



## News Release

### CIBC FIRSTCARIBBEAN INSTALLS NEW PLAY PARK EQUIPMENT FOR ST ELIZABETH STUDENTS

**Bridgetown, Barbados, 13 January 2023.** When the new school term opened recently, the students of the St. Elizabeth Primary School were very happy as they came back to new equipment in the play park on their school grounds.

Where before they were unable to play on the swing because the chains had been badly rusted and the wooden the seats were rotted, they returned to a refurbished swing and some other new equipment.

CIBC FirstCaribbean's Kim Campbell and Suediann Conliffe visited the school on the last day of term to inspect and present the new equipment which had been commissioned from the National Conservation Commission (NCC) which worked with the bank to supply the equipment that was required for the children.

At the short presentation ceremony, Senior Teacher Richard Broome thanked the bank on behalf of the Principal, teachers and students for the equipment and he also expressed appreciation for the ongoing work that the bank has been doing with the school and for the relationship that has developed between the two.

Kim Campbell, in presenting the equipment told the children "this is the best part of my day today... being here with you and seeing your faces as we present these items to the school. This is part of our Corporate Social Responsibility which we take very seriously. I am glad to be here to play a part in your development because the act of playing is a big part of your learning and development. I hope that you have lots of fun playing safely on these items that we have presented today."

Members of the bank discovered that the children could not play in the area because of the rundown situation with the equipment, much of which had deteriorated because of the sea spray as the school sits on the windy hill overlooking the east coast of the island. They decided to get some costings to repair and replace some and install other equipment that was needed as well as a new bench where the children could sit in the shade of the building.

CIBC FirstCaribbean has adopted the rural school and has done a number of projects with the school including installing a Reading Park and vegetable garden both of which need now reviving following the lockdowns and closures as a result of Covid 19.

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**Captions:**



Workmen from the NCC installing the slide at the playground of the St Elizabeth School



In our Photo Kim Campbell (left) and Suediann Conliffe help Ryleigh on the swing while Principal Cheryl Marshall assists Raniya while Senior Teacher Broome (right) looks on.



In our photo Javier Maynard prepares to go down the slide while Ramario Gittens awaits his turn under the watchful supervision of (left) Principal Cheryl Marshall, teacher Issac Hinkson, Kim Campbell and Suediann Conliffe



Four of the older students try out the new bench from left Clennah, Nefertari, Asia and Ezra while Suediann Conliffe, Senior Teacher Richard Broome and Kim Campbell look on.

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