London at peak times.

The franchise is a joint venture between Abellio (70.1% share) and East Japan Railway Company / Mitsui & Co., Ltd (29.9% share in a 50:50 split). Abellio is the international passenger transport subsidiary of the Dutch national railway company, Nederlandse Spoorwegen. In the UK, Abellio operates ScotRail and Greater Anglia train services, Merseyrail services in a joint venture with Serco and buses through Abellio London. For more information visit www.abellio.com

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