



**1<sup>st</sup> December 2020**

## **OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT**

Asalam Alykum,

We are happy to announce the reopening of Didsbury Mosque tomorrow Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2020 for daily and Friday prayers, Quran School, Shariah Services, Marriage ceremonies and funeral services are open as usual. Due to government COVID-19 guidance for the safe use of places of worship, we are continuing implementing our risk assessment policy.

### **MEASURES TO BE CONTINUED IN PLACE TO ENSURE SAFETY, INCLUDE:**

1. A deep clean and sanitisation of all areas around the centre prior to the opening.
2. Floor markings to ensure that social distancing is in place, to keep attendees at a 2 meter distance from each other.
3. Children under 12 years old will not be allowed access to the masjid except for Quran School.
4. Wudhu area will be closed to avoid spread of infection. Please ensure Wudhu is performed at home before you come to the masjid.
5. The car park will be closed for Friday prayers and will be used for queuing to enter into the masjid.
6. We request those in high risk categories to pray at home. Those include:-
  - If not feeling well, or have any symptoms of COVID-19, then you should be following UK guidance of isolating and staying away from places of worship
  - Elders (70+)
  - Those with illnesses such as diabetes, heart disease, asthma and others who are vulnerable
  - Those in high risk occupations who are more likely to have been in contact with others who have the virus.
  - Under government guidance those who have been overseas in the last 14 days should be in self-isolation. They must not attend the mosque in that period.

### **DAILY PRAYERS:**

1. Congregation in the masjid will be limited to the 5 daily prayers. The masjid will be open for one hour for each prayer, 30 minutes before congregation prayer time and close 15 minutes after congregation ends.
2. There are limited places for daily prayers (60 places for men and 20 places for women).
3. No one will be allowed entry into the masjid unless they have a face mask (face masks will be provided at the entrance).
4. A One-way system will be used to ease entering and exiting the masjid safely.
5. Shoe racks will out of use and plastic bags will be provided at the entrance for attendees to put their shoes in, which must be kept with them at all times.
6. Copies of the Quran, books and leaflets, along with all printed material will be removed in order to prevent the spread of infection by touching.

### **FRIDAYS PRAYERS:**

1. Due to limited spaces, we will be using an IT booking system.
2. There will be two Jummah Prayers, the first one at 12:15 pm and the Second will be at 1:15 pm, the masjid will open its doors at 11:30 am, entrance will be closed when The Khutbah starts.
3. No food or drinks are allowed inside Mosque premises nor in the car park.
4. No gathering inside the Mosque premises nor in the car park area is allowed.

We pray that Allah keep us all safe and in the best of health and Imaan in these challenging times.

### **TRUSTEES & MANAGEMENT**