

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		Inspection Date September 14, 2026	
Facility Name Birchwood Preschool		Licence Number 2011154	
Address 23 Lloyd Street Hanwell NB E3C 1M4		Telephone Number (506) 206-4455	
Type of Facility Early Learning and Childcare Home	Maximum Number of Children 6		Ages of Children INFANTS PRESCHOOL SCHOOL-AGE
ELCC Licensing Staff Lindsay Lewis	Position Title Inspector		

Order for Compliance	Regulation	Date to be corrected	Date corrected
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General Comments
Licensing Staff arrived at Birchwood Preschool to conduct the annual Renewal Inspection. Upon arrival, the final child for the day arrived, and the group prepared for morning snack. The children sat together at the kitchen table upstairs and looked at books while the Operator brought out morning snacks and water. As the children finished eating, the Operator read "Happy Hippo, Angry Duck" while they waited for everyone to finish. The children's hands and faces were wiped before the group transitioned downstairs to the main play area. Once downstairs, the Operator provided pieces of black paper and a variety of colored chalk for the children to explore. The Operator sat with the children and encouraged them to explore the materials independently. The Operator explained that a new child had recently started at the program and that age-appropriate materials had been added to the classroom to support the child's developmental needs. The children appeared familiar and comfortable with the Operator and the daily routine. Throughout the morning, the children were observed engaging in a variety of activities, including mark-making with chalk, playing with cars, and listening to stories. When the cleanup song played, the children assisted the Operator with tidying the play area before putting on their outdoor shoes. The outdoor environment was well maintained and provided a variety of age-appropriate play materials. Under the deck, the Operator had set up a mud kitchen with accessories, as well as a large sandbox area equipped with trucks, shovels, and buckets. A basketball net, balls, and Little Tikes climbers and slides were also observed and appeared to be in good condition. Throughout the morning, the children were observed engaging in a variety of outdoor activities, including playing on the small play structures, making soup in the mud kitchen, playing hide-and-seek, and dancing to music. A picnic blanket and books were also brought outside for the children to use. Prior to transitioning indoors, the children sat with the Operator while she read several stories. The transition indoors for lunch was smooth. Diapers were changed, and the children washed their hands before having lunch. Meals and snacks are provided by the children's families and brought from home. As the

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children finished eating, their hands and faces were washed, and they independently transitioned to their cots for rest. While the children napped, Licensing Staff reviewed the staff and child profiles, all required documents were verified. Only positive child guidance was observed. The Operator is patient, kind and nurturing while encouraging and praising the child's independence.

Licensing Staff recommends for Renewal.

original signed by
Lindsay Lewis

Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff

September 11, 2026

Date

original signed by
Holly MacDonald

Signature of Operator/Designated staff

September 11, 2026

Date

"I hereby acknowledge receipt of this report"