



## **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 education providers 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 public institutions 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. We have a duty to make period products available free of charge for anyone who needs them, and in our role as education providers, make period products available at no cost in our buildings.

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

The Donaldson Trust ensures that:

- All period products are provided free of charge and easy to obtain, with a choice of single use and reusable products offered including single use pads, single use tampons and reusable pads.
- Products are available throughout the building during term time.
- Consideration is given to respect and dignity in our approach.

The Donaldson Trust has ensured there is no limit to the number of products an individual can access. There is no requirement to ask for products as they are freely available within all female and gender neutral toilets. Staff monitor and refresh stock regularly. The service is promoted through the staff team and posters are displayed across the building.