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## Braidside Integrated Primary and Nursery School

### Statement on Arrangements for the Provision of Free Period Products

#### School Vision Statement

We aim to work together to support each child in reaching their personal and academic potential within a culture of mutual respect.

#### Period Products (Free Provision) Act (Northern Ireland) 2022 (The Act)

The introduction of the Period Products (Free Provision) Act (Northern Ireland) 2022, (The Act), stipulates that from 12 May 2024, schools have a statutory duty to provide period products, free of charge, on its premises. Braidside has had this provision in place for several years and will continue to maintain this approach.

#### Aim of the Act

The overarching aim of the Act is to ensure period products are provided free of charge to all persons in Northern Ireland who need them. Furthermore, the Act specifies that arrangements established to meet this aim must ensure the following:

1. that the period products are obtainable by users, reasonably easily and in a way that respects the dignity, privacy and confidentiality of the persons obtaining them;
2. that a reasonable choice of different types of period products are made available, having regard to articles which are reusable; and
3. that the availability of free products and the arrangements for obtaining them are publicised in a way that respects dignity, privacy and confidentiality.

#### Details of Specified Public Service Body

Name of Specified Public Service Body	Braidside Integrated Primary and Nursery School
Main address of Public Service Body	89 Frys Road, Ballymena, BT43 7EN

Reference to full list of sites where free period products are available	Main ladies staff toilets Medical room Cupboard
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### **Publication/ Consultation Details**

Date of first publication	December 2024
Dates of subsequent publication	Reviewed as required
Where will this Statement be published?	School website
When was a consultation carried out?	September 2024
Who was consulted?	Staff

The school consulted with staff to determine the arrangements to be put in place. The questions centred on:

1. Which products should be made available.
2. Where they should be placed
3. How information should be shared with staff and visitors

### **The Arrangements**

The following arrangements have been put in place:

1. Provision of a range of sanitary products (towels, tampons, etc) in the main female staff toilets. These can be accessed by anyone in need whilst on the premises.
2. Availability of sanitary towels from designated adults for pupils who require them. Sanitary towels are stored in the main cupboard in the Medical Room. They will be easily and openly accessed, whilst being discretely managed by the designated staff. Sanitary bins are available in the P6 and P7 female toilets.
3. The availability of sanitary products will be communicated via staff to pupils.
4. The Statement for the provision of free period products will be posted on the school website ([www.braidside.co.uk](http://www.braidside.co.uk)) with the policy documents tab.

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Ratified:

To be reviewed: 2027