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Dear Parent or Carer

## **ELECTRIFYING THE MIDLAND MAIN LINE**

I am writing to inform you that as part of our ongoing programme to electrify the Midland Main Line the railway between Kettering and Wigston will soon be energised.

The purpose of this letter is to make you aware of the potential dangers and to inform you and your family to take extra care when in the vicinity of the railway.

Energisation is the next step in enabling electric trains to run from Kettering to Wigston and will make rail travel greener as well as quieter for passengers and lineside neighbours.

From **28 July 2024** the overhead power lines suspended above the track from Kettering station to South Wigston station will be energised and will remain energised.

The overhead line will be energised at 25,000 volts, alternating current at 50Hz frequency. It is extremely dangerous for any person to be in close proximity (9ft) of the equipment, including supporting masts, switch feeds and cables.

There is of course no danger to any persons provided they do not enter onto railway land (and are always more than nine feet from the overhead lines).

## **HOW YOU CAN HELP**

We have offered to attend school assemblies to explain to students the dangers and how to stay safe but you can also share this information with your children and remind them not to trespass on the railway.

There is a range of helpful resources and information on our web page: [www.networkrail.co.uk/alwayson](http://www.networkrail.co.uk/alwayson)

To learn more about the Midland Main Line upgrade, please visit our dedicated webpage: [www.networkrail.co.uk/mml](http://www.networkrail.co.uk/mml)

For further information about our work which takes place on the railway please visit [www.networkrail.co.uk/livingbytherailway](http://www.networkrail.co.uk/livingbytherailway) alternatively if you have any additional questions or concerns, please visit [www.networkrail.co.uk](http://www.networkrail.co.uk) or telephone our 24-hour National Helpline on 03457 11 41 41.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Morgan-Jones".

**Chris Morgan-Jones**  
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