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From Maharishi's Principles of Teaching:

"We should cultivate good manners in the students, encouraging them to sit and walk straight, wear clean and neat clothes and speak respectfully. As teachers, we should maintain high standards of orderliness for everything that children do".

In keeping with the beautiful and important undertaking of the school, it is essential to foster in the students a sense of orderliness and respect for themselves and the school as a whole. Personal appearance is one important factor in reflecting the dignity of Consciousness-Based Education. Wearing the school uniform cultures a quiet form of discipline and fosters in the student a sense of respect for themselves, each other, and the school as a whole.

Maharishi School's policy on appearance is that every student must be in full uniform whenever they are in school or under the school's jurisdiction, including all school sponsored activities such as field trips, academic competitions and sponsored social events. This includes the correct clothing for PE and Sport. For details of the correct school uniform, including colours and styles, please see school uniform list.

Dress Code: Maintaining Consistent Standards

Primary Phase:

Pupils whose appearance does not meet acceptable standards will be addressed by their Primary Class teacher. Primary teachers will liaise directly with parents.

Please send your child to school in correct school uniform. This includes outdoor shoes (Wellington boots etc.) and indoor shoes during wet weather. In cold or wet weather, please remember to send a warm, waterproof coat for playtimes. **Please label all items clearly. NOTE: Any unclaimed items will be bagged up and donated to charity at the end of each term.**

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 should also keep a spare set of clothes (including underclothes) at school, in case of accidents. These may be kept in a labelled shoe bag on the child's peg and should be promptly replaced if used.

Secondary Phase:

Secondary phase pupils may be asked by a teacher or other member of staff to make immediate improvements.

In certain circumstances, pupils whose appearance does not meet the standards of Maharishi School may not be allowed into their class and will remain at the school supervised separately; the parents will be informed by telephone and asked to rectify the situation. If parents are unable to provide the appropriate uniform pupils will be required to wear an item from the spare uniform box. Once the situation has been resolved, the pupil will be allowed to

return to class.

Please ensure that appearance is always dignified, following these guidelines:

- Shirt and polo shirts must be tucked in at all times.
- Ties must be properly adjusted and shirt buttons fastened.
- Only solid white T-shirts/vests are to be worn under the school uniform shirt or blouse.
- Uniforms are required to be clean, properly fitting and ironed.

Jewellery:

A plain watch and one pair of gold/silver stud earrings are permitted; other piercings/studs, jewellery or tattoos are not permitted. (Please note, piercings or studs which are covered are still not acceptable.) Maharishi School is not responsible for the security of any jewellery worn or brought into school.

Pupils who are wearing jewellery which is not permitted will be asked to remove it, after which it will be put into a labelled envelope and locked away in the School Office. Pupils will be able to collect their jewellery from the School Office after their afternoon meditation at school.

Make-Up & Nails:

The use of make-up and nail varnish is not allowed in the Primary phase or in the Secondary phase up to and including Year 9. In Years 10 and 11 discreet make-up (excluding nail varnish) will be permitted.

- Make-up needs to be kept to a minimum and be natural looking. (Eyebrows must not be shaved or tattooed or pencilled in). Excessive make-up will result in pupils being asked to remove it.
- Nail varnish is not permitted and will result in pupils being asked to remove it. Nail varnish remover is kept in school.
- False nails and gel nails are NOT permitted.

Hair:

- Pupils' hair should be worn tidily, kept clean and be neatly cut or shaped with no extreme styles. Hair colouring is not encouraged but if used should be as close to a natural colour as possible. No "unnatural" (e.g. pink, blue) colours or highlights are permitted.
- Hair accessories: any hairbands or bobbles should be plain navy or black. All clips/slides should be plain and discrete, i.e. silver, gold, black, brown or navy.
- Moustaches, beards and sideburns below the ear are not allowed.

Please note that in all cases of the interpretation of, or standards within, this policy the School's decision is final.

Security of valuable property:

Where a pupil reports that an item of personal property appears to have been stolen, staff can take reasonable action to secure its return but, for example, they will not search pupils' bags.

Any member of staff who takes charge of property on behalf of a pupil is only expected to exercise reasonable care regarding its safe keeping. By accepting or confiscating the property neither the teacher nor school is accepting liability for the security of the item.

Personal property or equipment should not be left at school overnight or during weekends or holidays.

School Uniform List - Primary Phase

Boys

Sweatshirt	Royal blue crew-neck with embroidered school logo
Shirt/Polo Shirt	White - long or short sleeves, to be worn tucked-in.
Trousers	Grey (not black, no jeans). Shorts are optional for summer
Socks	Grey
Footwear	Plain black school shoes. No canvass or trainer style shoes. (Wellington boots can be used in inclement weather but pupils should change into school shoes when inside the building).
Coat	Dark (e.g. navy, dark grey, black) plain school-type coat, e.g. Duffle coat, Parka, Cagoule. No leather jackets/coats, no prominent logos, messages, etc. Coats are for outdoor use only and not to be worn inside as a sweatshirt substitute. Any style/colour of hat, gloves or scarf is acceptable for outdoor use only.
Overall	Recommended for Science and Art. Can be an old, large shirt.

