

Dear parents,

We are delighted to announce a new uniform for The Phoenix Private School. Our aim is to modernise the uniform, and make it more appropriate for our school culture, as well as the climate here in Qatar. Our new supplier is Zaks Store, and they will provide parents with an e-flyer in the coming weeks.

To that end, please find below the new uniform policy, which is very similar to the current one, except for changes to the main items.

The main changes are as follows:

Day uniform

- White polo shirt instead of button shirt
- No tie required
- Black or grey /skorts/shorts/trousers
- Girls from Year 5 to 9 MUST wear trousers or ankle-length maxi-skirts. This is to reflect the cultural values of Qatar. Shorter skirts are no longer acceptable as part of the uniform.
- All black footwear remains the policy.

PE uniform

- Maroon sports t-shirt- WITH house emblem (see final policy below)
- Maroon or black shorts or sports trousers (girls Year 5 and above must wear trousers)
- All shorts must be at knee length. Alternatively, bike shorts can be worn underneath to provide cover.

What can you wear from the old uniform?

PPS will continue to encourage students to wear PPS caps, use PPS water bottles, and wear PPS red jackets in cooler weather. Once the Noble House stock has run out, we will ask Zaks to continue these items.

Transition

We want to allow families to transition into the uniform. To that end, we will transition during the next academic year.

For the Academic Year 2023-2024:

Key Stage 3 students (Years 7, 8 and 9) will NOT transition into the new uniform if they don't want to, and they can remain in the current uniform until their time at Phoenix ends. For these students, ties will no longer be required. All other items remain the same, including black footwear.

For students in Foundation 2 to Year 6 will have one-year transition, in which they can wear the current OR new uniform. We would prefer students to be in the new uniform as quickly as possible,

but we understand that financial obligations may require parents to have time to prepare for the new uniform.

ALL NEW students, and all students joining in FS1 must be in the NEW uniform, as this is the first uniform you will be buying for our school.

From the Academic year 2024-2025:

ALL students, EXCEPT FOR Year 8 and 9 will be in the new uniform. Year 8 and 9 students can transition if they wish, or they can see out their time at PPS in the current uniform.

When will the new uniforms be available from Zaks?

We have been informed that the new uniform stock will be available from **16th August 2023**.

New Uniform- Full Policy

	Day Uniform	PE Uniform
Upper	<p>White polo t-shirt with collar and Phoenix logo.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The preference is the official polo shirt design from Zaks. • Long sleeve version is available. • Student can wear the short sleeve version and cover their arms with a white long-sleeve top under their polo shirt. 	<p>Maroon T-shirt with Phoenix logo and one of the 4 house logos.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The preference is the official polo shirt design from Zaks. • Iron-on logos available at Zaks (who provide the logo as part of the shirt purchase), or from reception to attach yourself. • Long sleeve version is available. • Student can wear the short sleeve version and cover their arms with a white or black long-sleeve top under their polo shirt.
Lower	<p>For boys: Grey shorts or trousers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zaks supplied grey comfortable trousers are also allowed. • No logos should be visible. <p>For girls: Grey skorts or trousers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skorts must be below the knee. • Girls from Year 5 to 9 MUST wear trousers, and or grey ankle-length maxi-skirts. Shorter skirts are no longer acceptable as part of the uniform. 	<p>Black, maroon or grey shorts, or sports sweatpants.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Those supplied by Zaks are recommended. • No logos should be visible. However, with sports shorts/trousers, it can be expected to have a small logo for the make. This should be minimal. <p><i>All shorts must be at knee length. Alternatively, bike shorts can be worn underneath to provide cover.</i></p>

	<p>All cases of shorts and skorts, the school reserves the right to deem these items as 'too short;' and request the immediate change of this item. This is in alignment of the Cultural Values of Qatar.</p>	
Footwear	<p>All black sensible and comfortable shoes/pumps/casual trainers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No white or logos must be visible at all. 	Sensible training shoes.
Hijabs and Head-coverings	<p>Head-coverings should remain in keeping with the uniform and be neutral in tone.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Head-covering should be plain white, black, grey or maroon. • No large branding or writing should be visible. 	
Other items	<p>Only Phoenix-coloured red fleeces are allowed as outdoor coats. Other coats, hoodies or tops are not allowed. These items will be available from Noble House until stocks run out, after which they will be available from Zaks.</p> <p>All students are required to have a water bottle. Any water bottle is acceptable, but for exams, we require transparent ones; available from Noble House until stocks run out, after which they will be available from Zaks.</p> <p>Phoenix-branded- sun hats and caps are also available from Noble House. No hats with logos and symbols are allowed, only plain black, red or grey.</p>	
Hair, nails and make-up and jewelry	<p>Hair styles must be sensible and appropriate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long hair that covers the eyes or falls below the shoulders must be tied up at all times during the school day. • Artificially colored hair must be of a natural colour. <p>Students are NOT allowed to wear makeup in school under any circumstance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If a student is seen to have makeup they will be asked to remove it. If the student repeatedly wears make-up then they will be sent home and the parents will have to attend a meeting with the Leadership team to ensure this will not continue. <p>Nail polishes/paints/gels are not allowed at all.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If a student is seen to be wearing nail polish, they will be asked to remove it. <p>Students are permitted to wear stud earrings and a wristwatch.</p> <p>Rings, bracelets and necklaces are not permitted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents must ensure that any wristwatches worn in school are not extremely valuable, as the school will not be responsible for damage or loss. • All watches must be removed for P.E. and certain other activities as instructed by the teacher. • Smart watches are NOT permitted in school. 	
Suggestion	<p>The following guidance is for all members of the school community on dress-down or event days:</p>	
Dress-down or event days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National costumes / National dress should be worn correctly • No tight or figure hugging clothing or short skirts or shorts to be worn • No weapons, including symbolic parts of a national costume, are allowed 	

