

## Cambridge Central Mosque Unaccompanied Child Policy

### Introduction

Cambridge Central Mosque is committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of all children and young people who visit our premises. We believe that all children and young people should feel safe, secure, and supported within the Mosque environment. This policy outlines our commitment to ensuring that children are properly supervised and that appropriate procedures are in place for their safety.

### Definitions

#### **Children/Child**

Anyone under the age of 12 years.

#### **Young People**

Anyone between the ages of 12-16 years.

#### **Unaccompanied Child**

Any child under the age of 12 who is not under the supervision of a parent, legal guardian, or a designated responsible adult.

### Guidelines

- **Children** must always be accompanied by a parent, legal guardian, or responsible adult whilst on Mosque premises.
- **Young People** may attend Mosque activities unaccompanied if they have prior written consent from a parent or legal guardian, including emergency contact details. If this is not provided, the process that is set out for **Children** will apply for **Young People**.
- The Mosque does not provide childcare facilities. Parents and guardians are responsible for the supervision of their own **Children** at all times.
- The Mosque is not responsible for supervising **Children** and/or **Young People** left unattended.
- Parents / guardians are expected to ensure that their own **Children** remain with them at all times. This expectation is in all areas of the Mosque including, but not limited to, the outside garden areas, cafe, atrium and toilet/wudu areas.
- For clarity, **Children** must also be supervised in the prayer hall and mother & child room.
- **Children** are not permitted to go on the balcony without being accompanied by a parent or an adult guardian.
- If a **Child** is attending an educational program, parents/guardians must drop off and pick up their **Child** at the specified time according to the program or class.

### Unaccompanied Children

- If a **Child** is not collected at the expected time following a program or class, staff will attempt to contact the parent/guardian with the prior agreed details.
- If a **Child** is found unaccompanied, mosque staff or volunteers will attempt to locate the parent/guardian.
- In cases where a responsible adult cannot be found, mosque leadership may take appropriate steps, including contacting local authorities (Police/ Duty child safeguarding team) if necessary.

### Accountability

- Parents/guardians are responsible for their **Children** and **Young People's** behaviour and adherence to Mosque rules at all times.
- Repeated violations of this policy may result in restrictions on a **Child** or **Young Person** access to certain mosque activities.