

# Didsbury Friday Circle

Session Log of the Tenth Session  
29<sup>th</sup> April, 2016



## In Attendance:

### Organisers:

Faizan Awan  
Hammaad Khalil

### Assistants:

### Attendees:

Faaris  
Umar  
Abdulrahman  
Bilal  
Ahmed  
Khalid  
Faiq  
Fawaz  
Rayhan  
Muhammad  
Zakaria  
Wael

### Venue:

Main Hall  
Didsbury Mosque  
271 Burton Road  
M20 2WA

### Timings:

Start 7:00 PM  
Maghrib 8:30 PM  
Finish 9:00 PM

## Brief Report of Session

We were in the main hall today as the second hall was being used for the remembrance of a member of the community who had passed away. Our session today was an open Q&A which focussed mainly on halal food and how it was decided whether food was halal or impermissible. We discussed how some foods are halal because they were eaten by the Prophet (SAW) or are not prohibited in the Quran or the hadeeth. We also discussed how some foods are explicitly prohibited, like pork and alcohol. We also covered how some foods are eaten by certain communities but not by others, and this should be discussed with your families and communities to determine if you should eat them or not – like shellfish, snails and certain types of lizards. We also explained how in a life or death situations, all food, including carrion, becomes halal. We told a story of a man who had saved all his money to go for Hajj, but upon realising that his neighbour was so poor that he was having to eat carrion, he gave all his saved money to help his neighbour – and how the scholar who had heard about this explained to the man that as a result of his intention to make Hajj and because he helped his neighbour, his Hajj was accepted even though he hadn't been.

Due to many late attendances and some of the boys being physically active, we were unable to complete the session before food arrived. After Maghrib, we split into two teams to play dodgeball.

### **Incidents or Accidents**

Five of the boys were very boisterous and had to be reminded by the organisers and Mosque attendants about being quiet as a remembrance was going on in the other hall. Two pairs of these boys started play wrestling separately whilst being marshalled back into the main hall, were separated, with one boy getting a bruise to his face and another getting hit in the abdomen. These boys were assessed by Dr. Awan – given first aid and reassured they were minor injuries and advised about their responsibilities not to fight, even in play. The parents of all four boys were informed of the incident and advised that this must not be repeated or that the boys would be removed from the group. One of the new boys had to be reminded, with his family member present, to respect the organisers of the group as he was not paying attention to their instructions.

Whilst this was only a minority of the boys, and the first time an incident like this has happened, it is the responsibility of all parents to remind their children that the group is a safe fun educational opportunity for all attendees. Whilst we understand that boys can get very excited when having fun and getting to debate, they have a responsibility to listen to the organisers, play safely and not be physically aggressive or rude with anyone.

These issues have been dealt with and should not be repeated. The respective families of the boys have been informed of their responsibilities to explain this to their boys. The organisers will be taking action to separate boys from the main group if they are being boisterous to minimise the chances of a recurrence of these incidents.

### **Next Session**

Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2016



**Dr. Faizan Awan**      **Dated:** Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2016