

## THE FIGHT FOR JUNK FOOD

1. Children should be allowed to buy junk food at school if they want to. My eyes nearly dropped out of my head when I heard that my school canteen wouldn't have junk food anymore. I love to eat sweets and greasy food and I'm going to fight for my right to buy them at school!
2. So what if I've had some cavities from sugary sweets? My mum gives me spending money each week and I just love to buy sweets, ice-creams and chocolates during my breaks. They taste so delicious and I feel so sorry for those kids who have to eat healthy snacks like fresh crisp apples. Yuck! My dentist said I needed to stop eating all that junk food, or I wouldn't have any teeth left! He must be joking though because I have plenty of extra teeth and I've only had six cavities so far.
3. My teacher says that I'm a horror after lunchtime because I have so much energy and can't concentrate. After my lunch of hot chips or sausage rolls, I like to wash it all down with one or two cans of sugary soft drinks. I don't see what the problem is, but my teacher said I am bouncing off the walls and don't pay attention to my work. I guess my marks have gone down a bit and I do find it hard to focus, but I just think it's because school can be a bit boring sometimes!
4. Buying junk food from the school canteen gives money to our school. When the school sells junk food lots of children like me want to buy it. That means more money for the school and buying things like new footballs or basketball nets. If the school stops selling junk food not as many of us will buy the healthy food and the school will have less money. I heard they want to sell healthy salads and homemade pizzas. I guess those actually sound OK, especially the pizza, but I'm not going to buy it until they bring back the junk!
5. The school says eating too much junk food makes you overweight and unhealthy. I don't know what they are on about because I eat junk food all the time and I'm alright! P.E. class is a little bit hard, and I can't really run around the sportsground, but I don't really like sport anyway. I'd much prefer to sit down with a big bowl of buttered popcorn and watch a DVD. Popcorn is made from corn, which is a vegetable, so it must be healthy!
6. Clearly, I think you will agree that junk food should be here to stay in schools. It tastes great and it makes me happy. A few cavities and bad marks aren't going to stop me from having all of my favourite cakes and party pies.
7. Buy a fresh salad or some juicy sliced fruit from the school canteen? No way!

