

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 Margot Smith-Van Putten		Inspection Date October 06, 2026	
Facility Name Little Buds Early Learning and Childcare		Licence Number 2022054	
Address 619 550 Route Hartford NB E7M 5L6		Telephone Number (506) 476-1492	
Type of Facility Early Learning and Child Care Home	Maximum Number of Children 6		Ages of Children INFANTS PRESCHOOL SCHOOL-AGE
ELCC Licensing Staff Tanya Gaudet	Position Title Inspector		

Order for Compliance	Regulation	Date to be corrected	Date corrected
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General Comments
Licensing staff arrived at the licensed facility to conduct the license renewal inspection as the children were engaged in free play activities indoors. The children were observed building with train tracks and wooden blocks. They later incorporated foam wooden logs into their play, constructing a tower that reached the ceiling. Once the tower was completed, one child used a tape measure to determine its height, demonstrating an interest in measurement and problem-solving. The indoor play environment contained a varied and adequate supply of developmentally appropriate play materials and resources for the children. Licensing staff observed a wooden play kitchen equipped with a variety of accessories to support dramatic play experiences. Children also had access to dolls, doll clothing, and bottles, further enhancing opportunities for imaginative and nurturing play. Additional resources available included a good selection of books, building materials, train tracks, trains, trucks, cars, and stuffed animals. The variety and accessibility of materials supported children's interests and provided opportunities for exploration, creativity, literacy development, and cooperative play. After indoor play, the children washed their hands and transitioned outdoors. They participated in a puff painting activity that had been prepared in a tuff tray by the operator earlier that morning. Before returning indoors for lunch, several children chose to spend time on the swings. The children and operator then gathered at the table to enjoy lunch together. Following the meal, the younger children washed up and prepared for their nap time. Throughout the inspection, the educator was observed using positive child guidance strategies. Children were encouraged to resolve conflicts and problems independently, with the operator intervening only when additional support was required. The operator remained calm, respectful, and encouraging in all interactions with the children. A review of educator and child files confirmed that all required documentation was complete and up to date.

General Comments

Please update the Inspector's name and contact information on the parent communication board. Inspector's name is Tanya Gaudet, and phone number is 506-259-6732 and email address is tanya.gaudet@gnb.ca.

Licensing staff recommends the early learning and childcare home for license renewal.

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Tanya Gaudet

Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff

October 06, 2026

Date

original signed by

Margot Smith Van-Putten

Signature of Operator/Designated staff

October 06, 2026

Date

"I hereby acknowledge receipt of this report"