



Uniform General Appearance & Modesty Policy

General Statement

Modesty is a fundamental part of our Imān (faith) and a trait that every believer must embody in all aspects of life, from clothing, manners, morals, and character to speech, gaze, and beyond.

In today's society, the increasing influence of "modern culture" has contributed to a rise in immorality, shamelessness, and a decline in modesty. Behaviours once considered disgraceful are now promoted as "empowerment," yet in reality, they erode a person's Imān, dignity, and character.

The nurturing of modesty begins at home. The habits we expose our children to and the values we promote will have a lasting impact on their spiritual wellbeing. As such, our Madrasah aims to instil a culture of modesty and Islamic conduct in collaboration with parents.

Uniform Expectations

All students are required to wear the prescribed Madrasah uniform:

- When attending Madrasah
- During Madrasah-organised events (on or off-site)
- When arriving at or leaving from Madrasah

Purpose of Uniform

The uniform policy is designed to:

- Promote a sense of identity and belonging
- Eliminate distraction in class
- Promote equality among students
- Reflect Islamic values of modesty and simplicity

Parents are responsible for ensuring their child's uniform is always compliant with Madrasah expectations.

Uniform Guidelines

Boys
• Jabbah – preferably white (full-length)
• Headwear – white topi (hat)
• Trousers/Izar/Jogging bottoms – above the ankles
• Prohibited: Jeans, pyjamas, and shorts

Girls
• Jabbah/Abaya – plain black (no flashy embroidery or colour)
• Clothing under Abaya should be decent and loose fitting
• Headcovering (Burki) – plain black (no scarves)
• Burki For girls aged 7 and under: must reach shoulders
• Burki For girls aged 8+: must reach waist
• No makeup should be worn to Madrasah

A Practical Benchmark for Modesty

Use the following questions to assess whether an item of clothing is modest:

1. Is it difficult to put on or take off?
2. Do you have to adjust or be cautious when sitting or bending?
3. Do people notice your body before your face?
4. Is your body shape or private areas visible or outlined?

If the answer to any of these is yes, then the clothing is likely not modest.

Hygiene & Presentation

- Students must arrive in clean, neat attire
- Nails should be cut regularly
- Students must shower after P.E. or on hot days
- At least two sets of uniform must be kept to avoid excuses of “it’s in the wash”

Looking After Uniform

All clothing, coats, and equipment must be clearly labelled with the child’s name. Lost property is far more likely to be returned if labelled. Unclaimed, unlabelled items will be donated to charity at the end of each term.

Haircut & Hairstyle Policy

Islamic Principles

Islam teaches us that modesty also extends to our appearance, including hairstyles. Following the Sunnah in appearance fosters humility and discipline, while avoiding styles that reflect arrogance or anti-Islamic culture.

What is Prohibited

- Qaz’a – where part of the head is shaved and part is left (e.g., fades, undercuts, Mohawks)
- Explicitly prohibited in Hadith (Bukhari and Muslim)
- Hairstyles reflecting “gang”, “punk” or celebrity culture

Expectations (Boys)

1. Hair must be even all around – no fading, carving, or modern styling
2. Students will be given 7 days to rectify inappropriate haircuts
3. Parents must take full responsibility (barbers do not cut without permission)
4. Beards (where applicable) must be kept according to the Sunnah:
5. Neatly maintained

6. Minimum fist-length
 7. Students with trimmed/shortened beards will be sent home until it regrows
- Expectations (Girls)
1. Girls must not cut and trim the hair
 2. Girls must not trim or shape the eyebrows

Modesty & Spiritual Wellbeing

We urge parents to reflect on the deeper purpose of this policy. Just as we protect our children from physical harm, we must also shield them from spiritual harm.

Failure to address matters of modesty and behaviour can result in:

- Arrogance and entitlement
- Disrespect and verbal abuse
- Rejection of rules and guidance

These traits erode a child's Tarbiyah, leading to long-term damage. It begins with small compromises and grows into lifelong issues if left unaddressed.

Children must be helped to avoid idolising celebrities or media figures who often promote harmful values such as:

- Alcohol, gambling, and drug use
- Materialism and immorality
- Indecency and vulgarity

Spiritual development must take equal, if not greater, precedence over academic success.

Cold Weather Clothing

- Woolly hats, hoodies scarves, and gloves may be worn in cold weather but must be removed indoors.

Conclusion

We pray Allah grants us and our children sincerity, guidance, and steadfastness in our Imān and Dīn. May He help us raise children who uphold the values of modesty, humility, and piety.

Āmīn

Next Review Date: 31 August 2026