



Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Act 2021 Statement on Exercise of Functions Introduction

The Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Act 2021 came into effect on 15th August 2022. Section 2 of the Act places a duty on education providers to make period products obtainable free of charge on their premises during term time, in every building normally used by pupils. Section 4 of the Act states that providers must ensure that products are obtainable, reasonably easily, and in a way that respects the dignity of the persons obtaining them. The Act also states that a reasonable choice of different types of period products should be obtainable.

Jordanhill School, has developed this statement in response to the duties set out in the Act, taking due regard of the specific guidance issued under Section 5 of the Act.

Arrangements for the Provision of Period Products at Jordanhill School

The school will ensure that sufficient period products are obtainable for free to meet the needs of pupils during term time. There is no limit to the number of products an individual pupil can take and individuals don't need to provide a reason to access the products. The school makes no judgement as to the needs of pupils for products and understands that individual needs for period products can vary considerably due to the reason for the need arising.

Products will be freely accessible to all pupils and will be restocked regularly to meet pupil demand. Products will be available throughout the school in all school buildings. Products will be obtainable in a way that respects the dignity of the people obtaining them.

This means that pupils will not have to:

- ask someone for products
- justify why they need them
- justify the amount needed

The school will ensure that a reasonable choice of different period products is available including at least one type of tampon and two types of sanitary towel. Reusable products will also be available.

Consultation, Planning and Review

In Primary 6 and 7, class teachers consulted with pupils. This was age and stage appropriate. The Primary 6 team also delivered information about menstruation in more detail in the 'Human Body' section of the curriculum to reduce the stigma and normalise menstruation, particularly for children and young people. This in turn reduces embarrassment, which has been identified by children and young people as the leading barrier to seeking support.

In secondary, the school gathered pupil views through the Pupil Council (2022-23). The toilets have period products freely available access is available without having to ask a staff member. The medical room, school office and some specific teaching personnel also hold stocks of period products if a request is made in these areas or to them directly.

The Pupil Council noted that it was good that male staff had asked their opinions and promoted awareness of period products as this could reduce stigma, but that many pupils still preferred to be



asked their views by female staff when it was about period products. The surveying being promoted by a female member of staff helped with this. Pupils also mentioned that period products should be environmentally friendly, and it helped that the staff member leading the survey also led the Eco Committee. Consultation with pupils will be ongoing and the arrangements for making products available to pupils will be reviewed on a regular basis.

Environmental Impact

The school recognises the considerable environmental impact of single use period products. In response, the school will raise awareness and availability of reusable period products available for free for those who wish to use those types of products.

Equality and Inclusion

The school recognises that not everyone who menstruates identifies as female. Therefore, the school will ensure that any individual who menstruates, including transgender men and non-binary individuals, can access products.

Feedback and Further Information

The school welcomes feedback on this statement. To provide feedback or for further information on any aspect of this statement, please contact: Mr Dougie Brown (Depute Rector – Pastoral Lead)
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