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

**Date:** May 1st 2025

**School Address:** Belmore Street Enniskillen BT746AB

#### 1. Consultation Conducted by Mount Lourdes Grammar School

**Consultation Period:** January 2025 – April 2025

**Participants:**

* Pupils (including those who have not yet started their periods)
* Staff
* Parents/Guardians
* Board of Governors

**Methods of Consultation:**

* Confidential surveys
* School Council
* Informal discussions during school assemblies and parent-teacher meetings

**Key Consultation Questions:**

1. How should product users be able to obtain free period products?
2. Where in the school premises should period products be obtainable free of charge?
3. What types of period products should be available?
4. How can we ensure the dignity, privacy, and confidentiality of product users?
5. How can we always keep products well-stocked and available?

#### 2. Arrangements to be Put in Place as a Result of Consultation

**Locations for Free Period Products:**

* All girls' toilets
* SEN rooms
* Sickbay
* Designated discreet locations such as the library and common room

**Types of Period Products Provided: School Supplier John Preston Healthcare Group**

* Sanitary towels (various absorbencies)
* Tampons (various absorbencies)
* Reusable period pants if budget allows.

**Access and Distribution:**

* Products will be freely accessible in baskets by sinks and in individual toilets throughout the school

**Publicising the Availability:**

* Posters in toilets and common areas
* Information on the school website and intranet
* Announcements during school assemblies by Health and Wellbeing Prefect Team
* Inclusion in the school newsletter

#### 3. Regard to Department Guidance

**Meeting Individual Needs:**

* Ensuring products are available to meet the needs of all pupils, staff, and visitors while on the premises.

**Respecting Dignity, Privacy, and Confidentiality:**

* Products will be placed in locations that allow for discreet access without the need to ask for them.
* Consultation feedback emphasised the importance of privacy, leading to the decision to place products in individual toilet cubicles as well as beside sinks.

**Reasonable Choice:**

* A variety of products will be available to cater to different preferences and needs, including reusable options if budget allows.

**Environmental Considerations:**

* Preference for plastic-free and environmentally friendly products where possible.
* Information on proper disposal of products will be provided.

#### 4. Meeting Consultation Requirements (Section A4)

**Consultation Process:**

* Conducted at a formative stage with clear proposals and options for consultees.
* Ensured sufficient time for responses and considered feedback from all stakeholders.

**Consultation Outcomes:**

* Identified preferred locations and types of products.
* Emphasised the need for dignity, privacy, and confidentiality in accessing products.
* Highlighted the importance of keeping products well-stocked and easily accessible.

**Implementation:**

* Arrangements developed based on consultation feedback and departmental guidance.
* Regular monitoring and restocking of products to ensure continuous availability by Mrs. Jane McGeoghan (Health and Well-being Committee) and Ms. Marita Cosgrove

**Publication of Statement:**

* This statement will be published on the school website.
* Copies will be available in the Main Office.