



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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Dear Editor / Head of Department,

### **First-Year Infant Registration System of T&T (FIRSTT)**

The Ministry of Education announces the launch of the First-Year Infant Registration System of Trinidad and Tobago (FIRSTT) on Monday, 17th February, 2025. This initiative is designed to enhance the registration experience for all 452 government and government-assisted primary schools across Trinidad and Tobago, ensuring that no child is left behind.

This online system will streamline the application process for parents and guardians, allowing application submissions for multiple schools, document upload and verification, real-time status tracking, automated notifications, and a centralized database for analytics and reporting. This innovation significantly reduces paper-based processes, enhances accessibility, and improves processing efficiency for schools. With these digital tools at their disposal, school administrators will be able to review, validate, and admit applicants more effectively.

The initiative will also improve transparency and fairness in the registration process, ensuring all applications are handled equitably. Additionally, it will provide enhanced data collection and reporting capabilities, allowing the Ministry of Education to gain better insights for informed decision-making and more effective oversight.

The primary stakeholders benefiting from this initiative include parents and guardians, who will be the main users of the application system. Primary school administrators form another crucial stakeholder group, as they will use the system to manage and process applications.

As part of the MOE ACCESS: Services, Systems, Solutions framework, FIRSTT aligns with our broader Digital Transformation Strategy, which aims to enhance the education sector through a unified digital ecosystem that is seamless, functional, robust, and scalable. These digitally enabled services will drive access, equity, and efficiency for all stakeholders.

The registration period begins today and will close on 28th March, 2025. Parents and guardians are encouraged to review the instructional guide for detailed, step-by-step registration instructions.

For further information and to complete your registration, please visit the Ministry of Education's online portal at <https://parentportal.moe.gov.tt>.

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