

WCRM Disruptive Possessions

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SATURDAY 7TH – MONDAY 9TH JUNE (WEEK 11)

1. Rugby area

All lines closed in the Rugby area, from 1015 Saturday until 0935 Sunday.

Some early morning Saturday trains will run to / from London.

For the rest of the time, rail replacement coaches will operate between Northampton and Coventry and/or Birmingham International, with onward rail services at each end.

2. Trent Valley: Rugby – Stafford / Stoke-on-Trent

All lines closed between Rugby and Stafford / Stoke-on-Trent via Nuneaton, from around 1000 Saturday until around 0930 Sunday.

Some early morning Saturday trains will run via their normal route to/from London.

For the rest of the closure period, all Virgin services to the north-west of England and Scotland will run via the West Midlands, terminating at Birmingham International or Coventry, with onward rail replacement coaches to Northampton, and trains on to London Euston.

London Midland Coventry – Nuneaton services will also be replaced by buses.

CrossCountry Birmingham – Leicester services will also be replaced by coaches, from 1015 on Saturday until 0900 on Sunday.

3. Rugby – Coventry

From around 1000 on Saturday until 0500 on Monday, the line from Rugby to Coventry will be closed.

Some early morning Saturday trains will run via their normal route to/from London.

For the rest of the time, rail replacement coaches will operate between Northampton and Coventry and/or Birmingham International, with onward rail services at each end.

4. Stafford - Stoke-on-Trent to Crewe and Stockport

From around 2200 on Saturday until 1400 on Sunday, all lines in the Stoke-on-Trent area will be closed. Services between Stafford, Stoke and Macclesfield, and

between Derby, Stoke and Crewe, will not operate, with trains replaced by coaches.

From 0005 until around 1300 on Sunday, the line will also be closed between Macclesfield and Stockport.

5. Preston – Lancaster

From around 2145 on Saturday until 1015 on Sunday, coaches will replace trains between Preston and Lancaster.

SATURDAY 14TH – MONDAY 16TH JUNE (WEEK 12)

As per previous weekend.

SATURDAY 21ST – MONDAY 23RD JUNE (WEEK 13)

As per previous weekend.

Note that, from this weekend, Virgin Trains will commence operation of its Saturday only Birmingham International and Coventry to London Euston through service, operating via the Chiltern main line. This will run hourly southbound, between 0945 and 1745, with a journey time of approximately 2 hours and 15 minutes. It will run hourly northbound between 0900 and 2000, with a journey time of approximately 2 hours and 30 minutes.

Onward services to Birmingham New Street, Manchester, Preston and Scotland will be available at Birmingham International.

SATURDAY 28TH – MONDAY 30TH JUNE (WEEK 14)

As per previous weekend.

SATURDAY 5TH – MONDAY 7TH JULY (WEEK 15)

As per previous weekend, but with the following extended possession for Preston - Lancaster:

Preston – Lancaster

From around 2100 on Saturday until 1300 on Sunday, coaches will replace between trains between Preston and Lancaster.

SATURDAY 12TH – MONDAY 14TH JULY (WEEK 16)

As per previous weekend.

SATURDAY 19TH – MONDAY 21ST JULY (WEEK 17)

From this weekend, the Sunday possessions of all lines in and around Stoke-on-Trent DO NOT APPLY: a normal service will operate through Stoke.

As per previous weekend, but see sentence above, and with the following extra possessions:

Stafford – Crewe

From around 2325 on Saturday until 0400 on Monday, the line will be closed between Stafford and Crewe.

Virgin Trains and London Midland services will be diverted via Stoke-on-Trent, with extended journey times.

Crewe – Stockport

Buses replace trains from 0030 on Sunday until 0400 on Monday.

WHOLE WEEKEND POSSESSION AT RUGBY, AND OTHER CLOSURES: SATURDAY 26TH – MONDAY 28TH JULY (WEEK 18)

1. Rugby

All lines will be closed in the Rugby area, continuously from 0700 on Saturday until 0530 on Monday.

Rail replacement coaches will operate between Northampton and Coventry and/or Birmingham International, with onward rail services at each end.

Virgin's hourly Birmingham International – London Euston via the Chiltern main line service will also be available, with journey times of approximately 2 hours and 25 minutes.

2. Trent Valley: Rugby – Stafford / Stoke-on-Trent

All lines closed between Rugby and Stafford / Stoke-on-Trent via Nuneaton, from around 1000 Saturday until around 0930 Sunday.

