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PRESS RELEASE

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Title: Primary School Book Grant Now Available

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In its continued commitment to help meet the scholastic needs of our primary school children, the Government of Barbados, through the Ministry of Educational Transformation is once again providing the "\$100 Primary School Textbook Grant" to assist parents and guardians. Here are some important things you need to know to meet the qualifications for the disbursement of this grant and make this process a smooth one:

- If you are a parent or guardian who spends *over* \$100 on textbooks, the grant will cover *only* \$100.
- If you are a parent or guardian of more than one (1) child, you are required to complete one (1) application form *per* student. This eligibility applies to students at both public and private schools.
- If your child or ward is currently receiving assistance through the Ministry of Educational Transformation's existing *Primary School Textbook system*, you will not be eligible to put in a claim under this general \$100 Primary School

Textbook Grant as you are currently benefitting from existing financial assistance.

 Only one claim per child can be made. To make the process more seamless, we ask that duplicate applications not be made for the same child in instances when that child does not live with both parents. This can cause delays in processing your claim.

The application form can be found on the Ministry's website www.mes.gov.bb. For those who need assistance completing the form, you may visit your child's school between 10 am and 12 pm to receive assistance. We urge you to complete this process as soon as possible to give you and your child the best start to the school year, as the Government, through the Ministry of Educational Transformation remain committed to finding ways to support Every Child. Barbados.

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