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Nikah/Marriage Procedures

Read the enclosed carefully.

Nikah Procedures – 6 pages

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Part 1 – Nikah is an important step

1. Nikah is an important step in your life. A Nikah must only be undertaken if you are happy to engage in a relationship with the other person. There must be no force from any person(s).

2. The bride and bridegroom must appreciate that life after Nikah (marriage) will almost certainly be "different" prior to Nikah. There are responsibilities to be acknowledged, and it is essential both parties fulfil these obligations.

3. Nikah is a great blessing and worship (Ibadah). Our prophet (SAW) has described Nikah as "half of Iman" (faith). These blessings can only be achieved when both parties (bride and bridegroom) fulfil their responsibilities in accordance with divine teachings (Quran and Sunnah). *Thus we encourage you to read up on this topic and make yourself aware of your responsibilities.*

Part 2 – Nikah procedures

4. A convenient Nikah date must be agreed between you and the Madrasa.

5. The bride and bridegroom must present TWO forms of identification, one with a photo and one with a UK permanent address. It is your responsibility to produce the original documents. *Witnesses do not need to produce ID.*

6. Two male witnesses MUST be present at the time of Nikah. Al-Ansaar Welfare & Education will not provide any witnesses. Please do not ring us up to provide witnesses, as this will simply be an embarrassment for you. *If the witnesses are not present for whatever reason, the Nikah will not be conducted.*

7. You must present the relevant information required at least three working days before the Nikah. This includes names etc of bride; bridegroom and witnesses (see attached paper). *In certain circumstances, we do accept all documents etc on the actual day of Nikah – however submitting relevant documents in advance ensures you do not have to wait on the day of the Nikah.*

8. Before the Nikah a "disclaimer" (see attached copy) will have to be signed. Do note that the Nikah will not proceed till this disclaimer is signed and witnessed in our presence.

Part 3 – Nikah time and day / date

9. **Nikah Times:** The Madrasa runs from 4.15 PM to 8.15 PM. **No Nikah ceremonies can be conducted within these Madrasa hours.**

Our office hours are **9.30 AM to 11.30 A.M**. Monday to Friday. We generally conduct ALL Nikah ceremonies within our office hours, usually with as little as 48 hours notice. An admin charge of £75.00 is made. This money goes towards the Madrasa.

If you wish to conduct a Nikah **outside these office hours** (weekends, evenings etc) then this has to be pre-arranged. An extra GBP 25.00 is payable (making a total of GBP £100). This extra charge is levied to remunerate our staff / person conducting the Nikah.

All payment has to be made in cash on the day. A receipt is issued for all monies received.

10. If you fail to make it on the agreed Nikah date then inform us well in advance. A new date will then be agreed.

Part 4 – Do I need my parents to be present?

11. Marriages conducted without the "blessings" of parents are valid under Shariah (Islamic) law. Do note that Al-Ansaar Welfare & Education will merely conduct the Nikah (so that both parties may live together lawfully in accordance to Shariah); under no circumstances you will draw us into any personal conflicts. For our interests, Al-Ansaar Welfare & Education should be made aware of such marriages.

12. Where we feel that the bride and bridegroom are "too young" to undertake a "Nikah" (e.g. the age is under 18), then we may ask for parental consent / involvement. Each case is treated on an individual basis. We do not ask for parental consent / involvement where the bride and bridegroom are over 18.

Part 5 - Other information:

1. Do note that you will require a "Wakeel" (Bride's representative) if the bride is **not** going to be present when the Nikah is conducted. This "Wakeel" will have obtained permission from the bride in the presence of two male witnesses.
2. The "Wakeel" is usually the father, uncle, eldest brother etc. However it can be any individual, such as a family friend.
3. If the bride is going to be present at the Nikah ceremony, then only two male witnesses are required.
4. Nikah is the only means through which sexual relations between a man and woman become lawful. Having such a relationship outside the bond of Nikah is totally prohibited in Islam and is a major sin.
5. In Islam Nikah is a very simple and straightforward affair. The bride and bridegroom have to accept each other as husband and wife in front of two male witnesses. It's as simple as that.
6. It was the practice of our beloved prophet (SAW) to recite a sermon prior to the Nikah. Hence, a sermon is read before a Nikah is conducted.
7. Nikah completes a person's Iman (faith). It keeps an individual away from sin, and brings peace and tranquilly in ones inner self.
8. Do note that both bride and bridegroom should educate themselves with their respective responsibilities.

9. Our prophet (SAW) has instructed us to look for piety when seeking a partner. In addition to this, there must also be compatibility.
10. At the current moment Mufti Javid Pathan, Moulana Habibullah or Moulana Farook Kazi conduct all Nikahs.

<u>The actual ceremony:</u>

This is a very simple and straightforward affair.

The Imam (or person conducting the Nikah) will recite a short Khutba (sermon) in Arabic. This sermon consists of:

1. Praise to Allah.
2. Salutations on all prophets.
3. Repentance and other supplications.
4. Testimony to the fact there is ONLY one God (Allah).
5. Quran verses. Especially those that preach about piety and the fear of Allah.
6. Certain Ahadith (sayings of our prophet SAW) on Nikah.

The Imam will then:

a) Ask the Wakeel (or the bride if present) their consent.
c) The Imam will then ask the bridegroom if he has accepted the bride in Nikah.
d) The 2 witnesses will be witness to this Nikah ceremony
d) If the Mehr (dowry) has been fixed, it can also be mentioned (but not necessary).

The Nikah is now complete.

A Dua (supplication) will then be made to end the ceremony.

<u>Part 6 – Nikah certificate</u>

A certificate is given that the Nikah has taken place. One original copy is given, and if you wish, *on the day* you can request up to 3 copies of this certificate. It is important you retain this certificate, as you may need it in the future (e.g. if you undertake Hajj / Umrah – the certificate can prove a Nikah exists between you).

It is important that you also register your Nikah / marriage with your local registrar office. If you fail to do so, then in the future you may not be able to claim certain rights etc (in the event of a “dispute”, separation etc).

Registration for Nikah

Information required for the certificate

Please submit the following as soon as possible, you may use a separate piece of paper attached to this. Ensure the spellings are correct.

Person	Full Name	Age	Place of Birth	Address with FULL postcode	Occupation
Bridegroom					
Bride					
Representative of Bride					

	Full Name	Place of Birth	Address with FULL postcode	Occupation
Witness (1)				
Witness (2)				

A contact number (both mobile AND landline):

1. Mobile: Name:
2. Landline: Name:

Amount of Mahr (Dowry): £

Post/hand deliver this paper and the disclaimer as soon as possible to the above address with the correct fee (IN CASH).

Nikah/Marriage Disclaimer

All persons performing Nikah (marriage) at Al-Ansaar Welfare & Education have to sign this disclaimer.

I……..certify that:

1. This marriage is valid under Islamic Shariah Law.
2. It is also valid under the law of this land.
3. Al-Ansaar Welfare & Education, its trustees, staff and representatives will not be held liable under any circumstances for any type of claim.
4. The information I have provided is correct and accurate to my knowledge.
5. I have not withheld any information relevant to this marriage.
6. I am fully aware of the nature of this disclaimer.

Signature:……Date:

In the presence of:

1. Full name:

Signature:……..…Date:

2. Full name:

Signature:……..…Date: