

# ScotRail reopens Troon station after fire

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ScotRail has reopened platform two at Troon station following a fire which devastated station buildings last weekend.

Network Rail has fully assessed the damage to the buildings, platform canopies, overhead power cables and other infrastructure.

Special supports have been designed and installed on platform two which enabled track-level repairs to be carried out, and similar props on platform one are supporting the beams over the tracks which overhead line equipment is attached to. New overhead power cables have also been installed.

Services from Glasgow Central to Ayr are expected to operate normally from today (July 26).

From today, if passengers are travelling north, they are being advised to take a train to Prestwick Town to connect with Glasgow bound trains.

If they are travelling from the south, the advice is to change at Irvine for connecting trains back to Troon. There will be no shuttle buses.

Platform one at Troon station is scheduled to reopen on Friday, 30 July when trains between Glasgow Central and Ayr will return to normal operation.

ScotRail is advising customers to check their journey before they travel, buy their ticket before boarding the train and consult the train operator's social media channels for up to date information.

The train operator is also reminding them to observe the five rules for safer travel which include wearing a face covering unless medically exempt and maintaining physical distancing of at least a metre in stations and on board trains. If customers think the train is too busy then they should wait for the next service.

David Simpson, ScotRail's Operations Director, said: "We regret any disruption to services because we know how it will inconvenience our customers.

"However, the dreadful fire at Troon station left our colleagues at Network Rail with no option but to close the line, and we had to revise our services accordingly.

"It's great to see that less than a week after the fire, the line has reopened and we are able to resume services from Glasgow to Ayr on Monday, with a full timetable expected to be operating on Friday, 30 July."

ScotRail's Glasgow Central to Ayr services and services between Ayr and Stranraer, which were also affected by the disruption caused by the fire, resumed on Friday, 23 July.

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