

## **URGENT - IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM THE TRUSTEES OF QMT**

18 March 2020

Dear All,

### **Suspension of all activities at QMT – effective from the end of Isha prayers at 8.30pm on Thursday 19 March 2020 until further notice.**

The Trustees of QMT have reluctantly and with great sadness decided that it is in the best interest and wellbeing of the congregation and the wider community that ALL activities at the centre be suspended from the end of Isha prayers at 8.30pm on Thursday 19 March 2020 until further notice.

This means that after the time and date mentioned above all congregational prayers, Jumma, weekday and weekend school, Hifz classes and ALL other activities shall be suspended until further notice.

This decision has not been taken lightly. It is due to the current Coronavirus pandemic, government guidance, advice from the MCB and the British Islamic Medical Association, and as recommended by FORMO (the Federation of Redbridge Muslim Organisations). Given this advice, it is our duty to protect the community and prevent any harm that continuing any congregational activities will have, especially to our elders, children and those most vulnerable, even with restrictions in place.

There is a precedent for this type of action, from the time of the Prophet (s) as related in Sahih Bukhari, Book of Jumua, hadith 901: On a rainy day Ibn 'Abbas (r) said to his Muazzin, *"After saying, 'Ash-hadu anna Muhammadan Rasulallah', do not say 'Haya 'Alas-Salah' (come to prayer) but say 'Pray in your houses'." (sallu fi buyutikum). But the people disliked it. Ibn 'Abbas (r) said, "It was done by one who is much better than me (meaning the Prophet (s)). No doubt, the Jumua prayer is compulsory but I dislike to put you to difficulty by bringing you out walking in mud and slush."* Similar hadith are related in Sahih Muslim and Sunan Abu Dawud. And Allah knows best.

We will endeavour to update the congregation, as necessary. You should regularly check the QMT website, [www.qmtrust.org.uk](http://www.qmtrust.org.uk). Where necessary we will endeavour to also send messages on the QMT WhatsApp's Group.

We thank all the congregation for their understanding during this difficult and unprecedented time we are all living through.

Rest assured that the Trustees will endeavour to resume activities as soon as is advisable.

We pray that all of the congregation and the wider community stays well.

Best regards

Dr Mohammed Fahim,  
For and on behalf of the Trustees of QMT