



Christmas and New Year Travel Arrangements 7 December 2012

Christmas and New Year Off-Peak Restrictions & Weekend Upgrade

Off-Peak restrictions WILL NOT APPLY from 12:00 Noon on 21 December 2012 – 01 January 2013 inclusive.
Please see details below:

Date	Off Peak Restriction	Weekend Upgrade
Monday 17 December – Thursday 20 December	Normal Restrictions Apply	Not Available
Friday 21 December	Normal Restrictions Apply until 12:00 Noon	Not Available
Saturday 22/Sunday 23 December	No Off-Peak Restrictions	Available all Day
Monday 24 December	No Off-Peak Restrictions	Available all Day
Tuesday 25/Wednesday 26 December	No Service	No Service
Thursday 27 December 2012 – Tuesday 1 January 2013	No Off-Peak Restrictions	Available all Day
Wednesday 2 January 2013	Normal Restrictions Apply	Not Available

Engineering Overview

On the 23 & 24 December, there will be no direct services between London Euston and Rugby, due to a major engineering project south of Milton Keynes Central. We will however be operating a service from London Euston to Nuneaton via the Chiltern route.

Another major project of track maintenance and signalling upgrades will take place in the Stafford to Lichfield area, starting after last services on the 24 December 2012 and finishing on the morning of Wednesday 2 January 2013. We will be diverting services between Crewe and Stoke-on-Trent via Alsager, this will result in a very limited service to/from Wilmslow.

The Gateway Project at Birmingham New Street will affect most train operators, with restricted access to/from the station.

The station approach between Edinburgh Haymarket and Edinburgh Waverley, will have localized diversions on some dates.

Route improvements between Wigan North Western and Preston from the 29 December 2012 until 1 January 2013, but not on New Years Eve

Engineering Breakdown by route

Friday 21 December 2012

Full timetable in operation

Saturday 22 December 2012

All lines south of Milton Keynes Central blocked from 2200

Sunday 23 December 2012

All lines south of Milton Keynes Central blocked all day. There will be no direct service between London Euston and Rugby.

The following services will operate as one per hour in each direction;

- London Euston to Nuneaton via the Chiltern route. Some morning services will start from Birmingham New Street / Crewe and some evening services will terminate at Crewe / Birmingham New Street. The last departure from London Euston to Birmingham New Street will be the 2152. The last departure from Nuneaton to London Euston will be the 2113.
- Rugby to Manchester Piccadilly calling at Nuneaton, Stoke-on-Trent, Macclesfield and Stockport
- Rugby to Liverpool Lime Street calling at Nuneaton, Stafford, Crewe and Runcorn
- Rugby to Glasgow Central calling at Nuneaton then as booked stations
- Rugby to Wolverhampton calling at Coventry, Birmingham International, Birmingham New Street and Sandwell & Dudley
- A minimal service will operate on the North Wales coast between Crewe and Holyhead

Monday 24 December 2012

- All lines south of Milton Keynes Central blocked all day.
- Speed restriction between Leyland and Preston.
- Lichfield Trent Valley to Stafford blocked from 2100
- There will be no direct service between London Euston and Rugby.
- A revised service will be in operation today with a Christmas Eve early shutdown.
- Morning peak services will be withdrawn.
- A minimal service will operate on the North Wales coast between Crewe and Holyhead
- No services serving Wilmslow, passengers should change at either Crewe or Stockport for local services.

The following services will operate as one per hour in each direction;

- London Euston to Nuneaton via the Chiltern route. Some morning services will start from Birmingham New Street / Crewe and some evening services will terminate at Crewe / Birmingham New Street. The last departure from London Euston to Birmingham New Street will be at 1842. The last departure from Nuneaton to London Euston will be at 1513.
- Rugby to Manchester Piccadilly calling at Nuneaton, Stoke-on-Trent, Macclesfield and Stockport. The last departure from London Euston to Manchester Piccadilly will be at 1652 change at Crewe. (The onward service from Crewe will be with another train operator) The last departure from Manchester Piccadilly to London Euston, with a connection at Nuneaton will be at 1315.
- Rugby to Liverpool Lime Street calling at Nuneaton, Stafford, Crewe and Runcorn.
- The last departure from London Euston to Liverpool Lime Street will be at 1542 change at Nuneaton. The last departure from Liverpool Lime Street to London Euston with a connection at Nuneaton to London Euston will be at 1341.
- Rugby to Glasgow Central calling at Nuneaton then as booked stations.
- The last departure from London Euston to Glasgow Central will be at 1442 change at Nuneaton.

- Last departure from Glasgow Central with a connection from Nuneaton to London Euston will be at 1040.

