

## **Masjid Al-Falah (North Ilford Islamic Centre) Ramadhan 2021 Rules and Guidelines**

As-salāmu ‘alaykum wa rahmatullaahi wa barakātuh,

Alhamdulillah, through the grace of Allah we plan for the Masjid to be in operation and provide normal services throughout the blessed month of Ramadhan. Please see below for further details:

### **Taraweeh Prayers:**

- Taraweeh prayers will comprise of 20 rak’ah.
- Insha’Allah, we plan to complete the recitation of the full Qur’an (Khatam).
- The Qur’an will be completed on the 29<sup>th</sup> night (Insha’Allah).
- Attendance to Taraweeh (and Jumu’ah prayers ) is based on first come first serve. There is NO booking system.
- A face mask covering the mouth and nose must be worn at all times during Taraweeh.
- Due to limited space, there will not be any facility for women to pray at the Masjid.
- Do not bring any food or drink for Taraweeh Prayers. Only water is allowed.
- Once the Masjid is full, the doors will be closed. We request that people do not gather outside and ask you to pray at home if they don’t find a space in the Masjid.

### **Iftar:**

- The Masjid will provide pre packed dates and water to Musallees (worshippers) to break their fast at Iftar time.
- Musallees (worshippers) may bring their own dates and water.
- Musallees (worshippers) are strictly prohibited from bringing in any other food or drink.
- Musallees (worshippers) are expected to break their fast in their designated prayer seats.

### **Qur’an Shelves:**

- Due to safety reasons the shared Qur’an shelves will not be in operation.
- If you wish to recite Qur’an in the Masjid you may do so between Asr and Maghrib.
- You may bring your own Qur’an and you may place it on the empty shelves for storage during prayers.
- You must take your Qur’an with you and do not leave it in the Masjid overnight.

### **Wudhu and Toilet Facilities:**

- We highly encourage everyone to complete their wudhu from home.
- The Prophet (peace be upon him) said, *“The one who performs wudhu at home and leaves for the Masjid solely to offer prayer (in congregation), for every step taken towards the Masjid, one sin is forgiven, one reward is written and one stage is elevated in the hereafter”.* (Bukhari and Muslim)
- The wudhu and toilet facilities will remain closed.
- In the case of an emergency, please speak to a Masjid volunteer who will direct you to an emergency facility.

### I'tikaaf:

- Insha'Allah we plan to provide up to 6-8 spaces for Sunnah I'tikaaf during the last 10 days.
- Brothers intending to do I'tikaaf should express their interest by texting this number: 07471372008. A form will need to be completed and handed in.
- There are limited spaces available and places will be given on a first come first serve basis.
- Anyone wishing to sit in I'tikaaf will need to complete a Covid-19 test prior to sitting.

### Neighbours:

- Islam has emphasised the importance of having good conduct with neighbours and has taught us not to inconvenience our neighbours in any way.
- The Prophet (peace be upon him) said, *"Whoever believes in Allah and the last day, should not hurt his neighbour and he should honour his neighbour"*. (Bukhari)
- Do not gather outside the Masjid in groups before, during or after prayers. Rather, please disperse quickly.
- Do not make any loud noise when coming to the Masjid and when leaving the Masjid.
- Dispose of any of your rubbish by using a bin. Do not litter in the Masjid or the streets.
- Park in a sensible manner. Do not park on double yellow lines and do not block someone's driveway.

### Parking:

- If you live within walking distance of the Masjid, we encourage you to walk to the Masjid.
- We have organised a car park for Taraweeh Prayer only. The address for the car park is: 291 Wanstead park road, Ilford, IG1 3TR.

Please continue to abide by the government guidelines and the Masjid rules to ensure that the Masjid is a safe place and that transmission rates are kept low Insha'Allah. This includes:

- Not attending the Masjid if you or anyone in your household has Covid-19 symptoms.
- Wearing a face mask covering your mouth and nose at all times in the Masjid. No mask, no entry.
- Bring your own prayer mat.
- Make wudhu from home.
- Sanitise your hands upon entry.
- Use the shoe racks to place your shoes. Do not touch anyone else's shoes.
- Maintain social distancing at all times.
- Listen to the instructions of our volunteers and be respectful towards them.

We kindly request your cooperation and duas so that the running of the Masjid is smooth and so that we can maximise from the blessings and rewards of the blessed month of Ramadhan.

May Allah accept all our efforts and grant us all a peaceful, healthy and beneficial month. Aameen.

Jazakumullah Khairan

Trustees and Imams of Masjid Al-Falah