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Teachers should send fees defaulters home

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School fees is the money parents or guardians pay to help schools run. This money is used to pay teachers, buy learning materials like books and chalk, and maintain the school environment. However, not all families are able to pay fees on time. This, sometimes, creates a challenge for both schools and learners.

You may have seen or heard of pupils being sent home because of unpaid fees. This can make some children miss lessons, while schools may also struggle to operate without enough money. Because of this, people have different opinions about whether it is right or wrong to send children home.

For the motion (Supporting):

- First, schools need money to run properly. The money pays teachers, buys books, and provides things like chalk and desks. If some children stay in school without paying, it becomes unfair to those who have paid.
- Sending children home reminds parents to take responsibility. Some parents may delay paying fees if they know their children will continue studying without paying. Sending the child home helps them remember that education must be supported.
- Schools in Uganda depend a lot on school fees. Without fees, the school may not function well, and this can affect the quality of education for all learners.
- In conclusion, sending children home helps schools run smoothly and teaches responsibility to families.

Against the motion (Opposing):

- Education is a right for every child. Sending a child home means they miss lessons, and this affects their learning. The child suffers even though it is not their fault that fees have not been paid.
- Some families are poor and cannot pay fees on time. Sending children away makes them feel ashamed and discouraged. Some may even drop out of school completely.
- Also, instead of sending children home, schools can talk to parents and agree on payment plans. This allows the child to continue learning while the parent looks for money.
- In conclusion, children should be kept in school and supported, not sent away because of fees.

Rebuttal (Response):

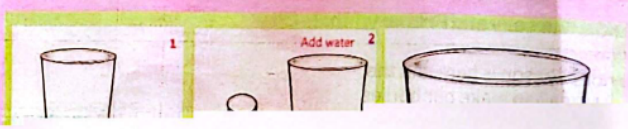
To those supporting the motion, we agree that schools need money, but sending children home harms their education. There are better ways to handle fees without affecting learning.

To those opposing, while it is true that education is a right, schools also need support to operate. Parents should try their best to communicate with the school.



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