



Eastbourne Islamic Cultural Centre (EICC)

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“Certainly a mosque founded on piety from the very first day is more deserving that you should stand in it: in it are men who love that they should be purified.”

(Quran chapter 9: verse 108)

Eastbourne Mosque (Masjid) has been established to serve the Muslim community and to offer opportunities for religious, educational, and Islamic social activities.

All activities are expected to comply with Islamic teaching, and all people visiting or using the Masjid premises are expected to behave in accordance with Islamic teaching and etiquette. In order to safeguard and protect the Masjid, and in order for activities to be conducted in an orderly and disciplined fashion in accordance with Islamic etiquette, all visitors to and users of the Masjid are expected to observe the following policies, rules, and regulations. These policies, rules, and regulations will be reviewed periodically and amended as necessary.

Masjid Usage

- The prayer area will only be used in accordance with Islamically acceptable norms and practices. No private gatherings or private educational classes will take place therein without prior permission from the Directors.
- For the comfort of users of the prayer hall area, socializing in the hallway must be avoided. People wishing to socialize can do so outside the Masjid.
- There is a separate wudhu/bathroom area for brothers and sisters. Please make sure that these premises are used properly (they must be left clean and tidy after use, all lights turned off, rubbish put in bins).
- Men and boys must sit when using the toilet.
- All footwear must be removed and placed in the shoe racks provided.
- No food or drinks are allowed in the masjid, inside or outside
- Photography/filming is not allowed in the Masjid without prior approval from Directors.
- Only authorized persons are allowed to use the Masjid microphone and sound system.

Friday Prayer Guidelines

- No person will be allowed to stand and give a talk at any time without prior approval from the Directors.

Masjid Speaking Policy

- Directors reserve the right not to grant approval.
- Directors reserve the right to interrupt and/or cancel any activity it has approved if, in its judgment (or that of its appointed agents), the activity deviates from the submitted plan; or if the content being delivered is found to be in conflict with Eastbourne Mosque policies, rules and regulations; or if the content being delivered is judged by the Directors not to be in accordance with Islamic teaching or Islamic etiquette.

Announcements

- All personal or public announcements shall be made in writing and prior approval from Directors shall be sought and obtained.
- Announcements for Friday prayer must be e-mailed or communicated by other means to Directors by **5pm on Thursday**.
- Exceptions may be made after consultation with Directors and prior approval of Directors obtained.

Notice Board Policy

- Only Eastbourne Mosque/Masjid related news or approved articles/flyers/posters by Directors' are allowed on the Masjid notice board.
- No advertising material (flyers, business cards, etc.) shall be placed inside the Masjid or dropped off without prior approval of Directors'.

Imam Guidelines

- Sh Abdelrahim is the Imam of the Masjid.
- In his absence, any Director who is present will assign someone amongst those who are attending the prayer. This assignment shall be done in accordance with the Sunnah.
- If there are no Directors present, then people attending the prayer will select the most knowledgeable person present in accordance with the Sunnah.

Quranic and Islamic Teachings and Halaqas (Study Circles)

- Quranic and Islamic teachings, and halaqas (study circles) are encouraged. However, brothers and sisters wishing to establish such activities must seek and obtain prior approval from the Directors.

Books and Literature

- Eastbourne Mosque will establish guidelines as to the selection of books and literature that are to be placed in the Masjid.
- Prior approval from the Directors must be obtained before books and/or literature are placed in the Masjid.
- No books and/or literature shall be distributed or posted in the Masjid before prior approval from the Directors' is sought and obtained.

Charity / Donations

- All public donations or collections must receive prior approval of Directors, and funds donated or collected shall be channelled through Eastbourne Mosque.
- Donations to the Masjid Fund will go towards Masjid expenses.
- Zakat funds collected by Eastbourne Mosque shall be distributed in accordance with the Quranic text (Quran 9:60).
- Sadaqah (charitable donations) collected by Eastbourne Mosque shall be distributed according to recipients' needs.

Marriage (Nikah) Policy

- Islamic marriage ceremonies shall be solemnized at the Masjid, by the Imam
- Rules for serving food apply during this event

Dress Code / Clothing in the Masjid

- Men and women are expected to dress modestly according to Islamic teaching.
- Men and women are expected to wear clothes that cover their whole body in a non-revealing way. In addition, women are expected to wear a headscarf.
- Shirts advertising rock bands, messages, etc. should be avoided

Cleanliness

- It is expected that people attending any Masjid activities show proper cleanliness in clothes and bodies.
- Users of the washrooms and wudu (ablution) areas are expected to leave these premises as clean and tidy as possible after use.

Young Children

- Young children are welcome and are encouraged to attend the Masjid. However, they must be under the supervision of their parents /guardians or other authorized adults.
- It is the parents'/guardians' responsibility to keep a close watch over their children, to keep them safe, and to make sure that they do not disturb prayers or activities, or harm themselves.
- Eastbourne Mosque shall not be held liable and / or responsible for children left unattended inside or outside on Masjid property.

Serving Food

- Food can only be served in the designated areas in activities that are islamically compliant and for which prior approval has been sought and obtained from the Directors.
- All those who serve food and/or organize activities, in which food is served must ensure that all leftover food and items used are removed from the premises, and the area used is cleaned.

Cell Phones

- Cell phones must be turned off during the five daily prayers and Friday/Eid prayers.

Smoking

- Smoking is not allowed on the entire Masjid premises (inside or outside the Masjid)

Parking Policy

- Parking is only allowed in the designated areas. Vehicles blocking entrances or parked in prohibited areas will be clamped at owners' expense, payable to the Eastbourne Mosque.
- Remember to park appropriately and not to block anyone especially at Friday prayer, Taraweeh, and Eid prayers, etc.
- No overnight parking is allowed without prior approval from the Directors. In addition, Eastbourne Mosque will not be responsible for vehicles left overnight in its parking lot.
- Vehicles left overnight in the Masjid parking lot without prior approval from the Directors will be clamped at owners' expense.
- Do not park in the neighbours' driveway, or block their driveways.
- Vehicles and contents are left at the owners' risk whilst the vehicle is parked at the Masjid.
- Eastbourne Mosque accepts no liability for any loss or damage whatsoever to any vehicles that are parked on Masjid premises arising from damage sustained by vehicles in the Masjid parking lot, nor will it be responsible for vehicles and their contents.

Masjid Overnight Stay Policy

- The Masjid will be closed after Isha Prayer and no one is allowed to stay overnight inside the Masjid.
- Exceptions can be made after prior approval has been obtained from Directors'. Request for overnight stay has to be made at least 3 days in advance, and Directors's approval obtained before permission for overnight stay will be allowed.
- Special overnight stay shall be allowed during the month of Ramadan for I'tikaf and / or Qiyam al-Layl (Night Prayer). Prior notification and approval must still be obtained from Directors'.
- Directors' reserves the right to not grant permission for overnight stay at the Masjid.

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