



The position of boys in a row

The third question of Fatwa no. 1954

A 3: A man led two or many boys below the age of puberty in Salah (prayer). Should they stand behind him or to his right side?

A: The teachings of the Prophet (peace be upon him) to the boys who are at the age of seven or more are that they should stand behind the Imam as mature people. If there is only one boy, then he should stand to the right side of the Imam.

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It was authentically reported that the Prophet (peace be upon him) performed Salah in the house of Abu Talhah and ordered Anas and the orphan to stand behind him and asked Um Sulaym to stand behind them. It was authentically reported in another narration that the Prophet (peace be upon him) performed Salah as an Imam for Anas and he made him stand to his right side. Moreover, he performed [Salah as an Imam for Ibn 'Abbas](#) and made him stand to his right side.

May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family and Companions!

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