After 1040, the following services will operate;

- 1140 from Glasgow Central to Rugby
- 1200, 1400 and 1600 service from Glasgow Central to Birmingham New Street
- 1240, 1340, 1440, 1640 and 1740 from Glasgow Central to Crewe
- Rugby to Wolverhampton calling at Coventry, Birmingham International, Birmingham New Street and Sandwell & Dudley. The last departure from London Euston to Wolverhampton will be at 1757 change at Coventry. The last departure from London Euston to Birmingham New Street will be at 1842.
- The Birmingham New Street to Edinburgh Waverley route remains unaffected, by the engineering work south of Milton Keynes Central. The last departure from Birmingham New Street to Edinburgh Waverley will be at 1620. The last departure from Edinburgh Waverley to Birmingham New Street will be at 1652.

Tuesday 25 December 2012 - Wednesday 26 December 2012

No Services

Thursday 27 December 2012

- Services will start operating from 0840 onwards.
- Speed restriction between Bletchley and Milton Keynes Central.
- Lichfield Trent Valley to Stafford blocked all day.
- Birmingham New Street – Restricted access due to the Gateway Project.
- Edinburgh Haymarket blocked all day.
- A minimal service will operate on the North Wales coast between Crewe and Holyhead
- No services serving Stafford or Wilmslow, passengers should change at either Crewe or Wolverhampton/Stockport for local services.

The following services will operate as one per hour in each direction;

- London Euston to Liverpool Lime Street diverted en route via Alsager calling at Crewe and Runcorn.
- London Euston to Glasgow Central, diverted en route via Alsager calling at Crewe then as booked stations.
- Birmingham New Street to Edinburgh Waverley services will be diverted en route via local suburban lines, due to route improvements at Edinburgh Haymarket. Services from Edinburgh Waverley will depart earlier to compensate and then proceed at booked times from Carlisle.

The following services will operate as two per hour in each direction;

- London Euston to Manchester Piccadilly, calling at Milton Keynes Central, Stoke-on-Trent, Macclesfield and Stockport.
- London Euston to Wolverhampton, with some services calling additionally at Rugby.

Friday 28 December 2012

- Speed restriction between Bletchley and Milton Keynes Central.
- Lichfield Trent Valley to Stafford blocked all day.
- Birmingham New Street – Restricted access due to the Gateway Project.
- A minimal service will operate on the North Wales coast between Crewe and Holyhead
- No services serving Stafford or Wilmslow, passengers should change at either Crewe or Wolverhampton/Stockport for local services.

The following services will operate as one per hour in each direction;

- London Euston to Liverpool Lime Street diverted en route via Alsager calling at Crewe and Runcorn.
- London Euston to Glasgow Central, diverted en route via Alsager calling at Crewe then as booked stations.

The following services will operate as two per hour in each direction;

- London Euston to Manchester Piccadilly calling at Milton Keynes Central, Stoke-on-Trent, Macclesfield and Stockport.
- London Euston to Wolverhampton, with some services calling additionally at Rugby.

Saturday 29 December 2012

- Speed restriction between Bletchley and Milton Keynes Central.
- Lichfield Trent Valley to Stafford blocked all day.
- Wigan North Western to Preston blocked from 0915
- A minimal service will operate on the North Wales coast between Crewe and Holyhead
- No services serving Wilmslow, passengers should change at either Crewe or Stockport for local services.

The following services will operate as one per hour in each direction;

- London Euston to Liverpool Lime Street diverted en route via Alsager calling at Crewe and Runcorn.
- Birmingham New Street to Edinburgh services that would normally operate between Crewe and Preston will be diverted en route, via Manchester Piccadilly.
- Preston to Glasgow Central

The following services will operate as two per hour in each direction;

- London Euston to Manchester Piccadilly calling at Milton Keynes Central, Stoke-on-Trent, Macclesfield and Stockport.
- London Euston to Birmingham New Street, one of which will also go forward to Wolverhampton.
- Preston to Edinburgh Waverley

Sunday 30 December 2012

- Speed restriction between Bletchley and Milton Keynes Central.
- Lichfield Trent Valley to Stafford blocked all day.
- Wigan North Western blocked.
- A minimal service will operate on the North Wales coast between Crewe and Holyhead

The following services will operate as one per hour in each direction;

- London Euston to Liverpool Lime Street diverted en route via Alsager calling at Crewe and Runcorn.
- Birmingham New Street to Edinburgh services that would normally operate between Crewe and Preston will be diverted en route, via Manchester Piccadilly.
- Preston to Glasgow Central

The following services will operate as two per hour in each direction;

- London Euston to Manchester Piccadilly calling at Milton Keynes Central, Stoke-on-Trent, Macclesfield and Stockport.
- London Euston to Birmingham New Street, one of which will also go forward to Wolverhampton.
- Preston to Edinburgh Waverley

