

St. Paul's 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: St. Paul's Primary School

LOGISTICS & TRANSPORTATION

Where will the school be temporarily located? And how was this site chosen?

The school will be temporarily relocated to:

- Bay Primary School - Reception – Class 1
- Luther Thorne Primary School - Class 2 – Class 4
(Directions to the alternative locations can be found at the end of document)
- The alternative school was 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 location? If so, where are the designated pick-up and drop-off points?

- Yes, the MEdT will provide **FREE** bus transportation to the alternative location.
- Assembly point – Boy Scouts' Association, Collymore Rock, St. Michael.
- St. Paul's students will arrive at the **Boy Scouts' Association** each morning and will be shuttled to the alternative schools via bus.
- Parents who prefer to take their children directly to the alternative locations may do so.
- Morning drop-off times will be **between 7:30am and 8:30am daily**.
- Students will be shuttled back to the Boy Scout's location **between 2:30pm and 3:30pm**.
- Evening collection times will be **between 2:45pm and 4:00pm daily**.

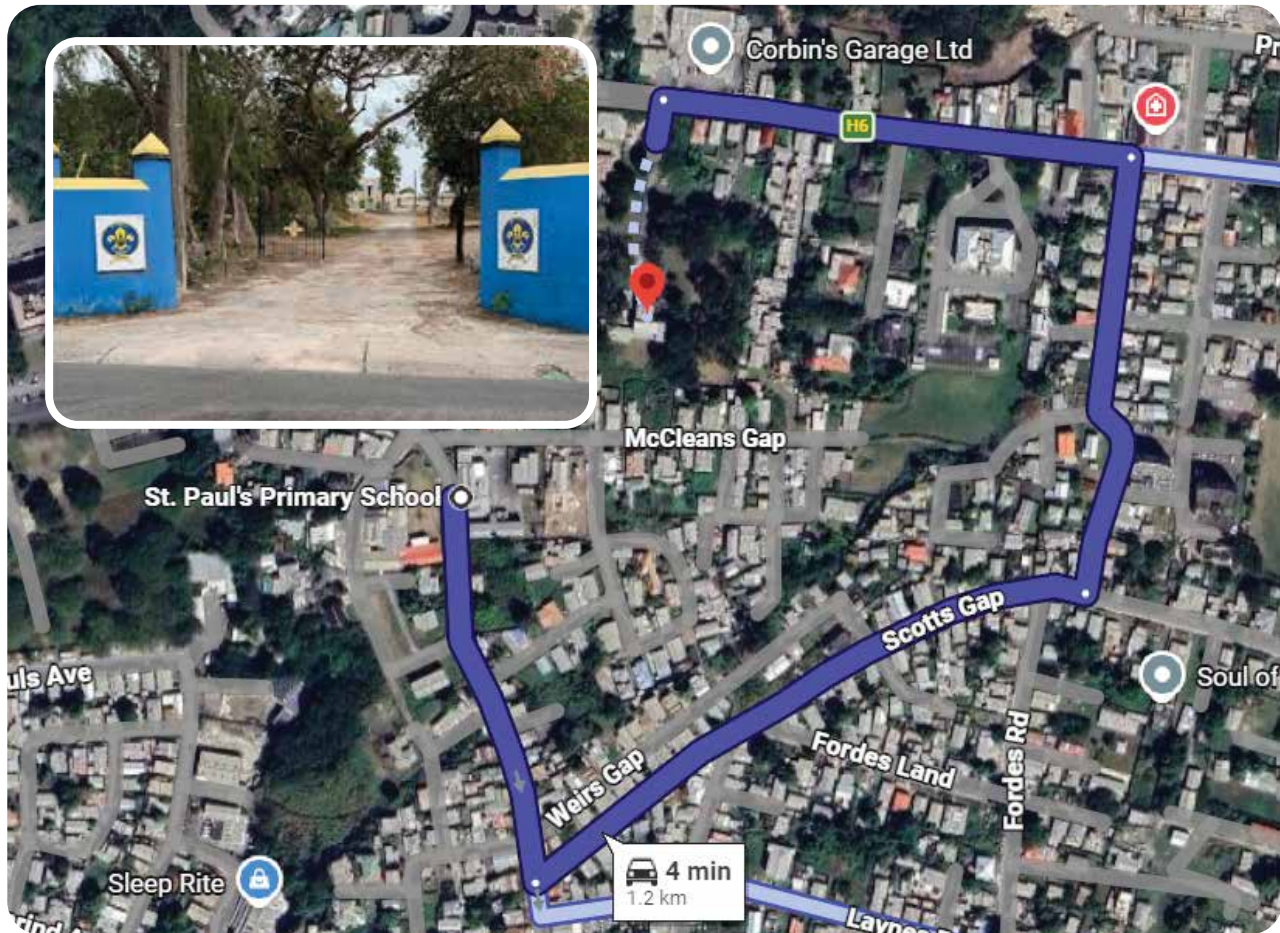
ASSEMBLY POINT – Boy Scout's Association

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 St. Paul's students and staff to leave the alternative locations 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 location has been vetted and is 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?

- After-school activities will be accommodated at the alternative location. 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 St. Paul's 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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