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West Midlands Railway confirms return of train service between Nuneaton and Leamington Spa

West Midlands Railway (WMR) has today (April 6) confirmed train services between Nuneaton and Leamington Spa will resume later this month.

A bus service has been operating between the Warwickshire towns during the latest period of lockdown due to the impact of Covid-19 on train crew availability.

However, with the gradual easing of lockdown restrictions now under way, train services will resume on the route from Monday 26 April.

Initially one train will run every two hours, with rail replacement buses continuing to supplement the service. WMR remains committed to reinstating the full timetable when possible.

Jonny Wiseman, customer experience director for West Midlands Railway, said:

"With lockdown measures beginning to ease further, now is the right time to reinstate a train service between Nuneaton and Leamington Spa.

"It was the direct impact of the pandemic on our train crew – both through sickness and lost driver training days – which left us no choice but to temporarily withdraw the service.

"I would like to thank our passengers and the local community for their patience and understanding while we have been working hard to bring trains back to the line."

Passengers are being reminded that the latest Government advice remains to minimise travel where possible and face coverings must be worn on public transport, unless exempt for medical reasons.

Timetables will be available to view on www.wmr.uk/timetable in due course.

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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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