All weekend, due to the Rugby block above, all Virgin services to the north-west of England and Scotland will run via the West Midlands, terminating at Birmingham International or Coventry, with onward rail replacement coaches to Northampton, and trains on to London Euston.

Virgin's hourly Birmingham International – London Euston via the Chiltern main line service will also be available, with journey times of approximately 2 hours and 25 minutes.

London Midland Coventry – Nuneaton services will also be replaced by buses.

CrossCountry Birmingham – Leicester services will be unaffected by this work.

3. Stafford – Crewe

From around 2325 on Saturday until 0400 on Monday, the line will be closed between Stafford and Crewe.

Virgin Trains and London Midland services will be diverted via Stoke-on-Trent, with extended journey times.

4. Crewe – Stockport

Buses replace trains continuously from 0030 on Sunday until 0400 on Monday.

5. Preston – Lancaster

From around 2100 on Saturday until 1300 on Sunday, coaches will replace between trains between Preston and Lancaster.

6. Lancaster – Penrith

All day on Saturday and Sunday, continuously through to 0400 on Monday, all lines will be blocked between Carnforth and Penrith, or Oxenholme and Penrith, and coaches will replace trains for stations between Lancaster and Penrith.

Some services will run through via a longer route between Preston and Carlisle, but with significantly extended journey times.

Until 2300 on Saturday, trains serving the Windermere branch will continue to run normally; after this time and all day on Sunday, all lines will be closed north of Carnforth, and therefore buses will replace trains on the Windermere branch.

Services between Lancaster, Carnforth and Barrow-in-Furness, and between Lancaster, Carnforth, Skipton and Leeds, will not be affected by this work.

SATURDAY 2ND – MONDAY 4TH AUGUST (WEEK 19)

Note changes from previous weekend are highlighted in red.

1. Rugby area

All lines will be closed in the Rugby area, from 1015 Saturday until 0935 Sunday.

Some early morning Saturday trains will run to / from London.

For the rest of the time, rail replacement coaches will operate between Northampton and Coventry and/or Birmingham International, with onward rail services at each end.

Virgin's hourly Birmingham International – London Euston via the Chiltern main line service will also be available, with journey times of approximately 2 hours and 25 minutes.

2. Trent Valley: Rugby – Stafford / Stoke-on-Trent

All lines closed between Rugby and Stafford / Stoke-on-Trent via Nuneaton, from around 1000 Saturday until around 0930 Sunday.

Some early morning Saturday trains will run via their normal route to/from London.

For the rest of the closure period, all Virgin services to the north-west of England and Scotland will run via the West Midlands, terminating at Birmingham International or Coventry, with onward rail replacement coaches to Northampton, and trains on to London Euston.

Virgin's hourly Birmingham International – London Euston via the Chiltern main line service will also be available, with journey times of approximately 2 hours and 25 minutes.

London Midland Coventry – Nuneaton services will also be replaced by buses.

CrossCountry Birmingham – Leicester services will be unaffected by this work.

3. Rugby – Coventry

From around 1000 on Saturday until 0500 on Monday, the line from Rugby to Coventry will be closed.

Some early morning Saturday trains will run via their normal route to/from London.

For the rest of the time, rail replacement coaches will operate between Northampton and Coventry and/or Birmingham International, with onward rail services at each end.

4. Stafford – Crewe

From around 2325 on Saturday until 0400 on Monday, the line will be closed between Stafford and Crewe.

Virgin Trains and London Midland services will be diverted via Stoke-on-Trent, with extended journey times.

5. Crewe – Stockport

Normal service resumes on this route.

6. Preston – Lancaster

From around 2100 on Saturday until **1200 on Sunday**, coaches will replace between trains between Preston and Lancaster.

7. Lancaster – Penrith

All day on Saturday and **until 1200 on Sunday**, all lines will be blocked between Carnforth and Penrith, or Oxenholme and Penrith, and coaches will replace trains for stations between Lancaster and Penrith.

Some services will run through via a longer route between Preston and Carlisle, but with significantly extended journey times.

Until 2300 on Saturday, trains serving the Windermere branch will continue to run normally; after this time and **until 1200 on Sunday**, all lines will be closed north of Carnforth, and therefore buses will replace trains on the Windermere branch.

Services between Lancaster, Carnforth and Barrow-in-Furness, and between Lancaster, Carnforth, Skipton and Leeds, will not be affected by this work.

