

Locomotive Driver Experience

This Work Instruction outlines the procedures to be taken when locomotive driver experience is operating and should be read in conjunction with the relevant Middleton Railway safety documentation.

Instructions to train crew:

A Written Train Order (WTO) will be issued covering the extent of the locomotive driver experience and must be kept on the locomotive at all times. Two members of crew are required on the locomotive and both should be in such a position that allows the locomotive to be brought to a stop should it be required whilst members of the public are on board.

The operating area for the locomotive driver experience will be demarcated by red flags. Yellow flags are to be placed no less than 5 metres inside the limits marked by the red flags. The yellow flags will act as stopping points and the locomotive should be brought to a stop before the yellow flags.

All points within the operating area are to be clamped. Where points provide access to sections of the railway where other trains may be operating, the clamp must also be padlocked, and the key for this must accompany the authorisation for the section where the other locomotive(s) is/are running.

Members of the public will board and alight the locomotive from the coal stage, and so this area must be kept clear of tripping hazards. When members of the public are wishing to participate in the driver experience, the relevant paperwork must be completed and suitable protective clothing provided prior to the public boarding the locomotive and the experience commencing.

Before members of public board the locomotive, they must be briefed on the hazards of the locomotive and how it works prior to any movements taking place. An overview of the activity should be given; this is best demonstrated by the driver taking the locomotive a short distance to demonstrate operation of the controls. Members of public must be guided through the driving by the rostered driver only.