

## 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 2007296	Inspection Date September 19, 2024	
Facility Name The Preschool Centre on Main St 2		Telephone Number (506) 458-8980	
Address 115 Main Street Fredericton NB E3A 1C6			
Name of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff Laura Casey		Position Title Inspector	
Order for Compliance	Regulation	Date to be corrected	Date corrected
31(3) An operator shall maintain the outdoor play area of a licensed facility to ensure the safety of the children.	31(3)	Sep 20, 2024	Sep 19, 2024
Comments: The pipe drums were missing caps and had screws exposed. Please repair and send a photo.  Repaired during inspection. Deficiency is now compliant.			

General Comments
<p>Upon Licensing staff arrival for the renewal inspection, the 2-year-old children were outdoors playing while the 3-year-old and 4-year-old children were indoors finishing up story and carpet time.</p> <p>The indoor classrooms for each age group were organized and inviting. Each classroom has incorporated elements of nature and wooden play material to create a calm and home like feeling. Bins of open-ended material and loose play pieces were labelled, art supplies were organized and play material was in good condition. Daily routines and planning calendars were posted in each classroom and daily attendance records were complete. In the 3-year-old classroom, children and an Educator were observed singing and using musical instruments and in the 4-year-old classroom, an Educator was observed reading a story in a cheerful voice on the carpet. Later in the morning, the 3 and 4-year-old classrooms joined the 2-year-olds outdoors.</p> <p>The outdoor play space is fully fenced with ample shade from sails and a large covered sand box area. There was a large wooden play climber with pipe slides and tunnels, swings, a mud kitchen, wooden blocks, an outdoor art easel, tires, trucks, scoops for digging and wooden planter boxes with plants. After playing for a little while, the 3-year-old classroom went for a walk on the trail. Headcounts were observed before leaving the fenced in area as well as before leaving on the trail. Educators from each classroom took their first aid back packs outdoors and were spread out for clear lines of sight. An Educator was observed sitting at the table colouring leaves with children while another Educator was observed pushing children on the swings. Before coming indoors for lunch, each classroom lined up and headcounts were again observed as well as extra comfort and hugs given when a little one had a bump on their head.</p> <p>The transition from outdoors to indoors was smooth with evidence of daily routine. To avoid congested bathroom time, tabletop activities such as wooden puzzles and fidget toys were set up for children while waiting to wash their hands in the 2-year-old room and small groups were taken at a time in the 3 and 4-year-old room.</p>

## General Comments

For lunch, the children and Educators sat together at tables for spaghetti and orange slices. Today's lunch menu corresponded with the posted menu and was a big hit with the children. Positive words of encouragement were heard throughout each classroom and Educators promoted age-appropriate independence when cleaning up their lunch space. After lunch, hands and faces were washed and the 2 and 3-year-old children each chose a book to read on their cot before nap while the 4-year-old children began quiet time with books, meditation, and stations. A discussion took place with the Administrator to ensure that there are nap cots or mats available for children in the 4-year-old classroom should a child fall asleep during quiet time.

During inspection, staff and child files were verified and all required documentation was present. Monthly fire drills and outdoor maintenance checks are being completed and evacuation plans are posted. Allergy information was posted in the kitchen as well as each classroom and cleaning schedules are complete.

Licensing staff recommends for renewal.

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Laura Casey

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Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff

September 19, 2024

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Date

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Angie DeGrace

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Signature of Operator/Designate

September 19, 2024

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Date