



Santa Claus  
North Pole

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Dear Santa,

As a resident of the North Pole you will be aware how difficult this year has been for everyone on our planet. This has been especially so for the children of the world who just want to have fun, go to school with their mates, learn new things and enjoy time with their families.

As Chief Constable of Merseyside Police I thought that the Coronavirus restrictions might get in the way of you doing your most important job this Christmas - delivering presents to all the children and putting a smile on their faces.

So, in order for that to happen without you getting into trouble with the law, I've decided to make a very important decision.

On Christmas Eve, but not before, you, your seven reindeer and whichever elves you need in your bubble to help you, will be temporarily exempt from the Coronavirus laws and restrictions. This means that:

- You can land on someone's roof and go down their chimney without worrying about needing to be in their bubble or mixing with another household.
- You can travel outside of Merseyside to other parts of the country ... as long as you visit our households first.
- And I will allow you a glass of sherry and a few mince pies, but please remember to wash your hands afterwards.

Face masks are trickier. I know that for gentlemen who have a beard, masks can be annoying and itchy, but for safety reasons I would like you and your elves to keep them on.

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The flight paths in the sky should be a little quieter than normal and so should the roads, but plenty of my officers will be out and about on patrol to keep an eye on those on our Naughty List which I am glad to say does not include young children.

So give us a wave when you fly over our Police Stations.

And please keep your sleigh to the speed limit. I don't want our helicopter to have to give you a ticket.

Thank you and Merry Christmas.

Yours festively



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