



BELMONT HOUSE SCHOOL

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Period Products – Statement on Exercise of Functions

The **Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Act 2021** received Royal Assent on 12th January 2021 and came into force on 15th August 2022. The Act places a duty on responsible bodies, including independent schools, to provide access to free period products during term time on their premises.

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 (one type of tampon, one type of sanitary pad and one 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.”*

Belmont House School’s Statement of Function

The 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 Junior School Extension (Junior 4-6), Senior School and Accessible toilets throughout term time.
- Information about the availability of products is discussed with J4-6 and Transitus-Senior 6 girls. There is no limit on the number of products any pupil can access and no requirement to ask for products. Stock is refreshed on a regular basis.
- Confidential support is also available if requested by an individual pupil from specific female pastoral care staff from Junior 4 upwards.
- We will review the scheme regularly in consultation with relevant stakeholders to ensure the service provided is meeting the expressed needs of the pupils.