

## **DfE update 18 March 2026**

Latest information and actions from the Department for Education about funding, assurance and resource management, for academies, local authorities and further education providers.

---

## **Working families saving thousands on childcare costs**

Research shows that government-funded childcare has cut childcare costs for families in half.

---

## **Central Asia 5+United Kingdom summit advances strategic collaboration**

Central Asian countries and the United Kingdom hold landmark meetings in London to advance strategic collaboration on education, security, culture, finance and economic development.

---

## **Stronger visiting rights for people in health and care settings**

The government will better protect and strengthen the visiting rights for people in health and care settings, following a review of Regulation 9a.

---

# UK commits £15 million for vulnerable people affected by Middle East conflict

Hundreds of thousands of people fleeing conflict in the Middle East will receive life-saving assistance in response to worsening humanitarian situation.