

Good Shepherd Primary School

Infrastructural Upgrades

FAQs

Frequently
Asked
Questions



Ministry of
Education
Transformation

'Elsie Payne Complex'
Constitution Road, St. Michael, BB11124, BARBADOS, W.I.

Infrastructural Upgrades: Good Shepherd Primary School

LOGISTICS & TRANSPORTATION

Where will the school be temporarily located? And how were the alternative sites chosen?

The school will be relocated to:

- **Eden Lodge Primary School - Nursery - Infants B**
- **Trent's Resource Centre - Class 1 & 2**
- **John the Baptist, Anglican Church - Class 3 & 4**
(Directions to the alternative locations can be found at the end of document)
- The alternative sites were chosen based on proximity and capacity to accommodate the students, teachers, and ancillary staff.

Will the Ministry provide free school bus transportation to the alternative locations? If so, where are the designated pick-up and drop-off points?

- **Yes**, the MEdT will provide **FREE** bus transportation to the alternative locations.
- **Alternative Assembly point – The Church of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, Fitts Village, St. James.**
- Good Shepherd students will arrive at The Church of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, Fitts Village, St. James each morning and will be shuttled to the alternative locations via bus.
- Parents who prefer to take their children directly to the alternative designated location may do so.
- Morning drop-off times will be **between 7:30am and 8:30am daily**.
- Students will be shuttled back to the Church of Jesus, the Good Shepherd **between 2:30pm and 3:30pm daily**.
- Evening collection times will be **between 2:45pm and 4:00pm daily**.

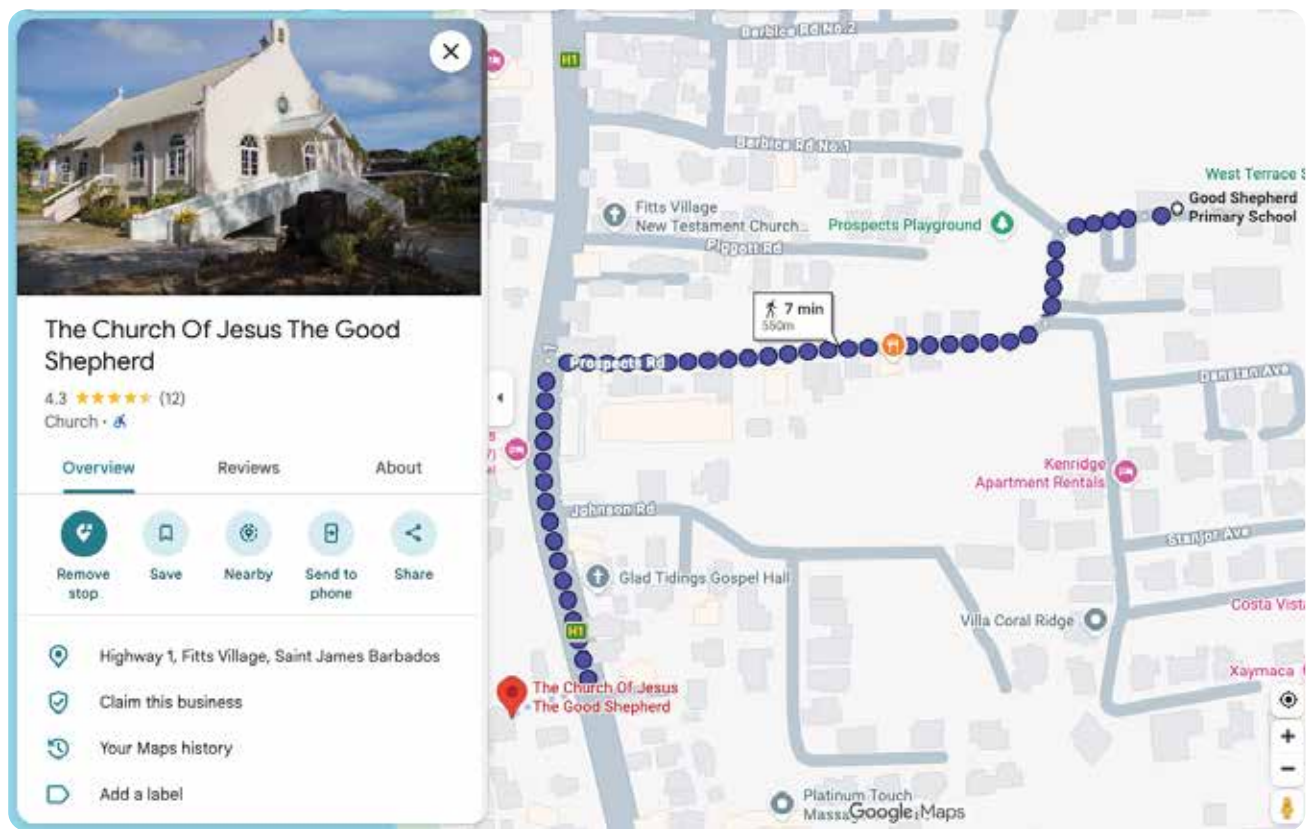
ASSEMBLY POINT – The Church of Jesus, the Good Shepherd