SATURDAY 9TH – MONDAY 11TH AUGUST (WEEK 20)

1. Rugby area

All lines closed in the Rugby area, from 1015 Saturday until 0935 Sunday.

Some early morning Saturday trains will run to / from London.

For the rest of the time, rail replacement coaches will operate between Northampton and Coventry and/or Birmingham International, with onward rail services at each end.

Virgin's hourly Birmingham International – London Euston via the Chiltern main line service will also be available, with journey times of approximately 2 hours and 25 minutes.

2. Trent Valley: Rugby – Stafford / Stoke-on-Trent

All lines closed between Rugby and Stafford / Stoke-on-Trent via Nuneaton, from around 1000 Saturday until around 0930 Sunday.

Some early morning Saturday trains will run via their normal route to/from London.

For the rest of the closure period, all Virgin services to the north-west of England and Scotland will run via the West Midlands, terminating at Birmingham International or Coventry, with onward rail replacement coaches to Northampton, and trains on to London Euston.

Virgin's hourly Birmingham International – London Euston via the Chiltern main line service will also be available, with journey times of approximately 2 hours and 25 minutes.

London Midland Coventry – Nuneaton services will also be replaced by buses.

CrossCountry Birmingham – Leicester services will be unaffected by this work.

3. Rugby – Coventry

From around 1000 on Saturday until 0500 on Monday, the line from Rugby to Coventry will be closed.

Some early morning Saturday trains will run via their normal route to/from London.

For the rest of the time, rail replacement coaches will operate between Northampton and Coventry and/or Birmingham International, with onward rail services at each end.

4. Stafford – Crewe

From around 2325 on Saturday until 0400 on Monday, the line will be closed between Stafford and Crewe.

Virgin Trains and London Midland services will be diverted via Stoke-on-Trent, with extended journey times.

5. Preston – Lancaster

From around 2145 on Saturday until 1015 on Sunday, coaches will replace trains between Preston and Lancaster.

SATURDAY 16TH – MONDAY 18TH AUGUST (WEEK 21)

1. Milton Keynes area

All lines will be closed in the Milton Keynes area from 0930 on Saturday until 0300 on Monday.

Some early morning Saturday trains will run to / from London.

For the rest of the time, rail replacement coaches will operate between Bletchley and Coventry and/or Birmingham International, with onward rail services at each end.

Virgin's hourly Birmingham International – London Euston via the Chiltern main line service will also be available, with journey times of approximately 2 hours and 25 minutes.

2. Rugby area

All lines closed in the Rugby area, from 1015 Saturday until 0935 Sunday.

Some early morning Saturday trains will run to / from London.

For the rest of the time, rail replacement coaches will operate between Bletchley and Coventry and/or Birmingham International, with onward rail services at each end.

Virgin's hourly Birmingham International – London Euston via the Chiltern main line service will also be available, with journey times of approximately 2 hours and 25 minutes.

3. Trent Valley: Rugby – Stafford / Stoke-on-Trent

All lines closed between Rugby and Stafford / Stoke-on-Trent via Nuneaton, from around 1000 Saturday until around 0930 Sunday.

Some early morning Saturday trains will run via their normal route to/from London.

For the rest of the closure period, all Virgin services to the north-west of England and Scotland will run via the West Midlands, terminating at Birmingham International or Coventry, with onward rail replacement coaches to Bletchley, and trains on to London Euston.

Virgin's hourly Birmingham International – London Euston via the Chiltern main line service will also be available, with journey times of approximately 2 hours and 25 minutes.

London Midland Coventry – Nuneaton services will also be replaced by buses.

However, CrossCountry Birmingham – Leicester services will be unaffected by this work and will run normally.

4. Rugby – Coventry

From around 1000 on Saturday until 0500 on Monday, the line from Rugby to Coventry will be closed.

Some early morning Saturday trains will run via their normal route to/from London.

For the rest of the time, rail replacement coaches will operate between Northampton and Coventry and/or Birmingham International, with onward rail services at each end.

5. Stafford – Crewe

From around 2325 on Saturday until 0400 on Monday, the line will be closed between Stafford and Crewe.

Virgin Trains and London Midland services will be diverted via Stoke-on-Trent, with extended journey times.

6. Preston – Lancaster

From around 2145 on Saturday until 1015 on Sunday, coaches will replace trains between Preston and Lancaster.

PROPOSED MAJOR WCML CLOSURE: SATURDAY 23RD AUGUST – MONDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER (WEEKS 22 – 24)

1. Milton Keynes area: Saturday 23rd August – Tuesday 26th August

From around 1000 on Saturday 23rd August, and continuously until 0300 on Tuesday 26th August, all lines will be blocked between Bletchley, Milton Keynes and Northampton / Rugby.

