

School Year 2023 – 2024

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# Muneer Academy

Student *Etiquettes*

## Etiquette Enrichment

### العلماء ورثة الأنبياء

*“The Scholars are the heirs of the Prophets (Peace be upon them)”*

*Tirmidhi, Abu Dawud, Ibn Majah*

Sacred Knowledge is the legacy of the Prophets صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم. When a person acquires religious knowledge, they become a recipient of a share of that inheritance. This is why seeking Islamic Knowledge is one of the greatest and most noble acts of worship a person can engage them self in. A student should, therefore, adorn themselves with honorable conduct and display the best behavior.

Mentioned below are etiquettes that students are expected to abide by:

### **Etiquettes Regarding the Student’s Relationship with Their Lord**

The student should be sincere to Allah جل جلالہ in their intentions for seeking knowledge. They should not seek Islamic Knowledge for fame or status.

The student should not transgress the limits set by Allah جل جلالہ. The more a person grows in knowledge, the more humble they become before their Lord. Mâlik bin Dînâr said: “Whoever does not acquire knowledge that restrains his conduct, then the knowledge he has acquired is of no benefit to him.”

A student of religious knowledge should feel strongly about the teachings of their faith. They should feel enough concern to enjoin what is right and forbid what is wrong. The Prophet (Peace be upon him) said: “Religion is sincerity.” We asked: “To whom, O Messenger of Allah?” He said: “To Allah, His Book, His Messenger, and the leaders of the Muslims and to the common Muslim.” [Sahîh Muslim (82)]

The student should accept what Allah has revealed in the Qur’an regarding religious rulings and teachings. They should not give their personal opinions and preferences over the clear dictates of the Qur’ân and Sunnah. Allah says: “O you who believe! Put not yourselves forward before Allah and His Messenger; but fear Allah: for Allah is He Who hears and knows all things.[Hujurât:

The student should look after their time as Allah Ta’ala says, “By time! Surely, the human being is at loss. Except for those who have faith and do righteous deeds and exhort one another to truth and exhort one another to patience.” [Al-Asr].

### **Etiquettes Regarding the Students’ Attitude towards the Scholars:**

The student should show respect to the scholars, and they should seek Allah’s mercy and forgiveness upon them in their prayers.

The student should focus on the scholars’ strengths and recognize that all human beings have short comings and thus should be overlooked. The student should always assume the best regarding the scholars. They should never disparage any of them on account of an opinion that they might have held. They should assume that the scholar approved of that opinion because they believed it to be right and believed it to be what is pleasing to their Lord. A scholar who exercises their judgment and is correct receives a double reward. A scholar who exercises their judgment and made a mistake receives a single reward from his Lord.

### **Etiquettes Regarding the Students’ Relationship with Their Teachers**

The student should behave humbly in their teachers’ presence and should show respect to their teachers. Rasulullah (SallAllahu Alayhi Wasallam) said: “Whoever fails to show honor to our elders, mercy to our children, and due respect to our scholars is not one of us.” [Musnad Ahmad]

A student should remain under their teachers' guidance in order to benefit from their conduct and their daily actions. They should seek to emulate their good manners and behaviors. They should avoid behaving contrary to their teachers' example. Rasulullah (Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam) said: "Whoever imitates a people is from among them." [Sunan Abî Dâwûd ]

The student should sit in the presence of their teachers attentively. They should not let their mind wander. The student should patiently bear any and all displays of sternness from the teacher –understanding that in reality it is out of love, and it is in the student's best interest.

The student should be considerate and polite in raising questions towards their teachers'. Indeed, one of the best approaches to seeking knowledge is to ask questions in the right way. If the teacher remains silent, the student should not press him/her to answer. Ibn `Abbâs was once asked: "How did you acquire this knowledge that you have?" He replied: "With a questioning tongue and a discerning heart."

The student should be attentive, even when the topic is one that they are already well versed in. This is one of the best manners a student of knowledge can display. `Atâ' bin Rabâh said: "If I hear a youngster relate a hadîth, I listen as if I have no knowledge of it at all." He also said: "I will hear a youngster relate a hadîth and listen to him as if I had never heard the hadîth before, even though the truth is I heard it before he was born."

