



Name of policy: **Period products (free provision) policy**

Publication date	
Date of last review/revision	21 th February 2023
Type of policy (statutory, procedure, adopted, protocol...?)	Statutory
Purpose	To articulate how Edinburgh Steiner School complies with the 2021 Act (Period products, free provision)
Related Quality Indicators (HGIOS 4)	3.1
Related school policies	Safeguarding policies (SW)
Whole school or departmental policy?	Whole School
Links to national policies or legislation	Period products (free provision) (Scotland) Act 2021
Links to OSCR	
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Key contact (name, role, email address)	Management Group



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Rationale

The Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Act 2021 came into force on 15 August 2022. The Act places a duty on responsible bodies, including independent schools, to provide access to free period products. Education providers must ensure that period products are obtainable free of charge by pupils and students during term time on their premises.

Policy and practice

It is the policy and practice of Edinburgh Steiner School to comply with the Act, and with Scottish Government Guidance, to ensure that:

- Young people have access to period products in school
- Access is dignified, according to the Act
- No payment is required for any period products provided by the School

A 'dignified' approach ensures that products can be easily accessed in a place where individuals are comfortable doing so. Pupils do not have to:

- ask someone for products
- justify why they need them
- justify the amount that is needed

Guidance defines a 'period product' as: manufactured articles the purpose of which is to absorb or collect menstrual flow.

Consultation has, and will remain, a matter for the Student Council, which communicates pupils' wishes and preferences to teachers and Mandate Groups.

Edinburgh Steiner School provides free access to period products in girls' and women's toilets, and in some gender-neutral toilets. Stocks are monitored and replenished by trained cleaning and maintenance staff. Appropriate methods of disposal are provided. Toilets are cleaned daily. While the provision of period products in toilets meets the Scottish Government Guidance of a 'dignified' approach, period products are also available on request from the Office Staff if this is preferred by pupils.