



15th June 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to inform you of the forthcoming proposed National Rail Strikes next week. We have been contacted by GWR to inform us of the situation, see message below from GWR with further information in regards to what this means in terms of service levels and routes.

For ALL students who travel by rail this means you will need to find alternative ways of travel to attend school next week. **Extremely important for students in year 11 and year 13 who are sitting exams. The public exams cannot be postponed or sat at a later date so it is important you plan alternative travel to be here in school ready for the start of each examination.**

If you need to speak to GWR please contact them direct as we do not have any further information in regards to routes or the strike at this time. However, if you need to speak to someone at the school in regards to attendance, then please contact Mrs Osborne b.osborne@tsatrust.org.uk our Attendance Officer.

Message from GWR:

As you know action is planned by both Network Rail staff and train operating staff across the country, including GWR and Crosscountry Trains. We have been working together on contingency plans, and tomorrow morning (1030) there will be a national announcement on the extent of the impact across England and Wales.

Network Rail has been working hard to cover signal boxes to keep as many routes open as possible. However, this is not possible in all areas and the complexity of signals in Cornwall means that there will be no mainline or branch line services on the strike days, Tuesday 21 June, Thursday 23 June and Saturday 25 June.

Some routes in Devon, including the mainline, are open on strike days, but services will be limited and will start later and finish much earlier. Timetables will therefore be significantly changed.

There will also be a reduced service in all areas on the days between and after the strike, Wednesday 22 June, Friday 24 June and Sunday 26 June and it will be important to check before travel throughout the week.



The attached maps show the routes that will be open. They will be available on the GWR dedicated web page www.gwr.com/strike after the national announcement, along with an overview of the timetable, and information on refunds. This is a dedicated web page which we will keep updated throughout the week.

Network Rail are also now entering timetable changes into the national timetable database. Changes to weekday services will be available in online journey planners from Friday 17 June, and to weekend services from Saturday 18 June.

We understand the impact that these changes will have on customer journeys, and we know it will mean making alternative plans for many. We will therefore be doing all we can to alert customers to the changes, to give customers time to plan and any help you can give us with that would be very helpful.

Please signpost anyone to the webpage for more information www.gwr.com/strike and do email us if you need any clarification, have any questions or any queries.

This is going to be a very difficult week for our customers, we will do all we can to help, but the impact will be significant.

Kind regards

Sam Payne

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Assistant Head