

Al-Maktab

Q&A



Two-Length Haircuts

Question:

Respected Moulana

I am a Grade 7 learner who attends a government school. Recently it has become a trend for boys to have funny haircuts. Some haircuts look really scary. My dad always wants me to cut my hair short (i.e. all one length) and says that this is the Sunnah method of cutting hair. In school, the boys make fun of me because I do not have a fancy two-length haircut like them. Because famous soccer players have these haircuts, they feel that they will also be able to play on the field like them. Please advise me as to what is right. JazakAllah.

**Answer:**

Adopting the hairstyles of sports stars and celebrities is totally forbidden in Islam as it is against the teachings of our beloved Rasulullah sallallahu alayhi wasallam.

As a Muslim, we have to follow the commands of Allah Ta'ala as shown to us by Rasulullah sallallahu alayhi wasallam. Islam is a beautiful way of life that shows us every aspect of life from birth till death.

An important feature of our beautiful Deen is that we should never resemble nor imitate other religions, cultures or ways of life.

Rasulullah sallallahu alayhi wasallam once saw a child whose head was partly shaved. He sallallahu alayhi wasallam disliked this and prohibited cutting the hair in this manner saying; "Shave all the hair or leave all the hair."

Shaytaan is our worst enemy and he has vowed to mislead us. He will convince us that the appearance and lifestyles of celebrities is 'cool' and 'keeping up with the times', but in reality, it is filled with darkness, immodesty and emptiness. On the contrary, Islam is radiant with noor, modesty and fulfilment.

Rasulullah sallallahu alayhi wasallam never had a two-length haircut and neither did any of his noble Sahaabah (radiyallahu anhum ajmaeen) do so. If we follow our beloved Nabi sallallahu alayhi wasallam, we will be in Jannah with him Insha Allah.

Cutting or shaving part of our hair and keeping the rest of it long doesn't even look nice. Imagine if a grass cutter comes home to mow the beautiful lush lawn in our garden. However, he cuts half neat and short and leaves the rest long and untidy. Will we be happy with his job and pay him for it, or will we make him cut the entire lawn evenly before paying him his amount in full? Similarly, when cutting our hair, it only looks nice when all our hair is equal and one length.

My young boy! What your beloved father is telling you to do is 100% correct and in accordance with the teachings of Islam. Make a firm intention to keep your hair one length like Rasulullah sallallahu alayhi wasallam and refrain from keeping funny hairstyles like celebrities or sports stars. Insha Allah you will earn the duas of your father and also make Rasulullah sallallahu alayhi wasallam happy.