Monday 31 December 2012

- Speed restriction between Bletchley and Milton Keynes Central.
- Lichfield Trent Valley to Stafford blocked all day
- Morning peak services will be withdrawn.
- Services will finish earlier than normal. Last trains will be similar to Christmas Eve.
- 2 services per hour between London Euston and Manchester Piccadilly, calling at Milton Keynes Central, Stoke-on-Trent, Macclesfield and Stockport.
- 1 service per hour between London Euston and Liverpool Lime Street diverted en route via Alsager calling at Crewe and Runcorn.
- 1 service per hour between London Euston and Glasgow Central, diverted en route via Alsager calling at Crewe then as booked stations.
- 3 services per hour between London Euston and Wolverhampton, after a later start.
- A minimal service will operate on the North Wales coast between Crewe and Holyhead

Tuesday 1 January 2013

- Later start up as per Sunday morning services.
- Lichfield Trent Valley to Stafford blocked.
- Wigan North Western blocked.
- Edinburgh Waverley blocked.
- 2 services per hour between London Euston and Manchester Piccadilly, one service via the Stoke-on-Trent route the other diverted en route via Alsager to /from Crewe.
- 1 service per hour between London Euston and Liverpool Lime Street diverted en route via the West Midlands, calling at Crewe and Runcorn.
- 1 service per hour between Preston and Glasgow Central.
- 1 service every 2 hours between Preston and Edinburgh Waverley.
- 1 service per hour between Birmingham New Street and Preston diverted en route via Manchester Piccadilly, calling at Wolverhampton, Stafford, Stoke-on-Trent and Stockport.
- 2 services per hour between London Euston and Wolverhampton, with some services calling additionally at Rugby.
- A minimal service will operate on the North Wales coast between Crewe and Holyhead

Wednesday 2 January 2013

- Lichfield Trent Valley to Stafford blocked until 0730.

Last Virgin Trains service on Christmas Eve, Monday 24 December

	Milton Keynes Central	Rugby	Nuneaton	Tamworth	Coventry	Birmingham International	Birmingham New Street
London Euston	21.24	18.42	17.57	16.52	18.42	18.42	18.42
Change at	Hemel Hempstead*	Coventry		Nuneaton			
	Sandwell & Dudley	Wolverhampton	Stafford	Stoke-on-Trent	Macclesfield	Crewe	Runcorn
London Euston	18.42	18.42	17.57	16.52	15.42	17.57	16.52
Change at	Birmingham New Street	Birmingham New Street		Nuneaton	Nuneaton		Crewe
	Stockport	Manchester Piccadilly	Warrington Bank Quay	Liverpool Lime Street	Wigan North Western	Lancaster	Oxenholme
London Euston	16.52	16.52	14.42	16.52	14.42	14.42	14.42
Change at	Crewe	Crewe	Crewe	Crewe	Crewe	Crewe	Crewe
	Preston	Penrith	Carlisle	Lockerbie	Motherwell	Glasgow Central	
London Euston	14.42	13.36	14.42	12.42	13.36	14.42	
Change at	Crewe	Nuneaton & Crewe	Crewe	Nuneaton & Carlisle	Nuneaton & Glasgow	Crewe	

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Last Virgin Trains service on New Years Eve, Monday 31 December

	Milton Keynes Central	Rugby	Nuneaton	Tamworth	Coventry	Birmingham International	Birmingham New Street
London Euston Change at	20.23	20.23	19.07	19.30	20.23	20.23	20.23
	Sandwell & Dudley	Wolverhampton	Stafford	Stoke-on-Trent	Macclesfield	Crewe	Runcorn
London Euston Change at	20.23	20.23	18.43	20.00	20.00	19.30	19.07
	Stockport	Manchester Piccadilly	Warrington Bank Quay	Liverpool Lime Street	Wigan North Western	Lancaster	Oxenholme
London Euston Change at	20.00	20.00	18.30	19.07	18.30	17.30	17.30
	Preston	Penrith	Carlisle	Lockerbie	Motherwell	Glasgow	
London Euston Change at	18.30	17.30	17.30	17.30	17.30	17.30	

*London Midland Service

Retail Support opening Hours

Thursday 20 December 2012	09:00 – 17:00
Friday 21 December 2012	09:00 – 17:00
Saturday 22 December 2012	CLOSED
Sunday 23 December 2012	CLOSED
Monday 24 December 2012	09:00 – 14:00
Tuesday 25 December 2012	CLOSED
Wednesday 26 December 2012	CLOSED
Thursday 27 December 2012	09:00 – 16:00
Friday 28 December 2012	09:00 – 16:00
Saturday 29 December 2012	CLOSED
Sunday 30 December 2012	CLOSED
Monday 31 December 2012	09:00 – 16:00
Tuesday 1 January 2013	09:00 – 16:00
Wednesday 2 January 2013	09:00 – 17:00

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