



Craigclowan School

Period Products – Statement on Exercise of Functions

The Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Act 2021 received Royal Assent on 12th January 2021. The Act requires independent schools to ensure period products are provided free of charge to anyone who needs them during term time on their premises. It is the world's first legislation to make it mandatory for all independent schools to provide sanitary products for menstruation.

The Act states:

Everyone in Scotland who menstruates should have reasonably convenient access to period products, free of charge, as and when required.

We must make products reasonably easy to obtain, we must try to ensure dignity is preserved and respected and offer a reasonable choice of types of products (1 type of tampon, 1 type of sanitary pad and 1 reusable product).

Recipients should not be required to ask for products, justify why they need them, or any limit placed on the number of products recipients can receive. Independent schools have a duty to make period products available free of charge for anyone who needs them, and in their role as education providers, make period products available at no cost in school buildings.

Schools are also required to publish a Statement on how they will exercise their functions under the Act. The statement must be prepared in consultation with relevant individuals, groups, and organisations.

Craigclowan School's Statement of Function

Current Provision

Craigclowan School ensures that:

- All period products are provided free of charge and reasonably easy to obtain. There is a choice of single use products including single use pads, and single use tampons.
- Products are available in the Middle, Senior School and Disabled toilet throughout term time.
- Information about the availability of products is discussed with F6-8 girls.
- We will review the scheme regularly to ensure the service provided is meeting the needs of the pupils.

Craigclowan has ensured there is no limit to the number of products a pupil can access. There is no requirement to ask for products and they are freely available to collect within all female toilets. The Office staff monitor and refresh stock regularly.