Buses and coaches will replace trains, serving intermediate stations and between Watford Junction / Hemel Hempstead / Bletchley, and Coventry / Birmingham International.

2. Rugby area: Saturday 23rd August – Wednesday 27th August; and again Saturday 30th August – Monday 1st September

All lines will be closed in the Rugby area from 0130 on Saturday 23rd August until 0500 on Wednesday 27th August, and again from 0030 on Saturday 30th August until 0500 on Monday 1st September.

Rail replacement coaches will operate between Northampton, Bletchley, Hemel Hempstead and/or Watford Junction, and Coventry and/or Birmingham International, with onward rail services at each end.

Virgin's hourly Birmingham International – London Euston via the Chiltern main line service will also be available, with journey times of approximately 2 hours and 25 minutes.

3. Trent Valley, Rugby – Stafford / Stoke-on-Trent: Saturday 23rd August – Monday 8th September

All lines will be closed between Rugby and Stafford / Stoke-on-Trent via Nuneaton, from 0030 on Saturday 23rd August continuously until 0530 on Monday 8th September.

When the Rugby area is closed (see above), all Virgin services to the north-west of England and Scotland will run via the West Midlands, terminating at Birmingham International or Coventry, with onward rail replacement coaches to Northampton, Bletchley, Hemel Hempstead and/or Watford Junction, and trains on to London Euston.

However, when the Rugby area is open, all Virgin services will run through to / from London, but via the West Midlands, with extended journey times.

Virgin's hourly Birmingham International – London Euston via the Chiltern main line service will also be available when the Rugby area is closed, with journey times of approximately 2 hours and 25 minutes.

London Midland Coventry – Nuneaton services will also be replaced by buses.

From 0030 on Saturday 23rd August until 0530 on Tuesday 26th August, coaches will replace trains between Birmingham, Nuneaton and Leicester.

From 0530 on Tuesday 26th August onwards, train services between Birmingham, Nuneaton and Leicester will resume, until Friday 29th August.

Coaches will again replace trains between Birmingham, Nuneaton and Leicester all day on Saturday 30th August, until 0840 on Sunday 31st August.

4. Stoke-on-Trent area: Saturday 23rd August – Monday 1st September

All lines will be closed in the Stoke-on-Trent area from 0001 on Saturday 23rd August, continuously until 0530 on Monday 1st September.

Virgin Trains services will run via Stafford, Crewe and Wilmslow.

Rail replacement coaches will serve Stoke-on-Trent.

OTHER BLOCKS: WEEKENDS OF SATURDAY 23RD - MONDAY 25TH AUGUST, SATURDAY 30TH - MONDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER AND SATURDAY 6TH - MONDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER (WEEKS 22 – 24)

1. Preston – Lancaster

From around 2145 on Saturday until 1015 on Sunday, coaches will replace trains between Preston and Lancaster.

SATURDAY 13TH - MONDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER (WEEK 25)

1. Trent Valley: Rugby – Stafford / Stoke-on-Trent [ROTR]

From around 1800 on Saturday continuously through to 0530 on Monday, the Trent Valley route will be closed.

Virgin Trains services will be diverted via the West Midlands, with extended journey times.

London Midland services between Coventry and Nuneaton will be replaced by buses.

From around 2300 on Saturday until 0530 on Monday, CrossCountry services between Birmingham, Nuneaton and Leicester will also be replaced by coaches.

2. Stafford – Stoke-on-Trent – Macclesfield; Uttoxeter – Stoke-on-Trent – Crewe

All day Sunday and until 0530 on Monday, all lines will be closed in the Stoke-on-Trent area.

Virgin Trains and CrossCountry services to Manchester will be diverted via Crewe and Wilmslow.

Coaches will replace trains between Stafford, Stoke-on-Trent and Macclesfield, and between Uttoxeter, Stoke-on-Trent and Crewe. Onward rail services will be available at Stafford, Uttoxeter, Crewe and Macclesfield.

3. Crewe to Preston and Crewe to Liverpool

All day Saturday, all day Sunday and until 0515 on Monday, all lines will be closed between Crewe, Warrington and Preston, and between Crewe, Runcorn and Liverpool.

Some Virgin Trains services will run through, diverted via Manchester, with extended journey times.

