

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

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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 and students.

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.

Drumduan 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 Drumduan School

Drumduan School will ensure that sufficient period products are obtainable for free to meet the needs of students during term time. There is no limit to the amount of products an individual student can take and individuals don't need to provide a reason to access the products, above and beyond the fact that they menstruate.

Drumduan School makes no judgement as to the needs of students for products and understands that individual needs for period products can vary considerably due to the reason for the need arising, including:

- a) a period starting unexpectedly or forgetting to bring a product from home
- b) ongoing need due to low income
- c) ongoing need for another reason
- d) higher than average need due to a medical condition

Products will be freely accessible to all students including students with physical disabilities or mobility issues and products will be restocked regularly to meet student demand. Products will be available throughout the school in all buildings.

Products will be obtainable in a way that respects the dignity of the people obtaining them. This means that students will not have to

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

Drumduan School will ensure that a reasonable choice of different period products is available including at least one type of sanitary towel.