Girls

Cardigan Sweatshirt	Royal blue V-neck with embroidered school logo
Polo Shirt	White - 100% Cotton
Blouse	Optional instead of polo shirt, white with long or short sleeves.
Pinafore	Compulsory for Reception Class, Year 1 & Year 2. Navy blue box pleat.
Skirt/Culottes	Optional instead of pinafore for Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6, Navy blue pleat.
Trousers	Optional instead of skirt - Navy blue school trousers. Black trousers, flared/wide leg fashion trousers or Jeans are NOT acceptable.
Tights	Navy blue Plain knit
Socks	Winter: Navy blue Summer: White
Footwear	Plain black school shoes. No canvass or trainer style shoes. (Wellington boots can be used in inclement weather but pupils should change into school shoes when inside the building).
Coat	Dark (e.g. navy, dark grey, black) plain school-type coat, e.g. Duffle coat, Parka, Cagoule. No leather jackets/coats, no prominent logos, messages, etc. Coats are for outdoor use only and not to be worn inside as a sweatshirt substitute. Any style/colour of hat, gloves or scarf is acceptable for outdoor use

	only.
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Girls Summer Uniform	Navy - Choice of Classic checked dress or A-line. Other shades of blue are not acceptable. N.B. SUMMER DRESSES ARE NOT TO BE WORN BEFORE EASTER, OR AFTER OCTOBER HALF-TERM.

Sports Clothes (Boys and Girls)

T-Shirt	With White embroidered Logo
Sweatshirt	Gold crew-neck with embroidered school logo.
Jogging Bottoms	Plain navy blue. Navy blue shorts are optional for Summer.
Footwear	Mainly white or black sports trainers - no fashion trainers.

* **Please note:** Please come in and check the samples available in the school Admin office if you are unsure which style/colour is acceptable.

School Uniform list - Secondary phase

Boys

Blazer	Navy Boys' blazer with embroidered school logo.
OR Knitted Sweater	Navy V-neck knitted sweater with embroidered logo.
OR Knitted Tank Top	Navy knitted tank top with embroidered logo
Shirt/Polo Shirt	White - long or short sleeves, to be worn tucked-in.
Tie (Optional)	Royal blue with gold diagonal stripe can be worn with Shirt
Trousers	Grey School Trousers (not black, no jeans).
Socks	Plain school type socks (grey or black).
Footwear	Plain black school shoes. No canvass or trainer style shoes with coloured flashes. (Wellington boots can be used in inclement weather but pupils should change into school shoes when inside the building).
Coat	Dark (e.g. navy, dark grey, black) plain school-type coat, e.g. Duffle coat, Parka, Cagoule. No leather jackets/coats, no prominent logos, messages, etc. Coats are for outdoor use only and not to be worn inside as a sweatshirt substitute. Any style/colour of hat, gloves or scarf is acceptable for outdoor use only.
Overall	Recommended for Science and Art. Can be an old, large shirt.

Girls

Blazer	Navy Girls blazer with embroidered school logo.
OR Knitted Cardigan	Navy knitted cardigan with embroidered school logo
OR Knitted Sweater	Navy V-neck knitted sweater with embroidered logo.
OR Knitted Tank Top	Navy knitted tank top with embroidered logo
Blouse/Polo Shirt	White - long or short sleeves, to be worn tucked-in.
Tie (Optional)	Royal blue with gold diagonal stripe can be worn with blouse
SKIRT/CULOTTES	Smart navy blue
PINAFORE	Smart navy pleat fronted

Trousers	Navy blue school trousers only. Black trousers, wide-leg/skinny fit fashion trousers or jeans are not acceptable
Tights	Navy blue/black - plain-knit
Socks	Winter: Navy blue or black. Summer: Navy, black or white (not trainer socks).
Footwear	Black school-type, flat-heeled shoes or ankle boots (long socks only). Wellington boots can be used in inclement weather but pupils should change into school shoes when inside the building.
Coat	Dark (e.g. navy, dark grey, black) plain school-type coat, e.g. Duffle coat, Parka, Cagoule. No leather jackets/coats, no prominent logos, messages, etc. Coats are for outdoor use only and not to be worn inside as a sweatshirt substitute. Any style/colour of hat, gloves or scarf is acceptable for outdoor use only.
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Sports clothes (Boys and Girls)

T-Shirt	White with embroidered school logo
Zipped Hoodie	Navy blue zipped hoody with embroidered school logo
Jogging Bottoms	Plain navy blue or black (stripe down the side is acceptable). Girls: specialist sport trousers may be worn, but casual leggings are not acceptable. Navy blue or black shorts are optional for Summer
Footwear	Ideally white or black "cross trainers" only - no fashion trainers. It is important that pupils wear a multi-sports (cross trainer) trainer for sports as this protects the feet and ankles and promotes safety on a variety of surfaces

Unacceptable Sports Kit:

- Tracksuit bottoms of any colour other than navy are NOT permitted
- Tracksuit bottoms with large logos or excess piping are NOT permitted
- Sports leggings with large logos or piping are NOT permitted
- Hooded tops must be the school navy hooded top and have the embroidered school logo (The North Face and other brands are NOT permitted)



Supplier Details:



Premier Sports Ormskirk: 31 Aughton St, Ormskirk L39 3BH

TEL: 01695 578002

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