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Boris Johnson has told the public that they will no longer be legally required to wear masks from July 19, despite his Chief Medical Adviser suggesting that coverings should be worn as a “common courtesy”.

The article in The Daily Telegraph says the Prime Minister has declared that at the end of his roadmap out of restrictions, masks will no longer be mandatory in law but people will instead be encouraged to “exercise judgement”.

The article says transport companies will be able to make masks a condition of carriage under the terms of

conditions of tickets. However, the ability of transport operators to enforce such rules or penalise those who breach them is mired in uncertainty.

London Mayor and Transport for London commissioner agreed that mandatory face coverings remain the “simplest and safest” option on public transport in the capital.

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Over the weekend (Saturday 3 and Sunday 4 July), Network Rail successfully completed work to upgrade the track between York and Church Fenton which will bring more reliable journeys for passengers in Yorkshire.

Network Rail engineers replaced around 450 metres of track on the busy line which runs through Ulleskelf station which will reduce the amount of maintenance work needed in the future.

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Southeastern is preparing to introduce a new fleet of Class 707 trains, beginning in the autumn of this year.

The new additions to the fleet will boost capacity on the Metro routes from Dartford, Sevenoaks and Hayes, and into London terminals.

These trains will deliver a significant improvement in the passenger experience on the busier London routes, replacing a small number of Southeastern’s older Class 465 and Class 466 ‘Networker’ trains.

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A former railway station – now converted into a dreamy home – has arrived on the market with an asking price of £550,000.

An article in The Metro says while it’s been transformed into a living space, there are still mementos from the property’s past life, including a train carriage in the garden.

Before it was turned into a house, Station Halt in Devon was on a branch line built by Great Western Railway and opened on May 1, 1885.

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