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Dear Parents,

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Period Product Provision in School

The government has a scheme in place to ensure that no one is held back from accessing education due to their period - a period should not be a barrier to education for any learner. This scheme provides free period products for all learners who need them but it should be pointed out that it is not a universal offer of free products, which would be cost prohibitive. For example, learners should be able to access period products if:

- They have forgotten their products
- They cannot afford products
- They have come on their period unexpectedly

We have a stock of sanitary towels with wings that we can make available to those children who might experience one of the above scenarios in school.

Making products available to Pupils



We have a system in place to make period products easily accessible with minimum fuss for the pupils. We provide a laminated 'smiley-face card' for each pupil who has started their periods, which they keep in their school bag, retrieving it and bringing it to the office should they ever need period products (they can leave the classroom without asking). They simply show the card, and a sealed pad will be discreetly provided - they won't need to say a word.

There is a sanitary disposal bin in one of the cubicles of the junior girls' toilets however; if they feel more comfortable, children can use the staff cubicle with a sanitary bin providing no staff be in there.

If your child has started their period, please request a laminated 'smiley card' from the office and talk to your child about how they access products from the office should they ever require them. We have also found that it's helpful for children to keep spare underwear and relevant garments in their school bag just in case they're required.

We are keen to help remove the stigma and taboo that appears to relate to periods and instead create a healthy and respectful communication between all.

Yours sincerely

Mrs L. Harris

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