



Wednesday, 18 March 2020

MASJID-E-SALAAM & MADRASSAH TRUST, BOLTON COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) UPDATE

Asalaamu Alaykum W.W.

Following on from the update provided on the 16th of March, we have continued to review the latest guidance from Public Health England, medical professionals and have made mashwera with Ulema. The health and wellbeing of our musallees, students and the wider community is of primary importance and with this in mind the committee has had to make some very difficult decisions and we are writing to provide an update on the services provided by the Masjid.

Masjid:

Congregational prayers at the Masjid will continue as normal. All Musallees are reminded to

- Not come to the masjid if you are unwell, or have recovered within the last 2 weeks with any cold/flu like symptoms
- Perform wudhu at home. Facilities at the masjid should only be used in case of emergency.
- Offer any Sunnah & Nawafil prayers at home where possible.
- Musallees over the age of 60 and/or with underlying health conditions (including blood pressure & diabetes) are advised to offer all prayers at home.
- Follow additional generic guidance issued by the authorities and displayed on the masjid noticeboard.

Maktab/Madrassah:

We understand that the makatib in their existence and activity are a means of attracting the mercy and forgiveness of Allah which is most needed now more than ever before. With a number of students, and parents going into self-isolation it is with regret that we are now having to close the Madrasah from **Thursday 19th March** until further notice. This is a precautionary measure, and students have been issued guidance on how to maintain their learning at home.

Parents will be required to take more responsibility in their children's learning with the support from the Maktab and contact details of Ustaad's/Apa's have been included in the guidance issued to the students.

Projects /Events:

All our events, talks, adult classes and any other extracurricular activities have been either cancelled or postponed. We will update you on alternative programmes in due course.

Jumma:

In light of current guidance on 'social distancing' and in anticipation of further restrictions, we will now be hosting two jumma prayers on Friday, to help limit the congregation size and ease congestion within the Masjid.



The Jumma bayaan will also be reduced in order to lessen the time spent in congregation.

- **First Jumma salaah**

Short Bayaan **12:50pm** Khutbah & Namaz **-1:00pm prompt**

- **Second Jumma salaah**

Khutbah & Namaz **-2.30pm prompt**

These will be revised with BST at the end of March

Please do not bring children under 12 to the masjid. Encourage them to offer Zohr prayers at home.

Support for Elderly & Vulnerable Groups:

For elderly and vulnerable members of our community, who live with family or alone and may require assistance, volunteers from BCOM (Bolton Council of Mosques) will endeavour to assist you with your needs during this difficult period. BCOM can be contacted on the numbers below;

01204 363860 Option 6 **Or** 07935 196 976 (Call, Text or Whatsapp)

You could also contact our local team by emailing: info@masjidesalaam.com.

Safety and Imaan:

We strongly encourage all to follow the national guidance in keeping ourselves and others safe. Our Deen is a complete way of life with clear guidance on hygiene, illness, and protecting the health and wellbeing of others.

Indeed, this is a time for turning to Allah and repenting on behalf of ourselves and the ummah. If in these difficult times we are able to turn to Allah, then we can expect goodness from him. No illness or disease in itself has the capacity to spread other than that which Allah decrees. We also need to ensure we are particular with our faradh duties owed both to Allah and the creation of Allah. Tribulations will purify us and help us focus on purpose of life whilst the opportunities will allow us through good ethics and morals display the beauty of Islam.

We hope you will be supportive of the measures we are implementing to ensure the masjid can remain open as long as possible, and that your health, wellbeing and that of the most vulnerable groups in our community is preserved.

We pray the Almighty grants everyone protection, comfort and ease.

Masjid-e-Salaam Management Committee

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