

Islam and Social Etiquettes

“The best amongst you are those who have the best manners and character.” (Bukhari)

Social etiquettes are rules of correct behaviour to be practiced in all that we do in our daily lives.

Some examples of Islamic Social Etiquettes are:

1. How to greet.
2. How to enter our own or other peoples' homes.
3. What to say or do when visiting the sick.
4. How to behave at the Masjid, Madrasah, and School.

The Arabic term for etiquette is AADAAB.

Regarding Islamic Social Etiquettes Prophet Muhammad (may Allah bless him and grant him peace) said:

“A Muslim is he, from whose tongue and hand other Muslims are safe.”
(Sahih Muslim)

EXPLANATION:

Islam teaches us to be kind and considerate of other peoples' feelings and to live in peace and harmony. Therefore, it is very important for us to learn about practicing the finer points of speech and behaviour that will always enable us to be courteous and caring in all that we do.

In our Fiqh and Hifz lessons we have learnt how to greet people, what duas to recite on entering the Masjid, visiting the sick etc. In Tahdhib we will learn the Sunnah method of practicing these social etiquettes. Allah tells us in the Holy Qur'aan in Surah Al Ahzaab, Surah 33 Verse 21:

*“You have indeed in the Messenger of Allah a beautiful pattern
(example of conduct to follow)”*