

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 Holly MacDonald	Licence Number 2011154	Inspection Date October 25, 2022	
Facility Name Birchwood Preschool		Telephone Number (506) 206-4455	
Address 23 Lloyd Street Hanwell NB E3C 1M4			
Name of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff Sabrina Diotte		Position Title Inspector	
Order for Compliance	Regulation	Date to be corrected	Date corrected

General Comments

Upon my arrival the children were sitting at the table watching the television. A few minutes later, the group went downstairs in the play area. They did a pumpkin art project and Holly helped them by cutting some pieces of black paper. Afterwards, they got ready to go outside. They played outside and then went for a walk. The group came back inside around 11:45 and had lunch. After lunch the children went down for a nap.

There is evidence of pre-planned programming and the children's arts are on the wall and also some learning stories. I would recommend that the programming be more child led based on the NB Curriculum Framework.

The outdoor play space is large and has lots of space for children to run and play. There was a newly added mud kitchen since my last inspection.

Television use is not recommended, however, if they are used, the guidelines under 7.3 of the Operator Manual is to be applied.

As discussed, please see section 11.2 of the Operator Manual and section 7.1 of the Guidelines for the Prevention and Control of Communicable Diseases in Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) Facilities for information about pets in Early Learning and Childcare homes and facilities.

The materials in the play space are provided on low, open shelves and accessible to the children. I would recommend that the bins and the play centers are labelled with both words and pictures to promote literacy skills.

I would also recommend that new materials be added such has the following:

- Books that are more age appropriate and that children can explore on their own such has one-word books, numbers, colors etc.
- More opportunities for imaginary play such as more dolls, more costumes and more accessories for the kitchen.
- Sensory play opportunities such has a sensory bin which can also be changed during different times of the

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year and during different holidays.

- More natural elements which can also be incorporated into the sensory play.
- More materials to encourage fine motor skills development.

I would also recommend that the white highchair be replaced as it's heavily soiled due to overuse.

Everything is in compliance; I recommend for renewal.

original signed by
Sabrina Diotte

Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff

October 25, 2022

Date

original signed by
Holly Macdonald

Signature of Operator/Designate

October 25, 2022

Date