*Dear* ...................................................................................

2020 has been a very different year for many of us.  Of course, you will know this with your parents being key workers in the NHS.  They have had a very special role this year and without their help we would not have been able to support the people in our hospital as well as we have. Thank you for all you have done to help your parents during this difficult time.

Now this year has been a first for many things, but I really want to tell you about something special that has just happened.  The heads of all the key workers were invited to a very special, top secret meeting on Zoom.  I was really lucky to be invited and you won't believe who was there, live from the North Pole – Father Christmas!

Father Christmas explained that he too was a key worker, and had continued working all year, making sure that the toys would be ready for all the girls and boys this Christmas.  And he wanted all of us heads of key workers to let you children know that he has not forgotten the important role you have had this year.  And, of course, that he will be coming to visit this Christmas Eve.

As you can imagine, we all had lots of questions, and I asked Father Christmas about how he would be able to come into people's houses this year, with all the restrictions that we have in place.  But he told me not to worry – that Father Christmas had a special agreement to be able to do his job as normal.  He told me that the elves had made him some very jolly face coverings and that he had lots and lots of hand sanitiser – so you don't need to leave any out for him!

Father Christmas also entertained us all with stories about how the elves were having to socially distance in the factory and what fun they'd had measuring out all of their work space.  Because elves are so small they had been able to add extra floors into their buildings which I thought was a good idea.  I'm not sure what your parents would think if we did that at the hospital though!

Anyway I wanted to share this good news and wish you all a very happy Christmas.

*Ifti Majid, Chief Executive*