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Hifz & Alimiyyah | Hairstyles / Haircut & Beard Policy

This policy is in relation to our expectations regarding hairstyles / haircuts and the beard for our *Hifz and Alimiyyah pupils* (boys). It is in addition to our general policy on hairstyles etc which communicates the importance of modesty and having a hairstyle that is in accordance with the Sunnah. See link below.

http://www.alansaar.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/2-Policy-Haircuts.pdf

Please note the following:

1. The Beard: [1]

- Growing a beard is an extremely emphasised Sunnah of the Messenger of Allah ﷺ and held by the Muslim scholars to be necessary (Wājib) for a man.

- The Messenger of Allah ﷺ repeatedly instructed the growing of a beard in many narrations, and his own habitual and continuous practice was that of growing a full beard. Furthermore, the obligation of keeping a beard is clear from numerous statements of the Messenger of Allah ﷺ, the statements of the great Imams and the constant practice of the early Muslims (Salaf).

  For example, Abdullah ibn Umar (Allah be pleased with him) narrates that the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said: "Trim (your) moustaches and lengthen/grow (your) beards." (Sahih al-Bukhari & Sahih Muslim)

  Therefore, in light of the above and many other Aḥādīth, the four Sunni schools of Islamic law (Madhhabs) are unanimous on the impermissibility of shaving the beard.

- In terms of the *required length of the beard*, the Hanafi School is quite clear, in that it is unlawful to trim the beard shorter than a fistful.

  Abdullah Ibn Umar (Allah be pleased with him), when he went on Hajj or Umrah, would grasp his beard with his hand, and remove what was in excess of a fistful." [2]

[1] For further reading, see: https://daruliftaa.com/miscellaneous/ruling-on-growing-a-beard-and-moustache/
[2] Ṣaḥīḥ al-Bukhārī: 7/206

- In light of the above, all Hifz and Alim class pupils will be required to adhere to the following in relation to the beard:

  1) Not shave or trim the beard to a length below a fistful.
  2) Not trim, shave or shape the sideburns.
  3) Any excess hair beyond a fistful may be trimmed.

2. Hairstyles/Haircuts:

- Having a modest hairstyle in accordance with the Sunnah and Islamic guidelines is a sign of our love for Dīn.

- Shaving part of the hair and keeping part of it (either in the middle, or on the sides or vice versa – known in Arabic as Qazaʿ) has been explicitly forbidden in the Ḥadīth.

- Therefore, hairstyles and haircuts that fall under *the description of Qazaʿ* will no longer be permitted in Hifz and Alimiyyah. This includes skin fade, short back and sides etc.

- The hair must be of *equal* length on all sides. This means that the hair must not be unequal on any side, for example the sides, as is the habit.

- What is important to appreciate is that we will not penalise pupils for having long hair, as long as they are equal on all sides.

3. Enforcement:

- As part of our policy on haircuts / hairstyles, a pupil who does not adhere to the above will be immediately suspended and will only be allowed to attend Madrasah upon rectifying the haircut as per our policy and upon satisfying management regarding future conduct.

- As for the beard, pupils who fail to adhere to our policy will be given a strict warning in relation to their future conduct and relevant disciplinary action will be taken including not allowing such pupils to attend classes.

In conclusion:

- Your son has embarked on a journey to memorise the Qurʾān (Ḥifẓ class) and acquire knowledge of Dīn (ʿĀlim class); the sense of responsibility begins from now. Hence, your son's beard and hairstyle must also conform to Sharīʿah and Sunnah.

- We will **no longer allow pupils to have haircuts and beards that are contrary to the Sunnah**. We will monitor this closely and take action as specified earlier.

- We urge parents to appreciate the importance of this policy and to support us in the implementation of this policy.

And Finally:

It is important parents appreciate that your son will only retain for example their Hifz of the Qur'an if there is Tarbiyah from an early stage. This includes various aspects such as:

- ✓ Following the Sunnah
- ✓ Adherence to the Sunnah
- ✓ Love for the Sunnah.
- ✓ Punctuality in Salaah
- ✓ Appreciation of morals such as honesty, …
- ✓ Appreciation of their own role as a potential Hafiz / Alim.

All this will only be achieved if we as parents focus on the spiritual development of our children. The aim must not solely be academic achievement and achieving the title of Hafiz or Mawlana, as otherwise this will only lead to (Allah forbid) an overall deterioration once your child has left Madrasah. We have experienced this with many of our former pupils, and the only way to counter it is to have appreciation and commitment to spiritual development (just as we give emphasis to academic achievement).

We pray to Allah for guidance, sincerity and steadfastness – ʾĀmīn.

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