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Head teacher has to clean school toilets – 26th March, 2019

Level 0

Schools in the UK have little money. They have to cut back. The government cut their money. A head teacher cannot pay for cleaners or staff. She cleans the toilets herself. She is embarrassed because her school cannot support students. She has sold school land, cut subjects and fired teachers to keep her school open.

Many UK schools made difficult decisions. They asked millions of parents to volunteer. Some schools asked parents for toilet paper and classroom supplies. Some students get just one sheet of A4 paper a month. Teachers want to meet the education secretary. He said no. The UK government said education is very important.

Level 1

Schools in England have little money to spend. They have to cut back on things. The government has cut budgets. A head teacher in London cannot pay for cleaners or canteen staff. She has to help clean the toilets herself. She told reporters she was embarrassed because her school did not have enough money to support students. She has sold school land, cut subjects and fired teachers to keep her school open.

The London school is like many in the UK. Schools have made difficult decisions about how to spend their money. Schools wrote to millions of parents to explain there is no money. Schools asked parents to volunteer. Some schools asked parents for toilet paper and classroom basics. Students in one school get just one sheet of A4 paper a month. Teachers want to meet the education secretary, but he said no. The UK government said education is a priority.

Level 2

It is hard for schools in England. They have little money to spend and have to cut back on many things. The UK government has cut school budgets. A head teacher in south London cannot pay for cleaners or canteen staff. She has to help to clean the toilets and serve students in the cafeteria herself. She recently told reporters that she was embarrassed because her school did not have enough money to support her students. She has sold school land, cut subjects and fired her deputy-head teacher to keep her school open.

The London school is like many schools in the UK. Thousands of head teachers have made difficult decisions about how to spend their school's money. Over 7,000 head teachers wrote to 3.5 million parents to explain there is no money. Schools have asked parents to volunteer to help the children. Some schools asked parents for toilet paper and other basics for classrooms. One school gives students just one sheet of A4 paper a month. Head teachers want to meet the UK's education secretary, but he refused. The UK government said funding for education was a priority.

Level 3

Times are hard for schools in England because they have so little money to spend. They have to cut back on many things. There is austerity in the UK so the government has cut school budgets. One head teacher at a school in London does not have enough money to pay for cleaners or canteen staff. This means she has to help to clean the toilets and serve students in the school cafeteria. Ms Siobhan Lowe is head of Tolworth Girls' School in south London. She recently told reporters that she was embarrassed because her school did not have enough money to support her students. Ms Lowe said she has sold school land, cut subjects and a fired her deputy-head teacher to keep her school open.

The south London school is typical of many schools in the UK. Thousands of head teachers have to make difficult decisions about how to spend their school's money. More than 7,000 head teachers recently wrote to 3.5 million parents to explain why the schools have no money. Many parents have become volunteers at schools to help the children. Some schools have asked parents to provide toilet paper and other basics for the school toilets and classrooms. One school only has enough money to give students one sheet of A4 paper a month. Head teachers want to meet the UK's education secretary, but he refused to meet them. The UK's Department for Education said funding for education was a government priority.

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