

I am writing to wish you a very happy Christmas. Your parents 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 time.

Now I really want to tell you about something special that has just happened. The people in charge 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 me 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 if he would be able to come into people's houses this year.

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 made us all laugh 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. They keep saying "hands, face, space!"

I wanted to share this good news and wish you all a very happy Christmas. I have included a picture that you might enjoy colouring in. Please ask your parents to take a picture and show me a copy if you do.

Ifti Majid, Chief Executive

