



Accessing Free Period Products in Kilgraston School

FIRST STATEMENT OF INTENT (July 2023) FOR THE PERIOD PRODUCTS (FREE PROVISION) (SCOTLAND) ACT 2021

Arrangements in place for making period products obtainable free of charge for pupils and students during term/course time.

Period products are available in male and female toilets and/or changing rooms of each building used by children and young people. This includes the:

- changing rooms that serve the Hockey, Tennis, Athletics Field and Equestrian Centre.
- Swimming Pool changing room
- Gymnasium changing room
- The universal toilet in each dormitory
- toilet areas serving the dinning room and classrooms.

Period products can be obtained from each of these areas. They can be found in plastic containers, those in the outside changing rooms are in a sealable container to protect them from dampness. The containers will also contain relevant information leaflets for the products available. They can be discreetly accessed, helping to maintain the dignity of children and young people needing to use them. There is a choice of different types of period products and where possible we will purchase environmentally friendly products. The range of products is currently based on a Perth and Kinross Council survey, (Perth and Kinross June 2022). However annually, after three months of each new academic year (end November) we will undertake a short survey with all the children and young people from P7 onwards to determine if the range of products is acceptable, accessible and if they should be available in other areas.

The survey, information about the products, the location of them and this “Statement of Intent” will be part of personal, social, health and economic (PSHE) education sessions delivered in November. Where-ever possible we will provide different products in response to survey results.

Kilgraston domestic staff will restock products daily when cleaning the areas. If there are particular high use areas, increased numbers of products will be made available so that children and young people do not need to ask for them.

Appendix One – relevant parts of the requirements placed on Kilgraston School by the

Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Act 2021

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2. Education providers to ensure period products obtainable free of charge by pupils and students

(1) Each education provider must ensure that period products are obtainable free of charge (in accordance with arrangements established and maintained by the education provider) by the persons mentioned in subsection (5).

(2) An education provider is to do so by providing period products, or securing their provision, in such locations within each institution in Scotland managed by the education provider as are specified in arrangements established and maintained under subsection (1).

(3) The locations specified in the arrangements established and maintained under subsection (1) for an institution must include at least one location in each building which is normally used by pupils or, as the case may be, students at the institution.

(4) But where the education provider considers, having consulted under section 7, that a building of the type mentioned in subsection (3) is not a suitable place for the provision of period products, no location in the building need be specified in the arrangements established and maintained under subsection (1).

(5) The persons referred to in subsection (1) are persons who—

(a) need to use period products, and

(b) are—

(i) pupils at a school managed by the education provider, or

(ii) students undertaking, in Scotland, a course (or part of a course) of education at a further education institution or higher education institution managed by the education provider.

(6) The period products obtainable free of charge by a pupil or, as the case may be, a student under the arrangements established and maintained under subsection (1) are to be sufficient products to meet—

(a) in the case of a school, the pupil's needs during the school's term times,

(b) in the case of a higher education institution or further education institution, the student's needs during the term times for the course of education that the student is undertaking.

(7) In this Act, "institution" (except in the terms "higher education institution" and "further education institution" and in the definitions of those terms in section 10) means—

(a) a school,

(b) a higher education institution,

(c) a further education institution.

(8) The [Period Products in Schools \(Scotland\) Regulations 2020 \(S.S.I. 2020/183\)](#) are revoked.

6 Statement on exercise of functions

(1) Each responsible body—

(a) must, as soon as reasonably practicable after guidance is first issued to the body under section 5,

(b) may, at any other time, prepare a written statement describing the plans mentioned in subsection (2).

(2) The plans are the responsible body's plans for—

(a) the exercise of its functions under section 1, 2 or, as the case may be, 3 (including in particular a summary of the arrangements required, by subsection (1) of whichever of those sections applies, to be established and maintained by the responsible body),

(b) the provision of information under section 8.

(3) A statement prepared under subsection (1) must also explain—

(a) the ways in which the arrangements mentioned in subsection (2)(a) comply with section 4, and

(b) how, in developing the plans and arrangements mentioned in subsection (2), the responsible body has had regard to guidance issued under section 5 (as the guidance is in force at the time the statement is prepared and as it relates to the body).

(4) applies where guidance issued to a responsible body under section 5 and in force at the time the responsible body prepares a statement under subsection (1) includes guidance about the exercise of the functions conferred by this section and section 7.

(5) The statement must also explain how, in exercising the functions mentioned in subsection (4), the responsible body has had regard to that guidance (as it relates to the body).

(6) A statement prepared under subsection (1) may include such other information as the responsible body thinks appropriate.

(7) The responsible body must publish each statement prepared under subsection (1) in such ways as the body thinks appropriate.

7 Consultation

(1) Before preparing a statement under section 6, each responsible body—

(a) must consult the persons mentioned in subsection (2), and

(b) may consult any other body or person the body thinks appropriate, about the responsible body's exercise of the functions conferred on it by section 1, 2 or, as the case may be, 3 and by section 8.

(3) Consultation under subsection

(1) must in particular include consultation—

- (a) about the ways in which product users ought to be able to obtain period products free of charge,
- (b) about the matters mentioned in subsection (4), and
- (c) about the types of period products which ought to be obtainable free of charge.

(4) The matters referred to in subsection (3)(b) are—

(a) where the consultation relates to the exercise of functions under section 1—

- (i) the premises, and
- (ii) the locations in those premises, in which period products ought to be obtainable free of charge,

(b) where the consultation relates to the exercise of functions under section 2—

- (i) the locations in buildings of the type mentioned in section 2(3), and
 - (ii) any other locations in the education provider's premises, in which period products ought to be obtainable free of charge,
- (c) where the consultation relates to the exercise of functions under section 3, the locations in the specified public service body's premises in which period products ought to be obtainable free of charge.

(5) In this section, "product users" means—

- (a) persons who need to use period products, and
- (b) except in subsections (2)(a)(ii) and (3)(a), persons who may need to use period products in the future.