Coaches will replace trains, serving stations between Crewe and Preston, and Crewe and Liverpool.

4. Preston – Lancaster [ROTR]

From around 2145 on Saturday until approximately 1030 on Sunday, coaches will replace trains between Preston and Lancaster.

5. Lancaster – Carlisle [ROTR]

From approximately 2100 on Saturday until 1130 on Sunday, coaches will replace trains between Lancaster and Carlisle, and between Lancaster and Windermere.

Services between Lancaster, Carnforth and Barrow-in-Furness, and between Lancaster, Skipton and Leeds will not be affected.

6. Carlisle – Glasgow / Edinburgh [ROTR]

From around 2100 on Saturday, the line between Carlisle and Glasgow / Edinburgh will be closed. Coaches will replace late evening trains, or some may be diverted via alternative routes, with extended journey times.

A normal service will operate from around 1200 on Sunday.

SATURDAY 20TH - MONDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER (WEEK 26)

As per previous weekend.

SATURDAY 27TH - MONDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER (WEEK 27)

As per previous weekend.

SATURDAY 4TH – MONDAY 6TH OCTOBER (WEEK 28)

As per previous weekend, but with the following additional possession:

Northampton area

From 1000 on Saturday and all day on Sunday, all lines in the Northampton area will be closed.

London Midland services from London Euston – Northampton will terminate at Milton Keynes Central, with onward coach services to Northampton.

London Midland services from Birmingham New Street – Northampton will terminate at Coventry, with onward coach services to Rugby, Long Buckby and Northampton.

SATURDAY 11TH – MONDAY 13TH OCTOBER (WEEK 29)

1. Northampton area

From 1000 on Saturday and all day on Sunday, all lines in the Northampton area will be closed.

London Midland services from London Euston – Northampton will terminate at Milton Keynes Central, with onward coach services to Northampton.

London Midland services from Birmingham New Street – Northampton will terminate at Coventry, with onward coach services to Rugby, Long Buckby and Northampton.

2. Trent Valley: Rugby – Stafford / Stoke-on-Trent

From around 1800 on Saturday continuously through to 0530 on Monday, the Trent Valley route will be closed.

Virgin Trains services will be diverted via the West Midlands, with extended journey times.

London Midland services between Coventry and Nuneaton will be replaced by buses.

From around 2300 on Saturday until 0530 on Monday, CrossCountry services between Birmingham, Nuneaton and Leicester will also be replaced by coaches.

3. Stafford - Stoke-on-Trent – Macclesfield; Uttoxeter – Stoke-on-Trent – Crewe

Normal service resumes on this route.

4. Crewe to Preston and Crewe to Liverpool

All day Saturday, all day Sunday and until 0515 on Monday, all lines will be closed between Crewe, Warrington and Preston, and between Crewe, Runcorn and Liverpool.

Some Virgin Trains services will run through, diverted via Manchester, with extended journey times.

Coaches will replace trains, serving stations between Crewe and Preston, and Crewe and Liverpool.

5. Preston – Lancaster

From around 2145 on Saturday until 1030 on Sunday, coaches will replace trains between Preston and Lancaster.

7. Lancaster – Carlisle

From approximately 2100 on Saturday until 1130 on Sunday, coaches will replace trains between Lancaster and Carlisle, and between Lancaster and Windermere.

Services between Lancaster, Carnforth and Barrow-in-Furness, and between Lancaster, Skipton and Leeds will not be affected.

8. Carlisle – Glasgow / Edinburgh

From around 2100 on Saturday, the line between Carlisle and Glasgow / Edinburgh will be closed. Coaches will replace late evening trains, or some may be diverted via alternative routes, with extended journey times.

A normal service will operate from around 1200 on Sunday.

SATURDAY 18TH – MONDAY 20TH OCTOBER (WEEK 30)

1. Northampton area

Normal service.

2. Trent Valley: Rugby – Stafford / Stoke-on-Trent

From around 1800 on Saturday continuously through to 0530 on Monday, the Trent Valley route will be closed.

Virgin Trains services will be diverted via the West Midlands, with extended journey times.

London Midland services between Coventry and Nuneaton will be replaced by buses.

From around 2300 on Saturday until 0530 on Monday, CrossCountry services between Birmingham, Nuneaton and Leicester will also be replaced by coaches.

3. Stafford - Stoke-on-Trent – Macclesfield; Uttoxeter – Stoke-on-Trent – Crewe

Normal service.

