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As the [Observer has reported today](#), based on work from the Resolution Foundation, for many parents the cost of childcare now makes work uneconomic.

There are many dimensions to this: I recall that cost all too well. But I think the biggest issue may be the most important. It's this: that when the state walks away from an issue of concern to society at large it's invariably those least able to bear the cost who pay.

That's happening here.

It's why we need a genuinely progressive tax system linked to a genuinely redistributive social welfare system. And that does not just mean redistributive in the present moment, vital as that it. It means across generations too.