

RE-OPENING OF ISLAMIC GARDEN

10th June 2020

In line with the government's guidance on accessing green spaces safely, Cambridge Central Mosque (CCM) is pleased to announce that we will be re-opening our Islamic Garden to Muslim and non-Muslim visitors. The risk of the coronavirus being passed on to others outdoors is considered to be low as long as individuals **maintain social distancing**.

See the government guidelines for detailed information on social distancing:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/staying-alert-and-safe-social-distancing/staying-alert-and-safe-social-distancing>

Please note that the mosque itself will strictly remain closed at this time. This includes access to washroom, Wudu & toilet facilities.

GUIDANCE FOR VISITORS

In line with the information presented below and following the government's advice for operating safely within public areas, please observe the following guidelines.

- Individuals must adhere to the strict two metres social distancing rule with all those who are not from their own household.
- A maximum of ten people will be allowed in the garden at a time.
- In the event of an overflow, queuing will not be permitted and visitors will be told to come back at a later time.
- One gate will be used strictly for entry and another strictly for exit.
- Gates will be locked open where safe to do so, to obviate physical contact.
- Visitors should minimise contact with touchpoints as much as possible and be sure to take rubbish with them whenever possible, or to dispose of it in the bins provided.
- Areas have been designated on benches to support social distancing.
- Our car park will remain closed. Visitors should avoid public transport other than for essential journeys.

To stay safe, you must:

- Maintain hygiene precautions when you are outside your home.
- Wash your hands with soap as soon as you are back indoors.
- Keep at least two metres apart from anyone outside your household at all times.
- Take hand sanitiser with you when you set off, as there will be no handwashing facilities on site.

Protecting people who are at higher risk

Individuals who are shielding (and have been advised that they are included within the clinically extremely vulnerable group) are advised to stay at home. People who are clinically vulnerable and may be at higher risk of severe illness (for example, people with certain underlying medical conditions) have been advised to take extra care in observing social distancing.

Please see further guidance here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/people-at-higher-risk/whos-at-higher-risk-from-coronavirus/>

CLEANING PROTOCOL

CCM has implemented cleaning protocols to limit coronavirus transmission in its public spaces. Following government advice it is recommended that touchpoints (e.g. handrails and gates) should be particular areas of focus for increased cleaning, and that more waste facilities and frequent rubbish collection should be provided. Therefore, please minimise contact with touchpoints as much as possible and be sure to take rubbish with you whenever possible or dispose of it in the bins provided.

SECURITY AND ENFORCEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

Owners and operators of public places are being advised to consider the security implications of temporary interventions to support social distancing. We encourage our visitors to follow the guidelines listed above, as well as those put in place by the government to reduce the risk to our community and visitors. CCM reserves the right to ask visitors to leave the Islamic Garden if guidelines are not being adhered to.

The main building of Cambridge Central Mosque remains closed in line with the government's current guidelines. CCM will continue to review this situation. While we are pleased to be able to reopen our Islamic Garden, we urge our visitors to remember that their actions can affect lives. Please take the time to read this document carefully and adhere to the signage on site. Finally, please continue to respect the measures that local authorities and site management have put in place to help ensure social distancing.

We look forward to welcoming you to our peaceful gardens and we hope you find the experience a healing and serene one. May Allah continue to strengthen our congregation and our Cambridge neighbours in these difficult times.