



## MEDIA RELEASE

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Dear Editor / Head of Department,

### Weather Conditions Affect School Operations: Emergency Measures

The Ministry of Education has announced the closure of sixteen (16) Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) centres, thirty-eight (38) Primary and thirteen (13) Secondary Schools across the country today, due to the prevailing harsh weather conditions as of 1:30 p.m. on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2025. This decision follows ongoing consultations with the Trinidad and Tobago Meteorological Service (TTMS) and the Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government, prioritising the safety and well-being of students, staff and school communities.

#### Affected Schools:

NAME OF PRIMARY SCHOOL	NAME OF SECONDARY SCHOOL
Aripo Roman Catholic Primary School	Brazil Secondary School
North Oropouche Government Primary School	Manzanilla Secondary
North Oropouche Roman Catholic Primary School	Matura Secondary School
Jubilee Presbyterian Primary School	Coryal Secondary School
Tamana Hindu Primary School	Mayaro Secondary School
Cunaripo Presbyterian Primary School	Cunupia Secondary School
Matura Government Primary School	Valencia Secondary School
Sangre Grande Seventh Day Adventist Primary School	Sangre Grande Secondary School
Coryal Roman Catholic Primary School	Guaico Secondary School
Tamana Roman Catholic Primary School	North Eastern Secondary School
Upper Cumuto Government Primary School	Toco Secondary School
Las Lomas Government Primary School	Chaguanas South Secondary School
Las Lomas Roman Catholic Primary School	Couva West Secondary School
Longdonville Government Primary School	NAME OF ECCE CENTRE
Madras Government Primary School	Bamboo Settlement Government ECCE
Jerningham Government Primary School	St. Augustine South Government ECCE
St. Helena Hindu Primary School	Strange Village Government ECCE
St. Helena Presbyterian Primary School	Cunjal Government ECCE



Ragoonanan Government Primary School	Springvale Government ECCE
Warrenville Presbyterian Primary School	Caroni SDMS ECCE
Palmiste Government Primary School	Bejucal SDMS ECCE
Cunupia Government Primary School	ASJA Ladies ECCE
Chaguanas Government Primary School	Warrenville TIA ECCE
Cumuto Presbyterian Primary School	Maloney Government ECCE
Fishing Pond Presbyterian Primary School	Malabar Government ECCE
Salybia Government Primary School	Egypt Trace Government ECCE
Cumana Roman Catholic Primary School	Gopie Trace ECCE
Biche Roman Catholic Primary School	Clarke Rochard Government ECCE
Grosvenor Presbyterian Primary School	Madras Government ECCE
Toco Anglican Primary School	Mamoral Government ECCE
Dow Village Government Primary School	
St. David's Roman Catholic Primary School	
Matelot Community Roman Catholic Primary School	
Orange Valley Government Primary School	
Boissiere Roman Catholic Primary School	
Nelson Street Boys' Government Primary School	
Nelson Street Girls' Government Primary School	
Beetham Estate Government Primary School	

The National Schools Dietary Services Limited (NSDSL) has experienced a temporary disruption to its School Nutrition Program (SNP) meal delivery services as a result of widespread flooding affecting multiple service areas across the island. Due to restrictions caused by road closures and localised flooding, NSDSL has redirected meals to the following regional corporations which in turn are delivering these meals to affected communities, Penal/Debe Corporation, Tunapuna/Piarco Corporation, Couva/Tabaquite Corporation. The company is committed to restoring full meal delivery services to affected schools as soon as safety permits. Caterers have been instructed to prepare for a return to regular operations tomorrow, contingent on improvements in the weather and road conditions. The NSDSL coordinates the daily delivery of approximately 54,000 breakfast meals and 79,000 lunches to students across more than 800 schools in Trinidad, facilitated by 65 contracted caterers islandwide. NSDSL is actively monitoring ongoing weather developments and collaborating closely with local authorities to evaluate access conditions.

A total of 3,736 candidates from Trinidad and Tobago were registered to sit the Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination (CAPE) Caribbean Studies across 82 schools today. In instances where candidates were unable to reach their assigned examination centres, arrangements were made to accommodate them at alternative locations closer to their residences. Additionally, candidates who experienced delays due to inclement weather and flooding were allowed to sit the examination upon arrival at their respective centres, despite being late.

Students scheduled to write the CAPE Caribbean Studies (today) and Communication Studies (tomorrow), who are affected can apply for compassionate consideration, via their principals to the CXC Local Registrar. The Ministry of Education will forward these requests to CXC Barbados for consideration.

The Ministry of Education will continue to monitor the situation closely and provide updates as necessary through official channels. The public is encouraged to stay informed by visiting the Ministry's website and social media platforms.

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