

Dear Parent / Carer

## Are you a parent claiming Council Tax Benefit?

**If you claim Council Tax Benefit, the support that you currently receive may reduce from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013.**

Council Tax Benefit is being abolished by the Government and being replaced with a Council Tax Support scheme.

Under the new scheme all working age residents will have to pay at least 20% of their Council Tax bill from April this year. This includes parents that claim Income Support, Job Seekers or Employment and Support Allowance or who are in work and have a low income.

Pensioners will continue to receive the same amount of support they currently receive.

See how these changes will affect you by using the online calculator on:

[www.tameside.gov.uk/counciltax/supportscheme](http://www.tameside.gov.uk/counciltax/supportscheme)

Your help is very much appreciated.

Thank you,

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