### **Etiquettes Regarding the Students' Relationship with Their Classmates**

A student of religious knowledge should show humility when they are among their classmates. They should not behave in an arrogant manner. They should never set themselves above them. If they have a stronger memory or a quicker grasp of things, they should realize that it is Allah's blessing upon them and they should express gratitude.

A student should work with their classmates in improving their knowledge together. They should benefit them with whatever they may have learned, and should not be too proud to learn from them as well. The student should desire for their peers the same success that they desire for them self. They should encourage and help their classmates as much as they can.

A student should not joke around too much with their classmates. They should not mock, backbite or envy them. Rasulullah (Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam) said, "A true Muslim is he who keeps others safe from his tongue and hands." [Sahih Al-Bukhari] They should avoid holding any grudges as Rasulullah (Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam) said, "It is not lawful for a Muslim not to speak to his brother/sister for more than three days." [Sahih Muslim]

The student should always display the best of manners. Rasulullah (Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam) has said, "Nothing is weightier on the Scale of Deeds than one's good manners." [Sahih Al-Bukhari] The Prophet of Allah, upon him be peace, was never obscene or coarse. Rather, he used to tell us that the best among us were those with the best manners." [Sahih Al-Bukhari]

The student should be particular about honesty. "Verily, truthfulness guides to righteousness and righteousness guides to Paradise..." [Muslim & Bukhari]

The student should be diligent and patient in their studies. Yahyâ bin Abî Kathîr said: "Knowledge does not come without physical effort." They should not procrastinate and put off their acquisition of knowledge until they have free time. There is always something to be busy with, and there will always be an excuse. It is the students job to make learning a priority.

A student should always aspire to receive more knowledge and not be content with what they already have. Their motto should be the following prayer: "O my Lord! Increase me in knowledge."

The student should approach the task of learning one step at a time. This is a general rule for learning. A student, who seeks to learn everything at once, loses everything.

The student should strive to acquaint himself with as much knowledge as they can. They should be acquainted with all fields. A scholar will benefit from a branch of knowledge as soon as their hostility towards it is broken because of their unfamiliarity with it. **People are hostile to that which they are ignorant of.**

The student must pay the dues that her knowledge required of him/her. This is for him/her to impart it to others. The Prophet (Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam) said: "Convey from me if but a single verse." [Sahîh al-Bukhârî (3461)]

#### **Etiquettes Regarding the Students' Books:**

- The student should handle all books with utmost love and care.
- The student should not place their books on the floor or chairs.
- The student should, to the best of their ability, handle their books with wudhu.
- The student should place their books in the following order, top to bottom; Qur'an, Hadith, Fiqh, etc.
- The student should not place other items on the books.
- The student should not put their Qur'an in their backpack. The Qur'an should be carried with care in a separate bag in their hands.
- The student should not doodle in her kitabs.

#### **Etiquettes Regarding The Earth – Sustainability**

The Earth is our responsibility. Allah The Most High has made humans vicegerents, car takers of the earth.

Please remember to always

- Turn the lights off
- Recycle
- Do not leave the water running
- Do not waste food
- Value all of our resources

#### **Student Awards & Evaluations**

Final Year The evaluation will be based on:

- ★ Academic excellence
- ★ Akhlaq & Adab
- ★ Daily Aamaals

Students will be appreciated in specific for:

- Dress code
- Akhlaq
- Adab, Implementing Sunnah
- Attendance

We extol your eagerness and enthusiasm to take this step towards the blessed field of Islamic Studies. We pray that Allah accepts your intentions and makes all the trials in this path easy for you. May Allah Ta'ala in His infinite mercy instill in us the etiquettes of a student and may He grant us beneficial knowledge. Ameen

# Acknowledgement

Please sign and return to Muneer Academy

I, parent of , ..... , a student of Muneer Academy, have received the Muneer Academy Handbook. I have fully read and understood Muneer Academy's Policies.

Signature (parent):.....

Date:.....

I, ....., student of Muneer Academy have received the Muneer Academy Parent-Student Handbook. I have fully understood Muneer Academy's and I will, to the best of my ability and with the help of the Almighty Allah, adhere to the rules of Muneer Academy. May Allah Ta'ala grant me the taufeeq (ability) to conform to the actions befitting one who has been given the gift of ilm (Knowledge).

Signature (student): .....

Date .....