4. Crewe to Preston and Crewe to Liverpool

From 1200 on Saturday, until 0500 on Monday, all lines will be closed between Crewe, Warrington and Preston, and between Crewe, Runcorn and Liverpool.

Some Virgin Trains services will run through, diverted via Manchester, with extended journey times.

Coaches will replace trains, serving stations between Crewe and Preston, and Crewe and Liverpool.

5. Preston – Lancaster

From around 2145 on Saturday until 1030 on Sunday, coaches will replace trains between Preston and Lancaster.

6. Lancaster – Carlisle

From approximately 2100 on Saturday until 1130 on Sunday, coaches will replace trains between Lancaster and Carlisle, and between Lancaster and Windermere.

Services between Lancaster, Carnforth and Barrow-in-Furness, and between Lancaster, Skipton and Leeds will not be affected.

7. Carlisle – Glasgow / Edinburgh

From around 2100 on Saturday, the line between Carlisle and Glasgow / Edinburgh will be closed. Coaches will replace late evening trains, or some may be diverted via alternative routes, with extended journey times.

A normal service will operate from around 1200 on Sunday.

SATURDAY 25TH – MONDAY 27TH OCTOBER (WEEK 31)

As per previous weekend.

SATURDAY 1ST – MONDAY 3RD NOVEMBER (WEEK 32)

As per previous weekend.

SATURDAY 8TH – MONDAY 10TH NOVEMBER (WEEK 33)

As per previous weekend.

SATURDAY 15TH – MONDAY 17TH NOVEMBER (WEEK 34)

1. Northampton area

From 1000 on Saturday and all day on Sunday, all lines in the Northampton area will be closed.

London Midland services from London Euston – Northampton will terminate at Milton Keynes Central, with onward coach services to Northampton.

London Midland services from Birmingham New Street – Northampton will terminate at Coventry, with onward coach services to Rugby, Long Buckby and Northampton.

2. Rugby area

All lines will be closed in the Rugby area all day on Sunday and until 0530 on Monday.

Rail replacement coaches will operate between Milton Keynes Central and Coventry and/or Birmingham International, with onward rail services at each end. These services will also serve stations on the Northampton route, due to the closure there.

Virgin's hourly Birmingham International – London Euston via the Chiltern main line service will also be available, with journey times of approximately 2 hours and 25 minutes.

3. Trent Valley: Rugby – Stafford / Stoke-on-Trent

From around 1800 on Saturday continuously through to 0530 on Monday, the Trent Valley route will be closed.

On Saturday until 1800, Virgin Trains services will be diverted via the West Midlands, with extended journey times.

However, after 1800 on Saturday and all day on Sunday, all Virgin services will terminate at Birmingham International / Coventry to the north of Rugby. Rail replacement coach services will run between these stations and Milton Keynes Central, with onward train services at each end.

Virgin's hourly Birmingham International – London Euston via the Chiltern main line service will also be available, with journey times of approximately 2 hours and 25 minutes.

London Midland services between Coventry and Nuneaton will be replaced by buses.

From around 2300 on Saturday until 0530 on Monday, CrossCountry services between Birmingham, Nuneaton and Leicester will also be replaced by coaches.

4. Crewe to Preston and Crewe to Liverpool

From 1200 on Saturday, until 0500 on Monday, all lines will be closed between Crewe, Warrington and Preston, and between Crewe, Runcorn and Liverpool.

Some Virgin Trains services will run through, diverted via Manchester, with extended journey times.

Coaches will replace trains, serving stations between Crewe and Preston, and Crewe and Liverpool.

5. Preston – Lancaster

From around 2145 on Saturday until 1030 on Sunday, coaches will replace trains between Preston and Lancaster.

6. Lancaster – Carlisle

From approximately 2100 on Saturday until 1130 on Sunday, coaches will replace trains between Lancaster and Carlisle, and between Lancaster and Windermere.

Services between Lancaster, Carnforth and Barrow-in-Furness, and between Lancaster, Skipton and Leeds will not be affected.

7. Carlisle – Glasgow / Edinburgh

From around 2100 on Saturday, the line between Carlisle and Glasgow / Edinburgh will be closed. Coaches will replace late evening trains, or some may be diverted via alternative routes, with extended journey times.

A normal service will operate from around 1200 on Sunday.

SATURDAY 22ND – MONDAY 24TH NOVEMBER (WEEK 35)

1. Rugby area

All lines will be closed in the Rugby area all day on Saturday and Sunday, and until 0530 on Monday.

