



18th September 2020

OPEN LETTER TO DIDSBURY MASJID COMMUNITY

Asalam Alykum.

Some people had called for a silent protest outside the Masjid on Friday 11th September 2020, after prayers. In response and in fulfilment to its responsibilities, the management made it clear to everyone who wants to protest that it is their right to do so, however, for safety reasons and in compliance with the COVID 19 regulations, the management urged those who wanted to participate in the protest to do so outside the premises of the centre. To further ensure that the message was clear to all, notices to forbid gatherings within the premises were clearly displayed around the centre.

To the management dismay, and despite the clear instructions forbidding the gatherings, some people gathered within the premises on that Friday after prayers, in complete defiance and irresponsible disregard to safety measures, thereby putting the Masjid at risk.

The management cannot allow such irresponsible behaviour which is clearly jeopardising all efforts to keep the Masjid safe and to protect it from being closed should Allah forbid the virus spread amongst the community due to such irresponsible and ignorant behaviour.

Therefore, this is to strictly warn that if such gathering takes place again within the premises without the written permission of the management, a legal action will be taken against any person defying these instructions, with a possibility to also ban such person from visiting the centre.

It must be noted that the staff have been instructed to take photos and video footage of any person acting in defiance in order to be used as evidence in future legal action.

The Management of
MIC & Didsbury Mosque