



18th March 2020

Dear brothers and sisters, Assalamu alaykum

## MOSQUE TO CLOSE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

We are sorry to inform worshippers that our Mosque will be closed for congregational prayers until further notice. This is in effect as of Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020 after the Isha prayer.

This decision has not been taken lightly. However, due to the government chief medical officer advice, and many Scholars who agree that this course of action is the safest way to proceed.

This means Jummah prayers - *صَلَاةُ الْجُمُعَةِ* and daily congregational prayers and other events will be suspended until further notice.

This is an unprecedented step and it has been arrived at following advice from public health office, scientific advisers, and religious leaders.

There has been an increasing rate of transmission and the number of deaths. The prediction is that it will get worst by next week. We have a duty of care to our worshippers, our volunteers, our families and our community.

Many of our worshippers are vulnerable partly due to age, and we have a duty to protect one another from any possible harm. Therefore, we are closely monitoring updates from the UK government & will issue updates as things develop.

We kindly ask you to support and understand this difficult decision we have had to make. For more information about the corona virus, please check regularly at: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/> and also at: [www.mcb.org.uk](http://www.mcb.org.uk)

We place our trust in Allah subhanahu wa ta'ala and pray to almighty Allah to give us all patience and shifa through this very difficult time - Amin

Thanking you in advance while seeking your full cooperation and understanding,

Mosque / Masjid,