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Dear Faith leaders,

As Ramadan approaches, we would like to send our very best wishes, support and solidarity to our Muslim communities and faith leaders.

Ramadan is a time for reflection, for heightened devotion and worship, and usually, it is a time to gather with family and loved ones.

It is clear, then, that this Ramadan will be unlike any other as we continue to observe public health guidance around social distancing and staying at home. It is vital we all remain within our homes as much as possible to protect our own health, and particularly the health of the most vulnerable in our community. **The safest place to pray this year is at home.**

Sadly, this means praying at mosques and breaking fast with loved ones we don't live with cannot happen this year.

However, there are other ways to come together. We are encouraging our residents to explore and embrace technology and social media – by streaming lectures or *taraweeh*, and organising virtual *iftars* with loved ones through video-calling apps. We know many of our mosques and faith communities are also offering digital ways of connecting over Ramadan, and we hope many people are able to take up this offer.

Those who are self-isolating and need help with getting food or medicine can call Camden Council on **0207 974 4444** and **choose option 9** or fill in the online form here: [camden.gov.uk/corona-virus](http://camden.gov.uk/corona-virus) Those without regular food support can get a food parcel – please let us know that you would like halal food. We are lucky to have fantastic voluntary and community organisations serving our communities in Camden who may also be able to help you – you can see Camden's online directory of these groups [here](#).

If you have any excess food that can be donated, please consider giving this to your local food bank to support people in Camden who may be struggling. You can find organisations distributing food in your neighbourhood using the Council's Community Services directory: **[coronavirus-help.camden.gov.uk](http://coronavirus-help.camden.gov.uk)**

We continue to remind all our residents that it is absolutely critical we stay at home as much as possible, as well as stay two metres apart from anyone we don't live with when we do go outside to buy essentials or have our daily exercise. We know this is a sacrifice, and we thank you for your commitment to our communities.

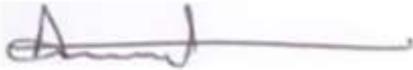
We are thinking of you in this time and will support you however we can. If you need anything from us, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Ramadan Mubarak.

With very best wishes,



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Leader of the Council



Cllr Abdul Hai  
Cabinet Member for Young People & Cohesion  
Labour Member for King's Cross Ward



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