



# SMKS PROPERTY RENOVATION PHASE 1

Last Ramadhan we made a Special Appeal to raise money for the renovation of our premises, Alhumdhulillah our brothers and sisters kindly donated, and with their generosity we raised a total of £2,899.00.

This money was used in replacing the window of the Wudhu Khana, the upstairs fire exit door, the two downstairs fire exit doors, the external back entry door, a new down pipe and window mastic was applied to the front of the bay windows, we are extremely thankful to all of you who contributed to this noble cause and pray you are all rewarded in this world and the hereafter, Ameen.

Whilst carrying out the renovations, my Management Committee decided to renovate the internal walls, as the majority of you may have seen the plaster coming away in certain areas of the upstairs and downstairs prayer halls.

This project began during the Christmas holidays whilst the Madressa was closed, Brothers Nazir Khalifa and Ilyash Sheikh took the lead in this project and with the help of the following members of my Management Committee: Ayub Khalifa, Mohammed Ibrahim, Fakir Shaikh, Arshad Jamal, Iqbal Mangaria, Moshin Khalifa, Osman Khalifa, Nazir Hussein, Imtiaz Khalifa, Mohammed Afzal Dawood, Sabbir Sheikh, Junaid Khalifa, Sohail Ibrahim, Sadiq Ibrahim, Ahmed Sheikh, Yunus Hussein and myself, we managed to completely renovate the upstairs prayer hall and ceilings, the landing, stairs, handrail, both prayer halls downstairs, the kitchen walls, wudhu khana walls and floor, including all internal doors downstairs. We would also like to thank sisters, Samim Sheikh, Zarina Mangaria and Madina Ibrahim for providing refreshments.

I would like to thank all of them for dedicating their valuable time throughout the two week holiday in December/January to ensure that this phase of the renovation was completed on time for the children to return back to Madressa, May Allah SWT reward you all in this world and the hereafter, Ameen.

You will see from the photos below how refreshing and welcoming the premises now looks from the tired old look from before. Phase 2 of our renovation project will be to renovate the kitchen, internal toilets, the upstairs office, and the exterior of the premises, if you would like to lend a helping hand to complete these projects, please get in touch with us.



Upstairs Prayer Hall



Upstairs Prayer Hall



Fire Exit Door



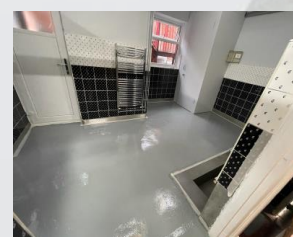
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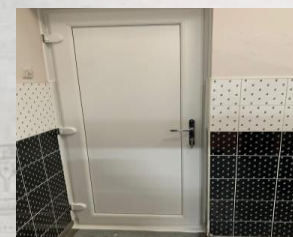
Downstairs Prayer Hall



Downstairs Prayer Hall



Wudhu Khana



Downstairs Exit Door



# NEWSLETTER

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السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ

My dear respected elders, brothers, mothers, sisters, and my fellow youngsters of our community

