

Early Learning and Childcare Facility Inspection Report

Type of Inspection:
Renewal Inspection

Pursuant to section 21 of the *Early Childhood Services Act*, operators of licensed early learning and childcare facilities must post their most recent inspection report in a clearly visible and prominent place in the facility.

Name of operator The Preschool Centre Inc.	Licence Number 2007294	Inspection Date September 18, 2024	
Facility Name The Preschool Centre on Main St 1		Telephone Number (506) 458-8980	
Address 115 Main Street Fredericton NB E3A 1C6			
Name of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff Laura Casey		Position Title Inspector	
Order for Compliance	Regulation	Date to be corrected	Date corrected
28(3) The premises of a licensed facility shall comply with (a) lighting, ventilation and other general health standards under the Public Health Act.	28(3)(a)	Sep 18, 2024	Sep 18, 2024
Comments: A mop bucket with dirty water was in the bathroom of the toddler room. Mop buckets are to be emptied immediately after use. Bucket was emptied during inspection. Deficiency is now compliant			
30(3) An operator shall maintain the indoor play area of a licensed facility to ensure the safety of the children.	30(3)	Sep 19, 2024	Sep 18, 2024
Comments: In the toddler room, under the loft area with the play kitchen, there was mesh wire covering the length of the baseboard heater. The wire was broken and very sharp to the touch. Wire was removed during inspection. Deficiency is now compliant			
39(2) A licensed facility shall have a separate locked storage space that is inaccessible to the children for each of the following: (a) toxic products, chemical products and cleaning supplies;	39(2)(a)	Sep 18, 2024	Sep 18, 2024
Comments: Cleaning supplies in the toddler washroom and a can of Lysol spray in the senior infant bathroom were not locked. Inspector locked during inspection and discussed with Administrator. Deficiency is now compliant			
9(1) The child-to-staff ratio is one educator for each of the following groups of children of the same age receiving services at a full-time or part-time early learning and childcare centre: (a) three infants or fewer; (b) five children or fewer who are two years of age; (c) eight children or fewer who are three years of age; (d) ten children or fewer who are four years of age or older, but who are not yet attending school; and (e) 15 school-age children or fewer.	9(1)	Sep 18, 2024	Sep 18, 2024

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<p>Comments: Child-to-staff ratio after nap time was not maintained in the Infant Toddler room. Licensing staff observed one Educator with six children, awake, off cots and playing. The child-to-staff ratio for children in a group may be reduced by one-half for napping children only when the children are asleep or resting quietly on mats. Breaks and lunch hours are to be covered to maintain ratio.</p> <p>A discussion took place with Administrator during inspection and ratio was met.</p> <p>Deficiency is now compliant</p>			

General Comments
<p>Upon Licensing staff arrival for the renewal inspection, the Junior Infants were napping, and the Senior Infants and Toddlers were outdoors playing.</p> <p>The outdoor play space had a sand box with scoops and toys, a wooden play climber with slide, sensory walls with colourful pipes and metal bowls, balls, trucks, a swing, and an outdoor chalk board. Educators were engaged with the children and were observed making pretend muffins, giving hugs, and playing in the sandbox. Gentle reminders were heard about being kind to friends and using gentle hands. Later in the morning, the Junior Infants joined for outdoor play.</p> <p>The indoor space for each classroom was organized and inviting. Children's belongings were neat and tidy in cubbies and learning stories are being posted. Educators in each classroom were observed playing with the children and interacting with them through song and gentle voices. In the Junior Infant room, children were observed sitting in the cozy tent with twinkle lights and playing with shakers, bells, books, and soft toys. The Senior Infant room had a large mirror, family photos, a play kitchen and bins of age-appropriate open-ended material. The Toddler room had art supplies, family photos, books, and bins of labelled material that were in good condition. It is recommended that the flooring in the Toddler room be replaced. The floor was clean although it appeared to be dirty with staining from daily use.</p> <p>During inspection there was evidence of a daily routine as the transition from outdoor morning play to lunch and then nap time was smooth in each classroom. The infant nap rooms were clear of clutter and calm. The Toddler room had soothing music playing and Educators were observed rubbing backs and providing comfort to those taking time to fall asleep. After nap, afternoon snack was observed as well as free play.</p> <p>During inspection, child and staff files were verified and all required documentation were present. Monthly fire drills are being conducted and recorded, daily attendance records were in order and the parent board in the main entry was clearly visible.</p> <p>Licensing recommends for renewal.</p>

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Laura Casey

 Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff

September 18, 2024

 Date

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Tracey Law

 Signature of Operator/Designate

September 18, 2024

 Date