

Southgate Mosque & Community Centre

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Imams - Teachers - Lecturers

Anyone teaching via preaching, lecturing, conducting workshops, seminars, study circles, delivering Friday sermon and doing reminder must abide by the following policies:

- 1. All teachings must be inclusive- non sectarian, free from racial, nationalistic, gender or other biases and respectful of our cultural and intellectual differences.
- 2. All teachings must be based on the Qur'an and authentic traditions of the blessed Prophet of Allah.
- 3. The development of schools of thoughts in the Muslim history is a manifestation of genuine efforts by the glorious Muslim scholars to safeguard the essence of Islam as well as explain the significant Islamic text contextually. It is a human endeavour and a showcase of Islam's diversity and plurality. It should never be used as a tool for division or derision.
- **4.** We take the successes and positive contributions of scholars and leave aside negative teachings or opinions that foster disharmony.
- 5. We welcome differences of opinions but we do not accept discord. Differences of opinions on Islamic text must be based on facts and not simply feelings.
- 6. All teachings must encourage people to strengthen their connection with Allah and following the teachings of the blessed Prophet (SAW), and never promote cultish following of an individual or celebrity worship.
- Any scientific teachings must be corroborated with scientific facts and not hearsay or conspiracy theories.
- 8. Islam is a religion of moderation and balance; thus, all teachings must conform to this principle. Any teaching that contradicts the theory of moderation and balance will be rejected.



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- 9. Islam invites people to stand for the truth, promote justice and fairness and demands the Muslims to submit to peace. It stands against violence and hatred. All teachings must conform to the principle of truth, justice and peace.
- 10. There is a difference between disagreeing with a government's policies and disobeying a country's laws. All teachings must ensure that the law of our country is never violated but a healthy discussion and debate around government's policies should never be curtailed.
- 11. Islam is a comprehensive religion and encompasses all aspects of a human life.
 We do not separate politics, economics, philosophy and arts from religion according Islam. All teachings must ensure a wholistic view is always promoted.
- **12.** All teachers, scholars, imams and visiting lecturers may be required to provide evidence of their expertise, qualifications and experiences.
- **13.** All teachers, scholars, imams and visiting lecturers may be required to provide references.
- 14. All teachers, scholars, imams and visiting lecturers will be required to provide evidence of their most up to do date DBS checks especially if they interact with children.

All teachers, scholars, imams and visiting lecturers delivering anything from Southgate Mosque and Community Centre platform must agree to all the above statements.