- Long, loose fitting sleeves or long head garments will need to be secured for activities such as Art or Science. Please ensure you have suitable clothes to change in to for these lessons. Safety remains our paramount concern.
- The option to wear normal school uniform remains open to students who choose not to wear special outfits or costumes on dress-down or event days.

Consequences of violation of the uniform policy will follow the school behavior policy (please see behavior policy).

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Zak's image of new sports uniform:

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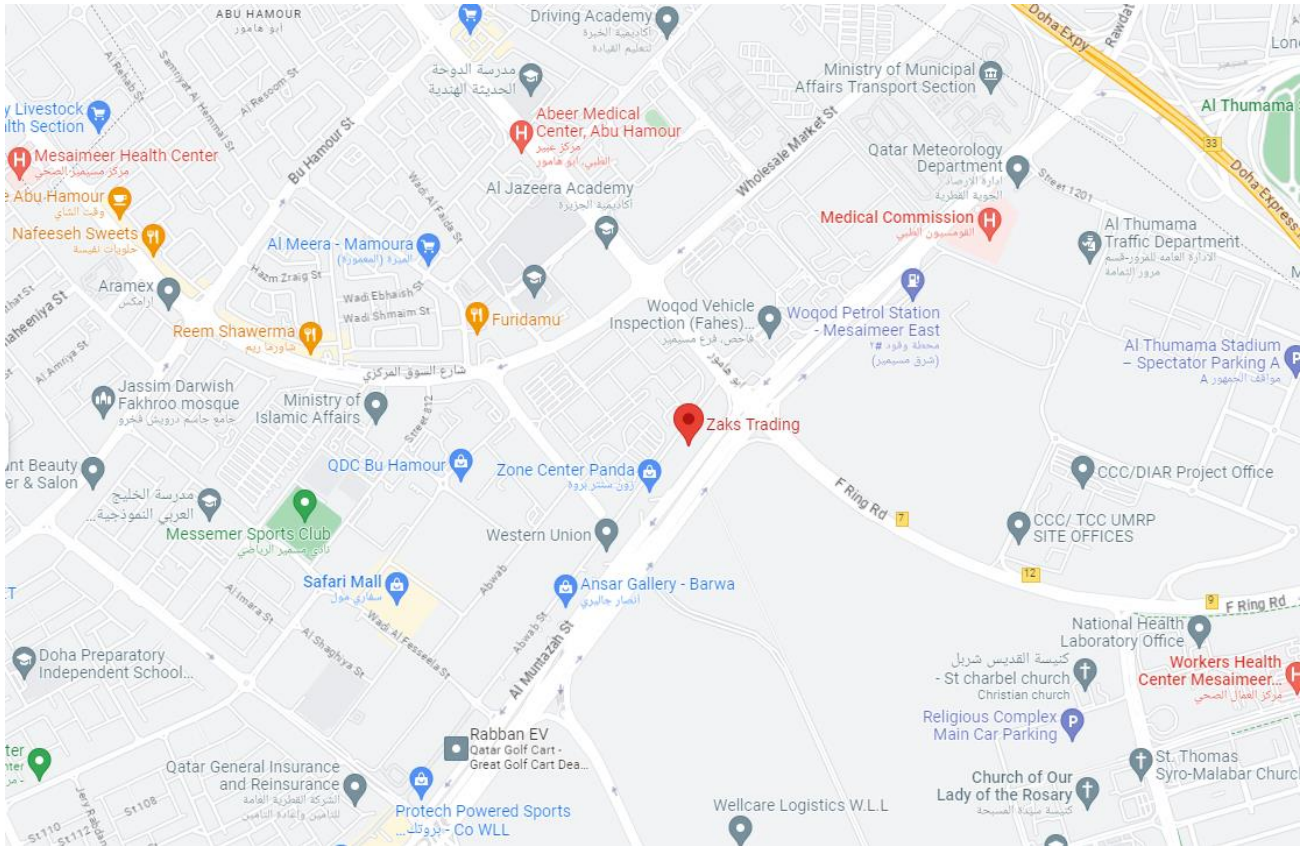
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We appreciate the PTA's support in this process, and hope that the uniform is more comfortable and practical clothing for our students. If you have any questions regarding the uniform, please email reception@pps.sch.qa and we will be glad to assist you.

Thank you,

Greg Edwards