

Statement of exercise of functions – Period Products (Free Provision Act) 2021

Summary of document

This document outlines the provision of period products within the location of Dollar Academy in relation to the Period Products (Free Provision) Act

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/period-products-free-provision-scotland-act-2021-guidance-responsible-bodies-september-2021/pages/1/>

Dollar Academy retains the right to update the content of this document and when products and arrangements are updated.

Overview of arrangements for period products

Each pupil has **free** and **easy access** to period products across the campus of the school in a manner that is inclusive of gender. Products are primarily stocked in school toilets but can also be obtained through specific teachers and the Nursing centre.

Consultation process

In January 2022, the PSE department began consultation and investigation to understand how the Act would be reasonably fulfilled at Dollar Academy. This included:

- Creation of a staff focus group (KCU, SHU and ELA).
- Surveys of all toilets around campus.
- PSE lessons and assemblies to introduce pupils to the Act and make pupils aware of their rights in relation to the Act, as well as responsible use of Products.
- Feedback from pupils was sought in relation to the placement of Period Products and how best to make them accessible.

Accessibility

In accordance with the Act, products must be **accessible, free of charge, inclusive and appropriate**.

Following the consultation process, the following steps were put in place:

- A range of period products placed in all girls' toilets, changing rooms and unisex toilets where practicable.
- The products are distributed in plastic baskets with signage showing which toilets contain period products.

- A range of products are available: pads, night pads, regular tampons and super tampons.
- Staff toilets also have access to free period products.
- Reusable products are available (Unicorn Cups)
- Due to expense, reusable products can be procured from the Nursing centre or PSE department.

Procurement and re-stock

Initially, products were procured free of charge from Faire Share, Dundee. However, this charity stopped the arrangement and Clackmannanshire Council have failed to provide any feedback or information about the acquisition of products.

The Head of PSE now procures recycled products from Hey Girls <https://www.heygirls.co.uk/>.

Future considerations

In years to come, the school hopes to move to the use of Free Vend machines. There are cost implications of such a move and, as such, this will require further consultation.