



# CLAIMING YOUR **FREE PERIOD PRODUCTS** FOR SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES IN ENGLAND

## WHO IS THE SCHEME FOR?

This scheme is for all learners in state schools and colleges in England who need period products in their place of learning in order to access education. **This may include, for example, where learners:**

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

## HOW TO ORDER PRODUCTS

An activation email was sent to your registered school email address (the email address DfE use to communicate with you) during the week commencing **20th January 2020**. Within this email, there will be a link to your online ordering portal – if you cannot find the email, or the link doesn't work, please email pHS at [periodproducts@pHS.co.uk](mailto:periodproducts@pHS.co.uk) or call them on **01827 255500**.

Products can be ordered free of charge through **pHS**, the delivery partner for the scheme, and will be delivered free of charge. The Department for Education have provided each school and college with a budget based on of the number of learners in your organisation, and a 35% take-up. This can be used to order from a range of products to suit your needs.

To order, login to the [pHS portal](#), email pHS at [periodproducts@pHS.co.uk](mailto:periodproducts@pHS.co.uk) or call pHS customer services on **01827 255500**. Orders can be placed immediately.

The cost of the product, and the cost of delivery, will be met by DfE directly. It does **NOT** come out of your school budget and you do **NOT** have to pay "up front."

## PRODUCTS AVAILABLE

A wide range of period products is available to choose from. When deciding which products to order, you should consider the needs and preferences of all learners.

### You will be able to order:

- **period pads**
- **environmentally friendly period pads**
- **reusable period pads**
- **applicator tampons**
- **non-applicator tampons**
- **organic tampons**
- **menstrual cups**

Detailed information on the options available can be found on the [pHS portal](#).

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## YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

Schools and colleges need to:

- follow safety guidance around the use of period products.
- comply with the Equality Act 2010.
- consider the gender, culture, religion and age range of learners and provide additional support where necessary.

The DfE's Guidance can be found at <https://bit.ly/2RUnMzK>

## MAKING PRODUCTS AVAILABLE TO LEARNERS

Individual organisations may choose how to make products available to learners, but need to ensure that all learners can easily access the products when they need to.

See the [DfE's guidance](#) for case studies on how products have been made available to learners.

## PROMOTING THE SCHEME

Schools and colleges should take steps to:

- reduce the stigma around periods
- encourage learners to access period products when needed
- make sure learners know where and how to access products and which products are available

See the [DfE guidance](#) for more information and support in promoting the scheme to your learners.



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