Rail replacement coaches will operate between Northampton and Coventry and/or Birmingham International, with onward rail services at each end.

Virgin's hourly Birmingham International – London Euston via the Chiltern main line service will also be available, with journey times of approximately 2 hours and 25 minutes.

2. Trent Valley: Rugby – Stafford / Stoke-on-Trent

All day on Saturday and Sunday, and until 0530 on Monday, the Trent Valley route will be closed.

All Virgin services will run via the West Midlands and terminate at Birmingham International / Coventry to the north of Rugby. Rail replacement coach services will run between these stations and Northampton, with onward train services at each end.

Virgin's hourly Birmingham International – London Euston via the Chiltern main line service will also be available, with journey times of approximately 2 hours and 25 minutes.

London Midland services between Coventry and Nuneaton will be replaced by buses.

From around 2300 on Saturday until 0530 on Monday, CrossCountry services between Birmingham, Nuneaton and Leicester will also be replaced by coaches.

3. Crewe to Preston and Crewe to Liverpool

From 1200 on Saturday, until 0500 on Monday, all lines will be closed between Crewe, Warrington and Preston, and between Crewe, Runcorn and Liverpool.

Some Virgin Trains services will run through, diverted via Manchester, with extended journey times.

Coaches will replace trains, serving stations between Crewe and Preston, and Crewe and Liverpool.

4. Preston – Lancaster

From around 2145 on Saturday until 1030 on Sunday, coaches will replace trains between Preston and Lancaster.

5. Lancaster – Carlisle

From approximately 2100 on Saturday until 1130 on Sunday, coaches will replace trains between Lancaster and Carlisle, and between Lancaster and Windermere.

Services between Lancaster, Carnforth and Barrow-in-Furness, and between Lancaster, Skipton and Leeds will not be affected.

6. Carlisle – Glasgow / Edinburgh

From around 2100 on Saturday, the line between Carlisle and Glasgow / Edinburgh will be closed. Coaches will replace late evening trains, or some may be diverted via alternative routes, with extended journey times.

A normal service will operate from around 1200 on Sunday.

SATURDAY 29TH NOVEMBER – MONDAY 1ST DECEMBER (WEEK 36)

1. Rugby area

All lines will be closed in the Rugby area all day on Saturday and Sunday, and until 0530 on Monday.

Rail replacement coaches will operate between Northampton and Coventry and/or Birmingham International, with onward rail services at each end.

Virgin's hourly Birmingham International – London Euston via the Chiltern main line service will also be available, with journey times of approximately 2 hours and 25 minutes.

2. Trent Valley: Rugby – Stafford / Stoke-on-Trent

All day on Saturday and Sunday, and until 0530 on Monday, the Trent Valley route will be closed.

All Virgin services will run via the West Midlands and terminate at Birmingham International / Coventry to the north of Rugby. Rail replacement coach services will run between these stations and Northampton, with onward train services at each end.

Virgin's hourly Birmingham International – London Euston via the Chiltern main line service will also be available, with journey times of approximately 2 hours and 25 minutes.

London Midland services between Coventry and Nuneaton will be replaced by buses.

From around 2300 on Saturday until 0530 on Monday, CrossCountry services between Birmingham, Nuneaton and Leicester will also be replaced by coaches.

3. Crewe to Preston and Crewe to Liverpool

From 1200 on Saturday, until 0500 on Monday, all lines will be closed between Crewe, Warrington and Preston, and between Crewe, Runcorn and Liverpool.

Some Virgin Trains services will run through, diverted via Manchester, with extended journey times.

Coaches will replace trains, serving stations between Crewe and Preston, and Crewe and Liverpool.

4. Preston – Lancaster

From around 2145 on Saturday until 1030 on Sunday, coaches will replace trains between Preston and Lancaster.

5. Lancaster – Carlisle

From approximately 2100 on Saturday until 1130 on Sunday, coaches will replace trains between Lancaster and Carlisle, and between Lancaster and Windermere.

Services between Lancaster, Carnforth and Barrow-in-Furness, and between Lancaster, Skipton and Leeds will not be affected.

6. Carlisle – Glasgow / Edinburgh

From around 2100 on Saturday, the line between Carlisle and Glasgow / Edinburgh will be closed. Coaches will replace late evening trains, or some may be diverted via alternative routes, with extended journey times.

A normal service will operate from around 1200 on Sunday.

