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Royal Mail announces last recommended posting dates for Christmas

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Royal Mail today announced the last recommended posting dates for Christmas to ensure customersâ€™ Christmas cards, letters and festive parcels arrive with loved ones in time for the big day.

The company will be adding extra deliveries up to 8pm to meet the increased demand in the run up to Christmas and the growing number of next day parcels. There will also be an increase in processing operations on Sundays to help manage the surge on Mondays following people shopping online at weekends.

For 2nd Class and 2nd Class Signed For, the last recommended posting date is Wednesday 18 December. For 1st Class, 1st Class Signed For and Royal Mail Tracked 48, it's Friday 20 December. For Royal Mail Tracked 24 the last recommended posting date is Saturday 21 December and for Special Delivery Guaranteed it's Monday 23 December.

Nick Landon, Chief Commercial Officer, Royal Mail, said: "Every year we pull out all the stops to deliver Christmas for our customers. We will have an additional 16,000 seasonal workers and almost 4,000 new vans, trucks and trailers added to the fleet in time for Christmas. It's our busiest time of year and we plan all year round to help ensure we deliver the best possible service for UK consumers and businesses."

To ensure Christmas gifts and cards arrive safely, there are a few key things customers should remember - make sure the full address is written clearly on the item of mail, and always include the full postcode.

Source: Royal Mail