

19 December 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian

School Uniform & Equipment Expectations

Traditionally January is about new beginnings, new starts, and new challenges. On January the 1st, we make resolutions for the year to come and aim to succeed. Your child can start their school year in the correct way by taking the opportunity to be in school and learning ready.

To support them in making a good start to January, please ensure they have the correct equipment and uniform.

Equipment

Maintaining high expectations on equipment is paramount and students should be properly equipped for learning. If equipped, you are ready to learn and engage with lessons.

Please find an equipment list below:

- Pencil case
- Pens – blue and black
- Green pen
- Pencils
- Eraser
- Ruler
- Sharpener
- Specialist equipment (such as a scientific calculator)

Uniform

Most MER students attend school looking smart in the correct uniform. To continue this, we will be focusing on uniform from January 2024. We as a school have high expectations, as uniform is of extreme importance, and we find that students who wear the uniform properly have a sense of pride and feel part of the school community.


The compulsory items of school uniform are a blazer, white shirt, tie, grey trouser/skirt and black polishable shoes, not trainers. Full information, including the optional items can be found in the table below:

UNIFORM LIST	
Mandatory items	
Blazer	MER blazer (boy or girl cut)
Tie	School striped tie
Shirt/Blouse	Traditional white shirt/blouse (long or short sleeved)
Trousers/Skirt	Charcoal trousers Charcoal tailored shorts Charcoal pleated skirt Salwar may be worn under the skirt for religious reasons. (No jeans, leggings or jogging bottoms).
Others	Grey socks/tights
Optional items	
Jumper	Navy pullover
School bag	MER branded
Headscarf	Plain navy blue
Turban	Plain navy blue
Sikh students may wear the Five Ks only if it has been agreed with the headteacher. For information please contact the school office.	

SHOES
Students should wear black, polishable shoes Boots, trainers, canvas shoes etc. are not appropriate and students should not wear them. Shoes should be sensible i.e. not have thick soles or high heels/wedges.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION KIT	
Compulsory	MER PE/sports top Navy PE shorts White sport socks Football boots Non-marking trainers Shin pads Mouth guard
Optional	Navy tracksuit bottoms Navy sports top/fleece (not hoodie) Navy leggings

PERSONAL APPEARANCE
Well-groomed hair/facial hair (no extreme styles) One small silver/gold stud in nose and one in each ear only; no other jewelry should be worn to school Natural coloured hair No make-up or nail varnish except light foundation.

UNIFORM IMAGES


Please take the school holiday as an opportunity to review your child's existing school uniform. The following options are available to you:

- Visit Stevensons to order new uniform items <https://www.stevensons.co.uk/>
- Arrange a visit to the school's second hand uniform shop by sending an email to merreception@maidenrleghtrust.org.

In January we would like every student in full school uniform daily and need your support ensuring your child has the correct items. The 'loan uniform shop' will no longer be available for students to borrow items, so we expect students to arrive in school in the correct uniform.

Yours sincerely

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