What are the school hours for the temporary location? Will the start or end times change to accommodate traffic/travel time?

- **Yes**, the times will change slightly to allow for travel to and from the alternative location.
- Teaching will begin at the usual time of **9:00am**.
- **Teaching will end at 2:30pm** to allow the Good Shepherd Primary students and staff to leave the alternative location first to reduce traffic congestion.

If I usually walk my child/ward to school, what are my alternative safe routes or travel options now?

- Parents are encouraged to walk their child/ward early to meet the shuttle during the designated pickup/drop off times.



FACILITIES, SAFETY & COMFORT

Is the temporary site safe and fully equipped for primary school children? (e.g., adequate bathroom facilities, play areas, and security).

- **Yes.** The alternative locations have been vetted and are equipped with facilities to accommodate students and teachers.

What measures are in place to manage dust, noise, and disruptions during the works?

- The construction firm hired will work to ensure there is minimal dust, noise and disruption to the surrounding businesses and homes
- For further questions or concerns, **please contact 535-0600** or info.sftf2@mes.gov.bb.

CONTINUITY OF SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Will my child still have access to the School Meals Program at the temporary location?

- **Yes.** School Meals will continue to be provided at the alternative location.

Will specialized classes like Physical Education (PE), Music, Information Technology (IT), or remedial classes be affected by the move?

- **No,** they will not be affected. Accommodation has been provided for specialist classes.

How will after-school programs, clubs, or sports teams operate during this rehabilitation period?

- Early morning and after-school activities will be accommodated at [The Church of Jesus, the Good Shepherd](#). Speak to the Teacher in charge for more information.

Will our school's principal, teachers, and guidance counselors remain the same?

- **Yes.** Each school will continue to have their designated Principal, Teachers, and Ancillary Staff.

TIMELINES & COMMUNICATION

How long will the construction work take, and when are we expected to move back to our original school?

- The overall timeline for the completion of the rehabilitative and construction works is one year (**August 2026 – August 2027**).
- The Principal, Students, Teachers and Ancillary Staff of the Good Shepherd Primary School are expected to be back in their school by **September 2027**.

Why will the rehabilitation and construction work take one year?

- Transforming our school into a safe, modern, and resilient learning environment requires a thorough, phased approach that cannot be rushed. A one-year timeline ensures that we do the job right the first time without compromising on safety or quality.
- We understand that a year is a significant period of disruption, and we deeply appreciate your patience. This temporary shift will result in a long-term transformation aimed at giving your child/ward the modernised, world-class school facilities they truly deserve.

Who do I contact if I have an immediate emergency or a specific concern regarding my child/ward at the temporary site?

- Your first point of contact will remain the Class Teacher of your child/ward.
- For further queries, please contact the Principal of your child/ward's school or visit the [MEdT website for further information](#).

How will the Ministry keep parents updated on the construction progress? (e.g., WhatsApp, town halls, email updates).

- Information will be shared via the MEdT website, traditional media (newspaper, and radio), email, social media and WhatsApp channels.
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