

Visitation Procedures

VISITING DAYS & TIME

DAY	VISITING HOURS
Daily	Confirm with centre
Public holidays	Visits available

VISITOR REQUIREMENTS

General visitors

All visitors must present valid identification. Visits take place in a designated area where parents or guardians interact with their child under officer supervision.

Supervised visits

Daily visitation supports family engagement, including on public holidays.

Legal visitors

Attorneys, NGOs, CBOs and others apply via the Attorneys and Others form, with valid professional or government ID. Max three persons; declare all items; tape recorders need written approval.

Special visits

Visitors should review the posted visitation rules and authorized-items list before entry.

Safety and searches

Staff and visitors are screened at the main gate. Bags are searched and security scanning is conducted.

Dress code and orderly conduct

No sleeveless or off-shoulder tops, shorts, leggings, crop tops, or tight clothing.

Dress Code



Neat, modest attire is required; visitors who are not appropriately dressed will be refused entry.

Prohibited Articles



Items strictly prohibited on the premises:

- Weapons and ammunition
- Drugs, alcohol and other intoxicants
- Tobacco products
- Electronic communication devices
- Recording devices
- Unauthorized food (oats, cup noodles, etc.)
- Unauthorized medications
- Cash and valuables
- Parcels

Possession or introduction of prohibited articles will result in Police action and possible charges.



SCAN FOR MORE INFORMATION

VISITOR & CONTACT GUIDE

Rio Cobre Juvenile Correctional Centre Tredegar Park, Spanish Town St. Catherine, Jamaica

{876} 789-0745

dcs.gov.jm

REFERENCES

Primary authorities

- The Child Care and Protection Act.
- The Corrections Act (as amended).
- DCS juvenile services.
- DCS visitation schedule.

Confirm current requirements with the institution before visiting.



RIO COBRE

JUVENILE CORRECTIONAL CENTRE

BOYS • EST. 1975 • CAPACITY 120

INSTITUTIONAL OVERVIEW

Established in 1975, Rio Cobre is a secure residential facility for boys ages 12–18 who are placed under correctional orders.

OUR MISSION

To provide safe custody and supervision while supporting rehabilitation, behavioural change, family engagement and successful reintegration.

JUVENILE SERVICES & VISITOR GUIDE



RIO COBRE JUVENILE SERVICES



MEDICAL CENTRE



DCS NEXUS: SECURE RECORDS



REHABILITATION IN ACTION

Institutional Structure

Civilian leadership and uniform hierarchy



Civilian Staff

- Medical Doctor
- Rehabilitation Manager
- Teachers
- Case Managers
- Chaplain
- Secretary

Reception & Orientation

- Correctional order verified; juvenile interviewed
- Rules and expectations explained
- Belongings searched, recorded and stored
- Clothing, bedding and toiletries issued
- About one week is spent in the isolation area
- Housing assigned by age, risk and individual need need

Health Care Services

- Medical professionals provide 24-hour services
- Prescribed medication and special diets are supported
- External specialist referrals are arranged when needed
- A weekly psychiatric clinic supports mental healthcare

Daily Routine

- **Morning** — 6:00 a.m. wake-up, chores, hygiene, and breakfast
- **Learning** — academics or vocational training from from about 8:30 a.m.
- **Afternoon** — classes, barbering, tailoring, auto auto mechanics, and recreation
- **Evening** — supper, medication, lock-up, muster and night handover

Nutrition & Food Services

Approved meals and medically prescribed diets guide meal service.

Security & Public Safety

- Main-gate screening for staff, visitors and bags
- Gate Entry Management Team and DCS Nexus controls
- Periodic fire drills and disaster preparedness
- Protective and emergency equipment is maintained

Discipline & Grievance

A Disciplinary Committee addresses breaches of institutional rules. Procedures support safe, orderly and professional management.

Exit & Release

Exit interview: Conducted by the Ministry before before release.

Release: To a parent or guardian.

Aftercare: Probation Aftercare Officer monitoring supports a smooth return to family and community life.

Rehabilitation & Reintegration

Rehabilitation pathways support safer reintegration: reintegration:

- Academic study, Caribbean Secondary Examinations and life skills
- Barbering, tailoring, auto mechanics and HEART/NSTA certification
- Healthcare, psychiatric services and psychosocial support
- Family contact, exit planning, aftercare and community reintegration



Rehabilitation does not end with release.

Post-Care Support

- Supervision by Probation Aftercare Officers
- Rehabilitation Grant for start-up or study

Accommodation Standards

Modular dormitories provide lighting, bunk beds, beds, fans, recreation, hygiene and daily supervision supervision in accordance with international standards.