

Gungahlin Mosque- Children Policy

1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide a safe, respectful, and family-friendly environment by outlining the responsibilities of parents and guardians for the supervision, safety, and conduct of their children while on Gungahlin Mosque (GM) premises.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all children, parents, guardians, visitors, volunteers, staff, teachers, Imams, and anyone attending GM or participating in activities conducted on GM premises.

3. Guiding Principles

- Children and families are always welcome at the mosque.
- Parents and guardians are responsible for supervising their children at all times.
- The mosque is a place of worship and learning where everyone should show respect to others.

4. Parent and Guardian Responsibilities

Parents and guardians must:

- Supervise their children at all times while on mosque premises.
- Ensure children behave respectfully and do not disturb worshippers during prayers, Qur'an recitation, classes, lectures, or other mosque activities.
- Accompany young children when using toilets or other facilities.
- Prevent children from running, shouting, climbing on furniture, or engaging in unsafe behaviour on the mosque premises.
- Teach their children proper mosque etiquette (Adab al-Masjid), including speaking quietly, respecting others, and maintaining the cleanliness and sanctity of the mosque.
- Ensure children respect mosque property and other people's belongings.
- Immediately clean any spills or accidents involving their children and notify mosque management if assistance is required.

5. Children's Behaviour

Children are encouraged to:

- Attend congregational prayers and Islamic activities.
- Dress modestly and respectfully.
- Walk quietly and maintain a calm and respectful manner inside prayer areas.
- Speak softly and behave respectfully.
- Show kindness, courtesy, and respect towards fellow worshippers and visitors.
- Respect the Qur'an, prayer areas, furniture, and mosque facilities.
- Follow instructions from parents, Imams, volunteers, and authorised mosque representatives.

To help maintain a safe and peaceful environment, children must not:

- Run or play inside the prayer halls during prayers and Islamic activities.
- Create excessive noise that distracts worshippers, classes or other Mosque activities.
- Damage mosque property, equipment, furniture or facilities.
- Enter restricted or staff-only areas without permission.
- Climb fences, walls, railings, furniture, trees or any other structures within the Mosque premises.
- Ride bicycles, scooters, skateboards, or similar equipment on the mosque premises.
- Engage in any behaviour that compromises the safety, security, sanctity, or peaceful atmosphere of the mosque.

6. Prayer Hall Etiquette

During congregational prayers:

- Parents are encouraged to keep young children close to them.
- If a young child becomes unsettled, distressed, or excessively noisy, parents are kindly requested to take the child outside the prayer area for a short time until they settle
- Older children are encouraged to participate in the congregation respectfully and avoid unnecessary movement or conversation.

7. Playground and Outdoor Areas

Children using the playground or outdoor areas must:

- Be supervised by a parent or responsible adult.
- Use playground equipment safely and in accordance with its intended purpose.
- Respect other children and share the playground facilities appropriately.
- Refrain from playing soccer, cricket, or any other ball games on the grassed and extended prayer areas, as these areas are not designated for such activities.
- Report damaged or unsafe equipment to mosque management immediately.

8. Limitation of Responsibility

Gungahlin Mosque does not provide childcare or child supervision services. Parents and guardians are kindly asked to remain responsible for the active supervision, safety, and wellbeing of their children at all times while on mosque premises, including the playground and all outdoor areas.

To the extent permitted by law, CMC, its Executive Committee, Gungahlin Mosque, its employees, volunteers, and authorised representatives do not assume responsibility for injury, accident, loss, damage, or other incidents involving a child where these arise from inadequate supervision or unsafe or inappropriate behaviour.

9. Lost Children

If a child becomes separated from their parent or guardian while at GM:

- Notify a CMC Executive Committee member, Imam, or authorised volunteer immediately.
- The child will remain under the supervision of authorised mosque representatives until the parent or guardian is located.
- The mosque representative may make an appropriate announcement or seek assistance from other authorised personnel to help locate the parent or guardian, while respecting the child's privacy.

10. Damage or Misconduct

Parents and guardians are kindly asked to:

- Encourage and guide their children to use mosque facilities, equipment, and property with care and respect.
- Take reasonable responsibility for any damage caused by their children and, where appropriate, assist in addressing or repairing the damage.
- Support their children in understanding and following this Policy and the expected standards of behaviour at Gungahlin Mosque.
- Where repeated or ongoing concerns arise, the CMC Executive Committee may respectfully discuss the matter with the parent or guardian and, where necessary, request that the child leave the premises or take other appropriate measures to help maintain a safe, respectful, and welcoming environment for everyone.

11. Emergency Situations

In an emergency:

- Parents, guardians, and children are kindly asked to remain calm and follow the directions of mosque officials, authorised personnel, or emergency services.
- Parents and guardians should remain with and appropriately supervise their children throughout an evacuation or other emergency situation.
- Families are encouraged to move calmly and safely to the designated assembly area or other location directed by mosque officials or emergency services.

12. Policy Review

This policy will be reviewed periodically by the CMC EC and updated as required to ensure it remains current, effective, continues to meet the needs of the community, and reflects Islamic values, child safety principles and good practice.

This Policy will take effect immediately upon approval by the CMC EC.

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