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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: The Red Box Project

Handsworth Grange Community Sports College are collaborating with 'The Red Box Project' to tackle period poverty in school.

Statistics show that one in ten girls have been unable to afford sanitary wear and that 49% of girls have missed an entire day of school because of their period, of which 59% have made up a lie or an alternate excuse (Plan International UK).

The Red Box Project is a community initiative set up to provide free sanitary products to young women who need them and to ensure that no young woman misses out on her education because of her period.

However, to be able to provide such sanitary items we require your support. We are pleased to announce that we are an official donation point that members of the public can come and drop off donations of any sanitary products.

If any parents/carers would like to donate products to our red box please bring to the school Reception where they will be gratefully received. Donations of whole packs of pads and tampons in different sizes and absorbencies, including night pads and new pants in various sizes will be accepted.

Should you have any further questions about 'The Red Box Project' you can contact myself or Bev Ramsey via the school contact number. Alternatively you can take a look at the website: www.redboxproject.org or email <u>rpbsheffield@gmail.com</u>.

May I take this opportunity to thankyou in advance for supporting our mission in ending period poverty. We believe all young people deserve equal access to education and that access to period products is essential to this.

Please spread the word amongst family and friends!

Yours sincerely

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