

MARINERS' PARK RESIDENTS' BRIEFING NOTE 21 DECEMBER

REVISED CHRISTMAS VISITING RULES

When I wrote my Christmas Message to you in last week's Winter Newsletter I thought that would be the last one for 2020. The Prime Minister changed that on Saturday when London and the South East were placed in the new Tier 4, and new Christmas visiting rules were announced for Tiers 1, 2 and 3. Here is everything you need to know.

1 The previously announced rule that 3 households could meet up between the 23-27 December has been changed to Christmas Day only. You can meet up in each other's home, in an outdoor public space or garden, and at church.

You cannot meet up in a pub or a restaurant.

2 You should 'stay local' You should not travel to a Tier 3 or 4 area, and there is a travel ban between England and Scotland throughout the Christmas period.

3 If you have visitors on Christmas Day they should not stay overnight. Overnight stays are only allowed in exceptional circumstances. If you visit another household, again you should not stay overnight.

4 If you live alone and are in a 'Support Bubble', such persons can visit as often as necessary.

These new rules are in response to a new strain of Covid 19 that is more easily transmitted and is driving a significant increase in Covid

cases. People who live in the Tier 4 areas cannot leave the area, and cannot mix with any household at Christmas. Christmas Day bubbles cannot include anyone from Tier 4.

Wirral remains in Tier 2 after the Government's Review last week and the Tier 2 rules continue to be in place as before.

The late changes to Christmas arrangements is disappointing, but the Government says it is essential to reduce the rapid rise in Covid cases. Despite the changes I hope you will still enjoy some festive cheer this Christmas.

My very best wishes to you all.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Howarth'.

Mick Howarth
Welfare Manager