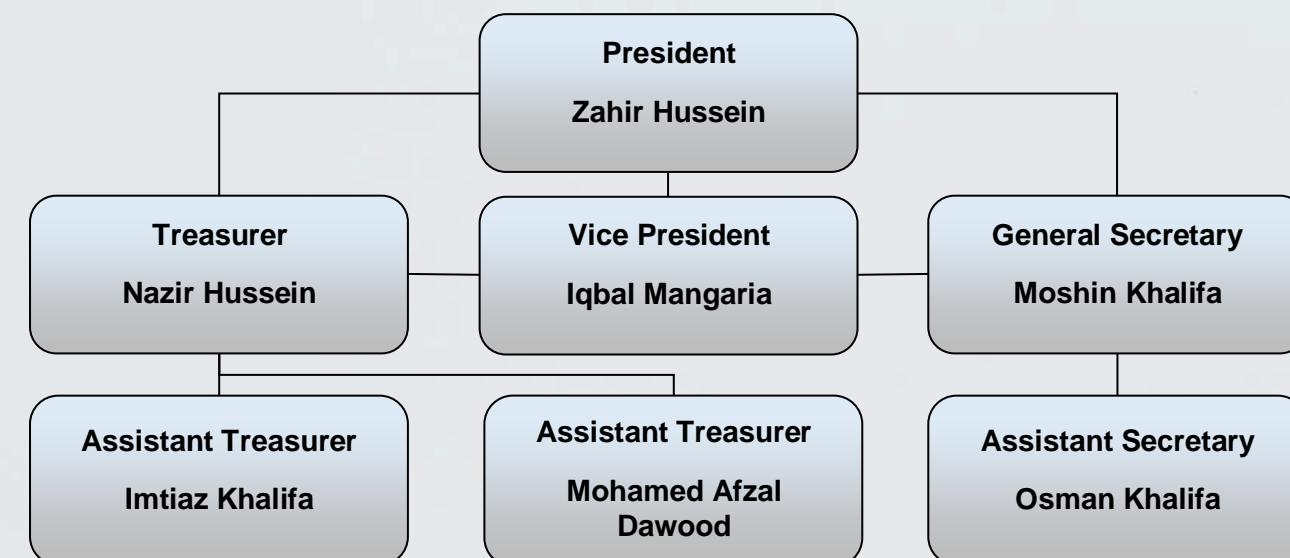
## Message from the President

Firstly, I would like to express my gratitude to all the members who elected me as your SMKS Leicester President, along with my team in the General Elections which took place on 30th April 2023.

Secondly, it is an honour and privilege for me to serve our community, and I intend to do this with utmost honesty, without any prejudice, and to the best of my ability. We can never afford to stand still, and rest assured we will not, SMKS Leicester will continue with the hard work that our ancestors have done including all the predecessors and we hope to carry on their legacy forward into the future, In Sha Allah.

Time has flown and I must say It's been an extremely busy and challenging year for us. Equally, I must stress It's been a very exciting and productive one. Kindly keep reading to meet my team and to find out what we have been doing, I hope we can build on this momentum and carry on. More importantly, this can only be achieved with the help, encouragement and the sincere duas from our members. So please continue to support us.

The following people were duly elected in their respective roles:



### Upcoming Events

- Women's Group
- Amalgamate both Leicester Jamaats
- Phase 2 of the SMKS renovation project
- Youth Club
- Coffee Morning for Elders
- Ulema Committee.

*Zahir Hussein*

President  
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### Our Vision Statement

To maintain cohesion within our Khalifa Community in Leicester, by abolishing differences among individual's, to ensure we don't discriminate against any member by treating them with respect, irrespective of their gender or age, develop the spirit of common interest of our members to participate collectively in community programs & to inspire the youth of today by providing them with guidance, knowledge and Islamic education to become leaders of the future. May Allah SWT help us achieve our vision, Ameen.





# FEDERATION OF GUJARATI MUSLIM KHALIFA SOCIETIES (FGMKS)

Many of you may be aware that in January 2023, we were handed over the Federation from Birmingham, who had held this post for the previous 6 years. As a democratic society, it was crucial for us to elect a team of office bearers to carry forward this legacy which was initially initiated by our ancestors back in the 1970/80's. An election was called on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023 in our General Meeting and I am pleased to inform you that we successfully elected a FGMKS Committee. Additionally, because Khalifa Aid is part of the Federation we also elected a Committee to manage this, both post will be hosted by SMKS Leicester until 2026 In Sha Allah, The aims and objectives of the Federation is to maintain and develop the unity of the Khalifa brethren worldwide, to ensure all affiliated societies adheres to the constitutions policies and procedures in order to improve the advancements amongst the Khalifa community. Khalifa Aids primary objectives are to help the poor and needy Khalifa community in India with the donations from all affiliated societies in the UK, I would like to thank all the elected office bearers and we wish them the very best in their respective roles.

## Introduction of The Federation of Gujarati Muslim Khalifa Societies Committee

President: Haji Sabbir Sheikh	Vice President: Haji Mohammed Ibrahim
Hon. General Secretary: Haji Junaid Khalifa	Assistant Secretary: Arshad Jamal
General Treasurer: Haji Ayub A. K. Khalifa	Assistant Treasurer: Haji Ahmed Sheikh
Advisor for Federation: Haji Mehmood Khalifa	Trustee for Federation: Haji Nazir Khalifa

## Introduction of the Khalifa Aid Committee

President: Haji Salim Ismail Sheikh	
Hon. General Secretary: Haji Abdul Rashid Khalifa	General Treasurer: Asfak Sheikh
Advisor for Khalifa Aid: Haji Mustafa Fakir Karim	



**Update Your Contact Details, Future form of Communication will be through Whatsapp, SMS messaging, and SMKS Leicester Website**

