

Early Learning and Childcare Facility Inspection Report

Type of Inspection:
Monitoring 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 520069	Inspection Date February 12, 2024
Facility Name Union Street Preschool Centre		Telephone Number (506) 455-3187
Address 579 Union Street Fredericton NB E3A 3N5		
Name of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff Megan Munden		Position Title Quality Assurance Monitor

Order for Compliance	Regulation	Date to be corrected	Date corrected
25 An operator of a licensed facility shall post in a clearly visible and prominent place on the premises: (b) the weekly menus. Comments: No menu was posted.	25(b)	Feb 13, 2024	
49(1) An operator of a licensed facility shall ensure that the guidance of the children receiving services at the licensed facility is positive and includes positive reinforcement, encouraging efforts and recognizing accomplishments. Comments: A sticker chart is displayed on the bulletin board in the front room. While some children are motivated by stickers and earn them quickly, other children have no stickers. Posted beside the chart is also a sign with how many stickers children need to earn a treat, prize or surprise. Please use alternative ways to promote positive child guidance.	49(1)	Feb 19, 2024	

<p>General Comments</p> <p>Children were observed in outdoor play this afternoon. Educators took advantage of the warmer winter weather and served snack outside at the picnic tables. All children came in and washed hands prior to eating.</p> <p>Children remained outdoors for the majority of the afternoon. Multiple sleds and shovels were played with. Educators were patient when assisting children in sharing the toys. Educators used a calm voice and offered choices.</p> <p>While outside, one educator asked the quality assurance monitor if their co-worker went inside. Please ensure that all educators are communicating with one another. When one educator goes inside to bring children to the washroom or get supplies, please communicate this with your other educators outside.</p> <p>In addition, when bringing the children inside, one educator led the group around the building to the front door and the other educator was at the back. However, when one child was in the fenced in area at the side, the educator at the back had to go and bring this child back to the group. This resulted in a few children beside the building with no educator with them and they stopped following the group. Please have educators communicate when transporting children to and from the building. Educators did spread out and maintain sight lines while in the outdoor play space.</p> <p>When children came in to wash their hands, it was very loud with children yelling and pushing. Two washrooms</p>
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General Comments

were available for hand washing, but 16 children waited to wash their hands in one sink. I would recommend bringing children inside in two small groups to allow for a smoother hand washing routine. Also, using both sinks would help with this as well.

The indoor play spaces are bright and colorful. Educators continue to re-arrange furniture to create the best learning and play areas for children. A new play kitchen was added to the back room and is age appropriate for school aged children. A wide variety of toys, art materials and books are also accessible to the children. Hooks, cubbies and wooden bins are available for the children's belongings, indoor shoes and art work.

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Megan Munden

Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff

February 12, 2024

Date

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Liz Burke

Signature of Operator/Designate

February 12, 2024

Date