



## 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 September 02, 2025	
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 Renée LeBlanc		Position Title Inspector	
Order for Compliance	Regulation	Date to be corrected	Date corrected

### General Comments

Upon licensing staff arrival for the annual renewal inspection, children were observed seated together at the kitchen table enjoying snacks brought from home. Snacks were served on individual plastic plates, and the youngest children were comfortably seated in booster seats or a highchair. Water was made available to all children.

Following snack, the group transitioned to the downstairs play area. Children demonstrated independence by making their way down the stairs using a safe method introduced and encouraged by the educator. Once downstairs, toddlers gathered around a table where a variety of craft materials were set out, including glue, safety scissors, felt, and paper. The children explored the materials with curiosity and creativity, while the educator provided gentle guidance, modeling safe and appropriate use of the tools and encouraging independent exploration.

After the craft activity, children assisted with cleanup and began preparing to go outdoors. They were encouraged to put on their shoes independently, with the educator offering support and prompting as needed.

Outdoors, the group engaged actively in a wide range of play experiences. They were observed playing with trucks, digging and pouring in the sandpit, kicking and throwing balls and discs, using the play kitchen, pushing toy lawn mowers, and climbing on Little Tikes structures. Later, the group went for a walk around the neighborhood in a wagon and a push car.

Transition into lunch was smooth. Diapers were changed, hands were washed and the educator read them a book before going upstairs to eat lunch at the table.

The indoor environment was observed to be well-organized and arranged, containing documentation connected to the curriculum. A variety of age-appropriate materials were available to support different areas of development, including toy cars, books, arts and crafts supplies, rainbow blocks, dolls, and a dramatic play area. A first aid kit was present, and child and staff files were verified.

Licensing staff recommends for renewal.

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Renée LeBlanc

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Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff

September 02, 2025

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Date

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Holly Macdonald

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Signature of Operator/Designate

September 02, 2025

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