

CARETAKER

FTE Salary £24462 per annum, Pro rata equivalent salary £9545

We are seeking to employ an excellent caretaker. Salary shown is the full time equivalent but will be paid for 16 hours per week term time only plus an additional 5 weeks. Hours of work are 07:30 – 09:00 and 16:00-17:30 Monday to Friday.

Maharishi Free School is a Reception to Year 11 (all-through) School of around 240 pupils and 50 staff. The school has three buildings across two sites one mile apart. The adults and pupils at Maharishi School are proud of our buildings and we want them to look the very best that they can. We are looking for someone who has high standards in terms of cleaning and maintenance. We want a Site Supervisor who notices the little things! We would also like someone who has skills in basic repairs, basic plumbing, minor maintenance and minor gardening duties.

A school is a dynamic environment and, whilst many elements of the role can be planned in advance, there will be times when flexibility and a willingness to react quickly and efficiently will be required in order to support the smooth running of the school.

An ability to organise and prioritise jobs is also important.

We are a happy and friendly school so we are looking for a positive person who can make any visitors feel welcome.

Maharishi School is a wonderful place to be and as a Free School is able to innovate and be creative in the way it operates. The school combines a dynamic learning and working environment with a harmonious atmosphere through the uniquely effective system of Consciousness-based Education (CbE).

CbE includes pupils and staff practising Transcendental Meditation (TM). More than 200 published scientific studies show that the experience of restful alertness during TM brings balance to the whole physiology, supporting well-being, and systematically develops both creativity and intelligence.

You would join a school:

- with a strong ethos which forms the basis of its success and an excellent reputation
- graded 'Good' by OFSTED with 'Outstanding' for 'Personal Development, Behaviour & Welfare'
- with support for developing your understanding and practice of TM
- with great staff and a harmonious working environment, and where exceptional dedication is the norm

To apply please visit <https://maharishischool.com/about-us/current-vacancies> download and complete the application form and return it to enquiries@maharishischool.com by 15th January 2024.

Interviews will be held week commencing 18th January 2024.

The start date will be as soon as possible following reference take up and pre-employment checks.

JOB DESCRIPTION	
Post Title	Caretaker
Grade	Supp2
Responsible to	Headteacher/School Business Manager
Job purpose: The main objectives to be achieved by the postholder	
Under the general direction and instruction of the Headteacher / School Business Manager, to contribute to the smooth running of the school by carrying out a range of cleaning and caretaking duties to the agreed quality standards, including security and supervision of the site and related equipment. It is envisaged that the majority of time will be spent on cleaning duties, maintenance and compliance checks. Will also act as a key holder, carrying out security procedures and will undertake minor DIY and maintenance. The postholder would prepare school premises for out of school activities. Under the direction of the Headteacher/Business Manager, may allocate work to part-time cleaning staff.	
Main activities What the postholder will actually do What prescribed duties the postholder will have	
Minibus driving <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Carry out daily vehicle safety checks and basic maintenance, maintaining a high standard of vehicle cleanliness - Responsible for refuelling the minibus which must be done when the pupils are not on the bus - To transport pupils to/from each phase at the beginning and end of the day - With notice to assist with extra driving to take pupils to sporting events or outings. - To provide efficient transport of goods, services, mail, parcels and other items between phases 	
Security & Supervision <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The routine and non-routine opening of school premises and grounds; - To act as a key holder, carrying out security procedures for the buildings and grounds. - Responding to calls outside normal working hours as a result of break-ins etc. and/or the setting off of the burglar alarm(s); - Providing access, where possible, to the premises and classrooms in the event of snow or minor flooding or similar emergency situations; - Providing access to the school for contractors and advising the Headteacher of their presence; - Allocate work to part-time cleaning staff. 	
Cleaning, Caretaking & Maintenance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Undertaking cleaning including closure cleaning; 	

