

Theresa May's shame as foodbank in her own constituency begs for urgent supplies

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Theresa May's local foodbank is appealing for urgent supplies to stop poorer kids going hungry in the school holidays.

While the Prime Minister presses on with austerity, Maidenhead Foodshare needs locals to "plug the gaps that society leaves".

Foodbank boss Katie Hierons said: "We're trying to give families extra food because they will not have school meals, so we're asking for extra donations."

Mrs May spent yesterday working at her luxury home in the Berkshire town, just a few miles from the Foodshare centre. She became PM after claiming she wanted to help struggling families and those who are "just about managing".

But she has not deviated from the [austerity](#) path.



Foodbank has issued plea for locals to help feed poor kids (Image: Getty)

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Her latest move is a £5billion tax cut for the biggest corporations while refusing to halt welfare cuts for families or scrap the 1% public sector pay cap.

Labour's Shadow Cabinet Minister Jon Trickett said: "It's utterly shocking that schools are reduced to begging for contributions to prevent kids going without a decent meal during the holidays.

"That it's happening anywhere is disgraceful, that it's happening in the Prime Minister's constituency should be a

matter of shame to Theresa May.”

Maidenhead resident Neil Rudd said: “There should be support – it is a shame the foodbank is not getting what was hoped.”

Foodbank usage has risen in the past year, with 1,182,959 three-day emergency packages handed out against 1,109,309 the year before.

A Government spokesman said: “There are a variety of complex, underlying causes that result in people having to use foodbanks.”