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Dear Andrew,

Thank you for your Written Question tabled on 11 November 2024 seeking confirmation regarding what advice the Welsh Government provides to teachers for dealing with hygiene poverty in their schools.

The Welsh Government has funded Children in Wales to produce refreshed '[Price of Pupil Poverty](#)' guides. These guides support teachers to remove barriers experienced by children impacted by poverty. Case studies show how teachers using these resources have supported personal hygiene, including making free hygiene products available.

In addition, our '[A Period Proud Wales](#)' plan outlines how everyone should have access to period products, whenever they are needed. Our Period Dignity annual grant now totals over £3.2 million, and period products are in every school in Wales, with [resources](#) available for teachers to address period poverty. The grant can also be used by schools to purchase clothing to support students with a change of clean clothing.

The Welsh Government also make available the [School Essentials Grant](#) directly to eligible learners. This funding can be used to cover a range of uniform and equipment purchases, helping ensure children have sufficient clothing for school. £13.1m has been made available for this grant in 2024-25.

Yours sincerely

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