



Revised runway alternation programme – 2020 landings

As a result of the unprecedented impact that the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak is having on Heathrow's operation, we have temporarily moved to single runway operations, alternating which runway we use on a weekly basis in order to ensure our local communities continue to get respite periods.

We will continue to review this situation and will look to revert to our usual operation when the number of daily aircraft movements significantly increases.

Due to the significantly lower number of aircraft operating from the runway we will also be able to provide alternation on easterly operations – something we can't provide during our usual schedule.

The direction planes fly at Heathrow depends on the direction of the wind. During westerly operations the wind usually blows from the west and aircraft arrive from the east over London. During easterly operations the wind blows from the east and aircraft arrive from the west over Berkshire.

Runway codes

The schedule uses the runway codes 09L, 27R, 09R and 27L.



09L = aircraft approaching the northern runway from the west
 27R = aircraft approaching the northern runway from the east
 09R = aircraft approaching the southern runway from the west
 27L = aircraft approaching the southern runway from the east

Runway alternation

Date (week commencing)	If on westerly operations	If on easterly operations	Date (week commencing)	If on westerly operations	If on easterly operations
6 Apr	27R	09L	24 Aug	27R	09L
13 Apr	27L	09R	31 Aug	27L	09R
20 Apr	27R	09L	7 Sep	27R	09L
27 Apr	27L	09R	14 Sep	27L	09R
4 May	27R	09L	21 Sep	27R	09L
11 May	27L	09R	28 Sep	27L	09R
18 May	27R	09L	5 Oct	27R	09L
25 May	27L	09R	12 Oct	27L	09R
1 Jun	27R	09L	19 Oct	27R	09L
8 Jun	27L	09R	26 Oct	27L	09R
15 Jun	27R	09L	2 Nov	27R	09L
22 Jun	27L	09R	9 Nov	27L	09R
29 Jun	27R	09L	16 Nov	27R	09L
6 Jul	27L	09R	23 Nov	27L	09R
13 Jul	27R	09L	30 Nov	27R	09L
20 Jul	27L	09R	7 Dec	27L	09R
27 Jul	27R	09L	14 Dec	27R	09L
3 Aug	27L	09R	21 Dec	27L	09R
10 Aug	27R	09L	28 Dec	27R	09L
17 Aug	27L	09R			

Please note: The schedule for each week will apply from the first arrival on Monday morning until the last flight on Sunday night.