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Bismillāhir Raḥmānir Raḥīm

(In the name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful)

السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته

As-salāmu alaikum wa-raḥmatu -llāhi wa-barakātuh

(Peace be upon you, as well as the mercy of Allah and his blessings)

1. Introduction

Welcome to your Mosque! Part of the vision for the Mosque has always been to provide a sustainable development that is easy to reach by active travel (walking, cycling, public transport and car sharing).

To encourage environmentally friendly and active ways to get to the Mosque, this leaflet summarises your options and will guide you in the direction of useful online resources, to help you plan how you'll travel.

2. Active Worship

The Trustees of Darus Salam Mosque & Islamic Centre (DSM) have a duty to its congregation to encourage a healthy and sustainable physical and spiritual relationship with the Mosque.

Active worship means walking, cycling, using public transport and car sharing for salah. It was narrated that Ubayy ibn Ka'b (RA) said: there was a man, and I do not know of any man who lived further away from the mosque than he did, but he never missed a prayer. It was said –or I said –to him: Why don't you buy a donkey that you can ride when it is dark or when the sand is too hot? He said: I would not like my house to be next to be mosque. I want my walking to the mosque and my returning when I come to my family, to be recorded for me. The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said: "Allah has gathered all that (reward) for you." Narrated by Muslim, 663.

3. Why Walk Here?

It was narrated that Abu Musa (RA) said: The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said: "The people who will receive the greatest reward for prayer are those who walk the furthest distance to come and pray, then those who walk the next furthest." Narrated by Muslim, 662.

Abu Hurayrah narrated that the prophet ﷺ said "Whoever purifies himself in his house then walks to one of the houses of Allah in order to perform one of the duties enjoined by Allah, for every two steps he takes, one will erase a sin and the other will raise him one degree in status" Muslim 666.

Walking is a fantastic way to get and stay healthy!

Healthy, environmentally friendly and free, walking is the perfect way to arrive here, get more exercise, and boost your mental health and wellbeing. The Mosque is located in a residential area surrounded by good quality and lit footpaths, making walking a great choice of travel. There are lots of online journey planners that make planning your journey on foot easy.

4. Travelling by Bike

It's fast, healthy and above all low cost!

Cycle parking is available at the Mosque; enabling you can securely park your bike and come to prayer without having to worry about sitting in road traffic.

4.2 Cycle Training for Adults and Families

Anyone who works, studies or lives in Greater Manchester can take advantage of the free bike riding and maintenance training schemes. Family cycle training sessions are also available.

Family cycle training courses are available during school holidays, aimed at parents and accompanying children. The courses are provided by TfGM.

Head over to beeactive.tfgm.com/cycling to discover more on this great scheme being run by TfGM.

5. Using Public Transport

Bus travel can provide a convenient and cost-effective alternative to the car.

The nearest bus stops to the Mosque are less than a 5-minute walk away on Stockport Road.

The local bus services are:

192: Manchester town centre - Stockport

6. Car Sharing

If travelling by car is the only realistic option, have you considered car sharing? Car sharing is the most sustainable way to make journeys by car. By sharing your journey with just one other person you can reduce your travel costs by 50%.

You can share cars and take it in turns to drive, or regularly use a single vehicle and contribute to the fuel cost which is a great way to save money.

Parking around the Mosque is discouraged and is also restricted and limited. If you are travelling to the Mosque by car, please offer to share your car.

If driving to the Mosque, we request that you do not:

- Park across a resident's driveway
- Block junctions
- Park on the footway
- Park on double yellow lines

7. Do You Need Help?

If you need any assistance on planning your journey to the Mosque, then please contact a member of the Mosque Management Committee.

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