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UK government votes against free meals for poorer children – 28th October, 2020

Level 0

The UK voted against giving children free school lunches in the holidays. There was an idea to give children a \$20 food voucher every week. In the summer, a Manchester United footballer got the UK government to U-turn and give school lunches to poorer children. He wants this to happen again.

British people are angry. Many children will not eat lunch in the holidays. The UK leader said he would not U-turn. He said he "totally understands" hunger. People said this was not true because he is rich. People are also angry that COVID-19 workers in the UK get over \$8,000 a day, but a child cannot get a free lunch.

Level 1

The UK government voted against giving free school lunches to children in the holidays. Most of the government voted against giving children a weekly \$20 food voucher. The government is under pressure to make a U-turn. In the summer, the footballer Marcus Rashford campaigned to get the government to give school lunches to poorer children during the coronavirus pandemic. The government listened and made a U-turn.

British people are angry because many children will not get a proper meal in the holidays. The UK's Prime Minister said he would not U-turn. He said he "totally understands" the issue of hunger. People on social media said this was not true because he comes from a rich family. People are also angry that COVID-19 consultants in the UK are paid over \$8,000 a day, but children cannot get a free lunch. Many stores in the UK are banning politicians from their businesses.

Level 2

The UK government voted against giving children free school lunches during the holidays. A huge majority of the government voted against giving a weekly food voucher. The value of the voucher was just \$20 per child. The government is now under pressure to make a U-turn. In the summer, the Manchester United footballer Marcus Rashford campaigned to get the government to provide school lunches for poorer children during the coronavirus pandemic. The government made a U-turn then. Mr Rashford has started another campaign for another U-turn.

The British public is angry that politicians voted against giving the food vouchers. Many children will not get a proper meal during the holidays. Prime Minister Boris Johnson said he would not U-turn. He said he "totally understands" the issue of hunger. Many people on social media said Mr Johnson does not understand because he comes from a rich family and has always had money. People are angry COVID-19 consultants in the UK are paid over \$8,000 a day, but children cannot get a \$20 lunch voucher. Many stores across the UK are banning politicians from their businesses.

Level 3

The UK government voted against giving poor children free school lunches during the school holidays. Only five politicians in the ruling Conservative party voted to help poorer children with a daily lunch. A huge majority of the government voted against the weekly \$20-per-child food voucher. The government is now under pressure to make a U-turn. It made a U-turn in the summer over free school meals. The Manchester United footballer Marcus Rashford started a successful campaign to get the government to reverse its decision not to provide school lunches for poorer children during the coronavirus pandemic. Mr Rashford has started another campaign to pressure the government into another U-turn.

The UK government is under growing pressure to U-turn. The British public is furious that politicians are refusing to provide the food vouchers. For many children, the voucher would mean getting their only proper meal of the day during the holidays. Prime Minister Boris Johnson said he would not U-turn. He said: "I totally understand the issue of holiday hunger". Many people on social media said Mr Johnson does not understand hunger because he comes from a wealthy family and has always had money. People are angry COVID-19 track-and-trace consultants are paid over \$8,000 a day but children cannot have a \$20 food voucher. Many stores across the UK are banning politicians from their businesses.