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BREAKING:

THE GOVERNMENT HAS EXPANDED

**THE AFGHAN CITIZENS RESETTLEMENT
SCHEME (ACRS)**

TO ENABLE FAMILY REUNIFICATION



The image shows a family of four standing against a light blue background. On the left, a man with glasses and a beard, wearing a dark grey sweater, is holding a young child in a light blue and white jacket. In the center is a boy in a grey hoodie. On the right is a woman in a black cardigan over a patterned top. They are all looking towards the camera.

We're thrilled to see a significant policy change announced today, which will mean that some Afghan families torn apart during the fall of Kabul can now be reunited in safety in the UK!

New changes to the Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme (ACRS) will mean that some Afghans resettled in the UK under Pathway 1 CAN NOW BE JOINED by their closest family members, including their children and spouses. Afghan children evacuated to the UK can now be joined by their parents or siblings.

Over the last three years, we've worked with many families torn apart in the chaos of evacuating Kabul. It is fantastic that they will finally have a way to be safely together again thanks to the swift action taken by the new Government. For children apart from their parents, this will be life-changing.

Immigration and Citizenship Minister Seema Malhotra said, "It's our moral duty to ensure that families who were tragically separated are reunited. Afghans did right by us, and we will do right by them."

Thank you to all the supporters of the Families Together coalition who have helped raise our voices and support the people we work with. Together, we can continue to make a positive impact.

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