

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 2018340	Inspection Date August 06, 2021	
Facility Name PCS Afterschoolers on Main		Telephone Number (506) 458-8980	
Address 121 Main Street Fredericton NB E3A 1C6			
Name of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff Sabrina Diotte		Position Title Inspector	
Order for Compliance	Regulation	Date to be corrected	Date corrected
30(3) An operator shall maintain the indoor play area of a licensed facility to ensure the safety of the children.	30(3)	Aug 19, 2021	
Comments: See general comments			
32(1) An operator of a licensed facility shall provide indoor play area materials and equipment that are (d) clean and in good repair.	32(1)(d)	Aug 19, 2021	
Comments: See general comments.			

General Comments

When I arrived, the children were playing in different stations. It was my first time attending this location, therefore, one of the educators gave me a tour. The Centre is located in a home; therefore, it has different rooms and bathrooms on two different levels.

While providing the children with independence, the educators are also engaged with the children and provide them with support when needed. The educators are polite and respectful towards the children and seem to have a good relationship with them. I observed lots of positive child guidance, including gentle reminders and redirection when needed. I noticed that the educators use a white board to document what child is playing in what area of the house. I thought this was a great idea to ensure they know where the children are at all times.

Some areas of the Centre did not seem like it had been cleaned recently. Most corners of the rooms have dust, dirt, and debris. It's obvious that when the floors are being cleaned, that the toys and area rugs are not being moved and the cleaning is being done around them. The stairs and along the railings were dusty. The hallway upstairs had clothes, masks and shoes all over the floor. The area rugs and the carpet in the closet upstairs had lint and debris on them. All the wood trims such as baseboards, doors, and door frames are dusty and have dirt splatters. Some of the windows are soiled and the windowsills and blinds are also very dusty, including the ones in the bathrooms. Shelves, cabinets and fires places also have allot of dust and dirt on them. Some of the upholstery items had stains and sticky residue on them. The kitchen cabinets were also soiled in some places and the inside of the fridge had some old food spills. I would ask that a deep cleaning of the Centre be done addressing all the above concerns. Please note that deep cleaning of some areas was also requested by the Quality Assurance Monitor on her report of July 21, 2021.

General Comments

The amount of cleaning required in the Centre might not be manageable by the educators only. The educators are busy with the children during the time children are present and cannot leave children un-attended or be off ratio to do the cleaning. Therefore, it's the responsibility of the Operator to ensure proper resources are provided to the Centre to ensure it's clean and maintained.

I see there are mice traps in the kitchen, if there are issues with mice, please contact Public Health for direction.

On the report of your Quality Assurance Monitor dated July 21, 2021, it was noted that the building has seen allot of use and looks quite worn and today, I am also making the same observation. The wooden trim such has baseboards, doorways, doors, windowsills have excess paint peeling off and should be painted. The wood floors are also worn down and could use refinishing. The general paint on the walls around the Centre should also be updated. The ceilings on the main floor are covered in staples that are not serving a purpose; therefore, should be removed.

The children could use more furnishing to sit on and a little more toys and supplies. Some of the rooms upstairs have little toys or supplies. The children should be provided with toys and educational materials such has various forms of literacy, opportunities to express creativity and interests and opportunities to explore arts and science. I would also recommend that all rooms/stations be re-organized in a way that is more welcoming and appealing to the children.

The blue room upstairs does not have a working light, please replace the lightbulbs, or replace the light if its no longer working.

Because of the layout, some children are playing upstairs with no direct supervision, therefore, a consent form is required on file signed by the parents. Please see Operator Manual; 8.1.5 School Age Supervision.

The board that holds all the required information to be posted, must be in a prominent place where the parents can access the information. Please move the board near the entrance were parents enter.

The door to the attic was not locked and the key was in the door. I would ask that that door be locked at all times and the key be out of reach of children.

original signed by
Sabrina Diotte

Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff

August 06, 2021

Date

Signature of Operator/Designate

Date