SATURDAY 6TH – MONDAY 8TH DECEMBER (WEEK 37)

1. Rugby area

All lines will be closed in the Rugby area, **from 1030 on Saturday until 2100 on Sunday.**

Rail replacement coaches will operate between Northampton and Coventry and/or Birmingham International, with onward rail services at each end.

Virgin's hourly Birmingham International – London Euston via the Chiltern main line service will also be available, with journey times of approximately 2 hours and 25 minutes.

2. Trent Valley: Rugby – Stafford / Stoke-on-Trent

All day on Saturday and Sunday, and until 0530 on Monday, the Trent Valley route will be closed.

All Virgin services will run via the West Midlands and terminate at Birmingham International / Coventry to the north of Rugby. Rail replacement coach services will run between these stations and Northampton, with onward train services at each end.

Virgin's hourly Birmingham International – London Euston via the Chiltern main line service will also be available, with journey times of approximately 2 hours and 25 minutes.

London Midland services between Coventry and Nuneaton will be replaced by buses.

From around 2300 on Saturday until 0530 on Monday, CrossCountry services between Birmingham, Nuneaton and Leicester will also be replaced by coaches.

3. Crewe to Preston and Crewe to Liverpool

From 1200 on Saturday, until 0500 on Monday, all lines will be closed between Crewe, Warrington and Preston, and between Crewe, Runcorn and Liverpool.

Some Virgin Trains services will run through, diverted via Manchester, with extended journey times.

Coaches will replace trains, serving stations between Crewe and Preston, and Crewe and Liverpool.

4. Preston – Lancaster

From around 2145 on Saturday until 1030 on Sunday, coaches will replace trains between Preston and Lancaster.

5. Lancaster – Carlisle

From approximately 2100 on Saturday until 1130 on Sunday, coaches will replace trains between Lancaster and Carlisle, and between Lancaster and Windermere.

Services between Lancaster, Carnforth and Barrow-in-Furness, and between Lancaster, Skipton and Leeds will not be affected.

6. Carlisle – Glasgow / Edinburgh

From around 2100 on Saturday, the line between Carlisle and Glasgow / Edinburgh will be closed. Coaches will replace late evening trains, or some may be diverted via alternative routes, with extended journey times.

A normal service will operate from around 1200 on Sunday.

SATURDAY 13TH – MONDAY 15TH DECEMBER (WEEK 38)

1. Northampton – Rugby

All day on Sunday, buses will replace trains between Northampton and Rugby.

2. Trent Valley: Rugby – Stafford / Stoke-on-Trent

All day on Saturday and Sunday, and until 0530 on Monday, the Trent Valley route will be closed.

All Virgin services will run via the West Midlands, with extended journey times.

London Midland services between Coventry and Nuneaton will be replaced by buses.

CrossCountry services between Birmingham and Nuneaton will also be replaced by coaches, all weekend.

3. Lancaster – Carlisle – Glasgow / Edinburgh

From around 2100 on Saturday until approximately 1145 on Sunday, all lines between Lancaster, Carlisle and Carstairs will be closed. Coaches will replace trains.

Northern and Transpennine Express services between Lancaster and Morecambe, Lancaster and Barrow-in-Furness and Lancaster and Skipton will not be affected.

SATURDAY 20TH – MONDAY 22ND DECEMBER (WEEK 39)

As per previous weekend.

THURSDAY 25TH – SUNDAY 28TH DECEMBER (WEEKS 39 - 40)

1. Milton Keynes, Northampton and Rugby areas

All day and every day between Thursday 25th and Sunday 28th December, all lines will be closed in the Milton Keynes, Northampton and Rugby areas.

Virgin services will run as far as Birmingham International or Coventry. From here, rail replacement coach services will serve Rugby, Northampton, Milton Keynes Central and onwards to London Euston.

Local bus services will serve other London Midland stations.

2. Trent Valley: Rugby – Stafford / Stoke-on-Trent

All day on Saturday and Sunday, and until 0530 on Monday, the Trent Valley route will be closed.

All Virgin services will run via the West Midlands, with extended journey times.

London Midland services between Coventry and Nuneaton will be replaced by buses.

CrossCountry services between Birmingham and Nuneaton will also be replaced by coaches, all weekend.

3. Lancaster – Carlisle – Glasgow / Edinburgh

From around 2100 on Saturday until approximately 1145 on Sunday, all lines between Lancaster, Carlisle and Carstairs will be closed. Coaches will replace trains.

Northern and Transpennine Express services between Lancaster and Morecambe, Lancaster and Barrow-in-Furness and Lancaster and Skipton will not be affected.