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## Hull Trains back on track for Christmas travel

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People in Hull and East Riding can travel safely on Hull Trains from 3 December 2020 as the rail operator resumes services after a temporary pause.

The team is preparing to welcome passengers back on board its Paragon trains as the open access operator reintroduces a limited timetable in time for the Christmas period and student travel window.

Hull Trains' services were temporarily suspended for the second time on 5 November when the government announced another national lockdown due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Tickets are on sale for travel between 3 December and 3 January 2021; two services will run Southbound and Northbound between Monday to Friday, three services will run on Saturday and two services will operate on a Sunday.

Louise Cheeseman, managing director for Hull Trains, said: "This news is a positive step for Hull Trains and I want to thank customers for their ongoing support while we steadily reintroduce services.

"Tickets are selling quickly for the trains running in the lead up to Christmas, so we strongly recommend that passengers plan ahead and pre-book a ticket before travelling to avoid disappointment.

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"There are alterations to our normal timetables and engineering works are taking place at King's Cross. Full details can be found on our website.

"Our safety measures remain in place which includes socially distanced seats, a dedicated cleaner on every journey and our brand-new live train tracker tool which lets people see how busy the train is real time before boarding.

"We're also safely reintroducing complimentary fresh coffee, Yorkshire Tea and snacks into first class."

The Hull Trains timetable can be found here: https://www.hulltrains.co.uk/travel-information/timetables

Due to major engineering works, King's Cross Station will be closed between Boxing Day and 30 December. Hull Trains is not running services on those days. There is an amended timetable on 24 December, 31 December and 1 January 2021.

Information about engineering works can be found here: https://www.hulltrains.co.uk/travel-information/engineering-works

Louise added: "We continue to review the numbers of people travelling and will introduce more services as demand increases and it's financially viable to do so.

"I would like to thank our loyal customers for their continued support during a very challenging time, but the continued optimism and hard work of our people gives me confidence in the future of the business."

For more information visit www.hulltrains.co.uk.

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