

## ABOUT US

Established in 1994 by Monsignor Richard Albert, we serve the people of the West Kingston inner city communities of Olympic Gardens, Waterhouse, Seaview Gardens, Riverton and Calaloo Mews.

## MISSION

Our purpose is to alleviate human suffering to empower citizens in our care through early childhood education and development, skills training and entrepreneurial opportunities, as well as geriatric support to give hope and representation.



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# Newsletter



## A Message from our Chairman Mrs Hermine Metcalfe

" A full year has passed since the first case of COVID-19 was diagnosed in Jamaica. Who could have imagined that the numbers would have risen to what they are now? Our training programmes are being delivered mostly online in keeping with health protocols. Lack of devices by many students and inadequate numbers of laptops for use of teachers, pose challenges and we continue to seek donations. No case of COVID-19 has been diagnosed among residents at St. Monica's. Kudos to the management and staff! Residents and staff at the Home have received their first dose of the vaccine. Please keep safe and follow the COVID-19 safety protocols. God bless you! "

## "RIVERTON EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTRE & Covid- 19 one year later"



**Mr Junior Rowe, Manager  
Riverton Early childhood centre**

In March last year, the government announced the closing of all schools and introduced online learning. The Riverton Meadows Early Childhood Centre is one of the many schools which had to adapt to this new method of learning.

In the initial stages of online learning, not all students were online. But, to ensure no child is left behind teachers would visit the homes of students with the materials needed to facilitate their learning. Currently, the Centre provides WIFI for our students as well as other students in the community who have no internet at home.

## "RIVERTON EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTRE & Covid - 19 one year later" Cont'd

The Centre uses the blended approach which entails face to face classes and online classes. The face to face classes are kept with one group Mondays & Wednesdays and another group on Tuesdays & Thursdays. While one group attends face to face classes the other group does online classes, this allows smaller classes at the Centre. When attending face to face classes, students are asked to follow Covid-19 protocols by wearing a mask, washing their hands and allowing their temperature to be checked before they enter the classroom.

Despite the efforts made to assist the students, the centre is still facing some challenges such as a decrease in the number of students and many parents are experiencing severe financial difficulties, which prevents them from making the basic contribution. However, children have not been turned away despite parents inability to contribute.

Currently, the Centre has been approved by the Ministry of health for face to face classes and is ready to fully open its doors to its students in Riverton once the pandemic is under control.

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