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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2020 No. 1374**

**The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions)  
(All Tiers) (England) Regulations 2020**

**PART 1**

**Introductory**

**Linked Christmas households**

4.—(1) For the purposes of these Regulations, a “linked Christmas household” means one or more members of a household who are linked with one or more members of another household in accordance with this regulation for the purpose of gathering during the Christmas period.

(2) One or more members of a household may choose to be linked with one or more members of no more than two other households for the purpose mentioned in paragraph (1) if all members who would be linked in accordance with this regulation agree (subject to paragraph (3)).

(3) Where—

- (a) a person who would be a member of a linked Christmas household is a child, and
- (b) a person who has parental responsibility for the child is a member of the child’s household or is any person with parental responsibility for the child in a case where paragraph (7) applies,

the agreement required by paragraph (2) is to be given by that person (and not the child).

(4) The members of the households that choose to be linked in accordance with this regulation are linked Christmas households in relation to each other.

(5) Where a member of a household is or has been in a linked Christmas household in relation to members of two other households, the person cannot be linked with the members of any other household under this regulation.

(6) Except as provided by paragraph (7), no person may be a member of more than one linked Christmas household.

(7) A child who does not live in the same household as their parents or one of their parents may be a member of a linked Christmas household formed by each parent.

(8) For the purposes of this regulation two households which are linked households in relation to each other count as a single household.