

DO'S & DON'TS DURING RAMADAN



Ramadan will continue to fall in the summer months for the next several years. This means Taraweeh will be very late and therefore worshippers must be cautious of the impact of our night prayers.

This is a blessed month so we should not destroy our good deeds by being unmindful of our neighbours, many of whom are not Muslim, who could be disturbed or upset because of our actions – we will no doubt give a bad image of Islam and Muslims if we are inconsiderate.

We have produced this leaflet to remind everyone about some important aspects to consider during Ramadan.



MOSQUE MANAGEMENT

- Advise the congregation about the following issues and reinforce this by displaying this poster on the noticeboard.
- Mosque sound system should be at a level that does not disturb neighbours.
- Volunteers should be deployed to maintain basic order and be well aware of and trained to deal with issues that may arise.
- Make sure fire exits are not obstructed.
- Make sure any incidents are recorded.



MOSQUE SECURITY

- Ensure people keep an eye open for suspicious behaviour.
- Be alert for unattended bags.
- Mosque volunteers should perform regular patrols.
- Do not confront individuals, call the appropriate authority:

24-hour helpline

- **Non-emergency** – dial 101
Textphone 18001 101
- **Emergency** – always dial 999
Textphone 18000



PARKING

- It is highly recommended to use public transport or walk.
- Do not block gates, entrances and exits.
- Park only in designated parking areas, there are no special arrangements for parking during Taraweeh.
- Do not park inappropriately, you may get fined by the local authority.



NOISE

- When travelling to and from the mosque, be mindful of residential areas – children may be sleeping and many people have early starts.
- Do not shout or talk loudly when coming and going from the Mosque. Remind young people not to make noise.
- Mosque sound system should be at a suitable level.
- Keep the volume at a low level if you are listening to the radio, recitation or nasheeds.



WATER/LITTER

- Do not waste water.
- Put all your litter in bins, recycle water bottles and reuse where possible.
- We should keep our neighbourhood clean.



LOITERING

- Please do not gather in groups on street corners late at night.
- After Taraweeh prayers please go straight home – do not loiter on the streets. Too many people situated in one area can be intimidating for others.



SAFETY

Children and young people:

- Be aware of young peoples' whereabouts. If they are coming to pray then they should be accompanied by an adult.
- Always try to travel in small groups for safety.
- Parents should keep children with them during and after prayer.

Crossing the road:

- Be careful when crossing the road, use pedestrian crossings.

Your behaviour will have an effect on how people perceive Islam and Muslims. Considerate, unselfish, quiet, courteous – this is what people should see us as, not the opposite! All good characteristics are encouraged in the Quran and hadith and all negative ones are prohibited. Please, let us not destroy our good deeds during Ramadan by causing hardship and inconvenience to others.