One of the issues raised recently was that a small number of you were not receiving our SMS messages. We checked against your details held on our records and found your details were out of date. If you have recently changed your phone number or moved address, please update us with your current mobile phone number to ensure you receive all messages from SMKS. Moving forward, we will communicate all messages through a broadcast Whatsapp messaging service or by SMS to members who don't have Whatsapp. You will only receive Whatsapp messages if you have saved our name and contact number on your phone (SMKS Leicester - 07718903738) Our newly designed website is now up and running. Future form of communication will also be advertised on our webpage, please visit us at <https://www.smksleicester.org/>

## Fees Update

When it comes to paying your annual £27 Fees, we often get asked, "How do my fees get used" Firstly, we are very fortunate to have our very own community hub. Like any property, we have to maintain it to a reasonable standard. Many of you may be aware that our annual fees have remained unchanged for many years. Although gas, electric, water bills, insurance and other expenses have increased substantially, it's no surprise for me to say the majority of your fees contribute significantly towards the running of our premises. This includes cleaning services, Mobile, office expenses/equipment, gifts for Huffaz during Ramadhan, £2 of your annual fee also goes towards the Federation, Grave headboards and the list goes on. Secondly, it's vitally important for members with outstanding fees to try and reduce them quickly. You can either pay this to your area fees collectors or by setting up a standing order with your bank. This money will also help us organise other services for our brothers, sisters and the youth. I would like to take this opportunity to thank those members who pay their fees on time, and please continue to do so. We welcome new members and you can join us by paying a £25 entrance fee and an annual Fee of £27 each year by Standing Order.

Our Bank details are:  
Surati Muslim Khalifa Society  
Bank/Branch address:  
BARCLAYS BANK PLC  
Branch Sort Code: 20-49-11  
Account Number: 80846252  
When setting up a Standing Order, remember to include your membership number!



# RAMADHAN 2024

رمضان مبارك

Ramadhan Mubarak to all our Members

As we enter the blessed month of Ramadhan, we at SMKS Leicester would like to extend our best wishes to you and your family, and we hope and pray this will be a joyous and fulfilling month filled with happiness, good health and blessings.

Ramadhan is a time for reflection, gratefulness and compassion for those who are in need, It's a time for us to come together as a community by supporting those who are less fortunate by giving our Zakat to alleviate poverty and suffering.

Zakat is a form of charity that is obligatory for every eligible Muslim, it is also one of the five pillars of Islam and must be paid by a Muslim each year, an adult Muslim who owns wealth over a certain amount, known as Nisab, must pay 2.5% of that wealth in Zakat.

Our fee collectors will once again be visiting every member's house during the blessed month of Ramadhan to collect your Zakat, Sadaqah and Lillah donations. I would like to thank you all for your generous contributions to Khalifa Aid, helping our poor and needy brothers and sisters back in India, please continue with your kind support. Please also remember our brothers and sisters who are suffering in Palestine and around the globe in you humble Dua's.

We are pleased to announce that the Huffaz's from our Khalifa Community in Leicester will be leading Taraweeh at our premises 127 Mere Road, kindly come and show your support by performing your Isha Salah and Taraweeh with us. There will also be brothers and sisters programmes taking place every Sunday during Ramadhan by the Ulema and Alima's from our community who will be imparting Islamic knowledge, please come and bring your friends and family members so that you can all benefit from these talks, your presence will be most appreciated.

Lastly, the Management of SMKS Leicester would like to wish all members and their families a very joyous Eid-UI-Fitr in advance, May Allah SWT accept yours and our efforts and bless us with good deeds in return. Ameen.

Isha Salah will commence from 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024 In Sha Allah, at 127 Mere Rd Leicester, subject to moon sighting



**Isha Salah – Adhaan 8:00pm and Jamaat 8:10pm**

Please note the times of Salah will be changing during the month of Ramadhan

## Brothers & Sisters Programme for Ramadhan 2024

Programme		
Date	Timings	Topic
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	12:00 noon – 1:00pm	Brother's Programme, followed by Zuhr Salah
	2:30pm onwards	Mothers & Sisters Programme
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	12:00 noon – 1:00pm	Brother's Programme, followed by Zuhr Salah
	2:30pm onwards	Mothers & Sisters Programme
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2024	12:00 noon – 1:00pm	Brother's Programme, followed by Zuhr Salah
	2:30pm onwards	Mothers & Sisters Programme
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	12:00 noon – 1:00pm	Brother's Programme, followed by Zuhr Salah
	2:30pm onwards	Mothers & Sisters Programme

Madressa-E-Rahimiyah

If you or anyone you know would like to enrol students, then please email [smksleicester@gmail.com](mailto:smksleicester@gmail.com) or contact Maulana Imtiaz Mathar on: 07931 362737