- Washing internal walls e.g. classrooms, corridors, including cleaning at a high level where appropriate safety equipment is available and a safe system of work has been defined in accordance with Health and Safety requirements;
- Window cleaning, including cleaning at a high level where appropriate safety equipment and training is available and a safe system of work has been defined in accordance with Health and Safety requirements;
- Washing and cleaning of diffusers and replacing bulbs/tubes. (If this involves work at a high level – comments relating to equipment apply detailed above);
- Monitoring the standards of cleanliness of the premises and furnishings and reporting any problems/faults to Headteacher/Business Manager;
- Drawing the attention of the appropriate authorities via the Headteacher to any repairs or maintenance work required at the premises;
- Minor DIY, which is within the scope and capability of the postholder (e.g. removing graffiti, patching-up paintwork, sanding etc);
- Ensuring that all areas within the site are free from litter and that all drains and gullies are free flowing and clean;
- Ensuring that adequate supplies of cleaning materials and other supplies are available;
- Operating the heating plant so that the required temperatures are maintained in the premises and an adequate supply of hot water is available. Carrying out frost precaution procedures;
- Ensuring that all caretaking equipment is in a safe and working condition and arranging for repair as appropriate;
- Carrying out routine procedures or checks on ancillary equipment, e.g. fire alarms/equipment, water checks, checking batteries, automatic pumps and areas subject to flooding;
- Carrying out school based procedures in the event of fire, flood, breaking and entering, accident or major damage;
- Making arrangements for the delivery of stores, materials and other goods and their conveyance to their points of distribution. Dispatching goods, materials etc.
- Maintaining the grounds of the site when required including weeding, mowing, strimming, hedge cutting subject to risk assessment and appropriate training.
- To undertake statutory compliance checks i.e. Fire safety, legionella prevention, workplace inspections and record the outcomes of such checks.

Other Duties

- Preparing the school premises and site for out-of-school activities and clearing up after these activities;
- Undertaking appropriate training i.e. first aid, asbestos awareness and other premises related topics.

General

- At all times to carry out the duties in accordance with school-based policies and Health and Safety procedures, including risk assessments;
- Occasional collection of miscellaneous provisions away from school premises, where reasonable.
- To participate in the School's appraisal scheme where appropriate;
- The duties may be varied by the Headteacher and/or Governing Body to meet changed circumstances in a manner compatible with the post held.

Equal opportunities

We are committed to achieving equal opportunities in the way we deliver services to the community and in our employment arrangements. We expect all employees to understand and promote this policy in their work.

Health and safety

All employees have a responsibility for their own health and safety and that of others when carrying out their duties and must help us to apply our general statement of health and safety policy.

Safeguarding Commitment

This school is committed to safeguarding and protecting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Attendance

Good attendance enhances the service delivered by schools, minimises staffing difficulties and ensures best value to the school. It is essential that applicants for positions in this school can evidence a previous satisfactory attendance record/commitment to sustaining regular attendance at work

PERSON SPECIFICATION			
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Requirements (based on the job description)	Essential (E) or desirable (D)	To be identified by: application form (AF), interview (I), reference (R), test (T), or other (give details)	
Qualifications Full driving licence (including D1)	E	AF	
Experience Experience of working as a cleaner/caretaker	D	AF/I	
Experience of undertaking manual tasks (e.g. maintenance, DIY etc)	D	AF/I	
Experience of using powered equipment (e.g. floor buffer)	D	AF/I	
Experience of security-related duties	D	AF/I	
Knowledge, skills and abilities			
Ability to work as part of a team	E	AF/I	
Good oral communication skills	E	I	
Flexible attitude to work	E	AF/I/R	
Ability to work in an organised and methodical way	E	I	

Basic numeracy & literacy skills	E	AF/I
Attention to detail skills	D	AF/I
Basic DIY skills	D	AF/I
Ability to use relevant tools and equipment	D	AF/I
Awareness of Health & Safety issues	E	AF/I
Awareness of CoSHH	D	AF/I
Good interpersonal skills	E	I
Positive approach to customer care and service delivery	E	I
Commitment to undertaking relevant training and development	E	AF/I/R
Other (including special requirements)		
Commitment to safeguarding and protecting the welfare of children and young people	E	I
Commitment to equality and diversity	E	I
Commitment to health and safety	E	I
Willingness to work occasionally outside of contracted hours (e.g. Parent evenings, trips, events, fairs)	D	I
Willingness to respond to emergency callouts	E	I
Satisfactory attendance record/commitment to regular attendance at work	E	I/R