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West Midlands Railway passengers urged to plan ahead of November strike action

West Midlands Railway (WMR) is urging passengers to plan ahead with strike action set to significantly impact services on four dates over coming days.

On Friday 4 November a very limited timetable will be in operation on WMR routes due to strike action by members of the TSSA trade union. No services will run after 7.30pm.

A similar reduced service will also run on Saturday 5 November, Monday 7 November and Wednesday 9 November due to national strike action by members of the RMT union.

The action coincides with the start of the Frankfurt Christmas Market in Birmingham and people planning to attend on affected dates are being urged to plan their journeys carefully.

Jonny Wiseman, WMR customer experience director, said: “It is disappointing that our passengers’ journeys will again be impacted by industrial action over the next week.

“A very limited timetable will be in operation on strike days and we are urging passengers to only travel if absolutely necessary.

“The action coincides with the opening of the popular Christmas market in Birmingham and I am urging anyone attending to plan their travel carefully as rail services will be extremely limited.”

Routes with a limited service on Friday 4 November, Saturday 5 November, Monday 7 November and Wednesday 9 November (7.30am to early evening) are:

- Cross-City Line (Lichfield Trent Valley – Redditch/Bromsgrove via Birmingham New Street (2 trains per hour)
- Wolverhampton-Birmingham (1 train per hour)
- Birmingham New Street-Birmingham International (1 train per hour)

No trains will run on any other WMR route, including all routes via Birmingham Snow Hill, Birmingham-Shrewsbury, Birmingham-Worcester-Hereford and Nuneaton-Leamington Spa.

Some late night and early morning services may be subject to amendments on days either side of the industrial action (Thursday 3 November, Sunday 6 November, Tuesday 8 November and Thursday 10 November) and passengers are advised to check before travelling.

For up-to-date information on the strike action, including details of ticketing and refunds, visit www.wmr.uk/industrialaction

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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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