

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 Holly MacDonald		Inspection Date September 24, 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 Susan Dickeson	Position Title Quality Assurance Monitor		

Order for Compliance	Regulation	Date to be corrected	Date corrected
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General Comments Licensing staff arrived to conduct a monitoring visit. The children were all at the table colouring while the baby was having quick morning nap. He woke up shortly after I arrived and his diaper was changed and everyone got ready to go outside. The playroom downstairs has two rooms and a bathroom on the same level. There is an abundance of toys and invitations set up, such as large lego blocks, large floor puzzles, books, comfy child sized chairs etc., and the operator keeps more in storage and rotates them according to the children's interests. She has learning stories posted on the bulletin board "Planting Station" and "Block Play" which illustrate the children's learning and make the connections to the NB Curriculum. The operator uses the curriculum very well and she tailors some individual activities for each child, such as shape sorting with the baby, and number puzzles and a felt board with characters from the "Angry Bear" book. There is a visual schedule posted and the parent board with her monthly newsletter for September, and license etc. Everyone prepared to go outside and took hats, and jackets as the morning started out cool. The backyard is fenced in with a large grassy section, a low deck, a pea gravel area with small slides and playhouses, teeter totter chairs, and lots of trees for shade. The operator also uses under the upper deck for a mud kitchen, sand box, sensory table and storage. There were lots of balls, play sand, shovels and scoops, ride on car, cars, and two popular child lawn mowers. The operator played with them and also helped them find activities that they could do themselves. Everyone came in for lunch, had their diapers changed, washed their hands and were set up with their food at the dining room table. The operator has booster chairs for the 2-year-olds and a highchair for the infant, after lunch everyone napped. The operator shares videos and photos with the parents by email and keeps them up to date on the daily routine of their children. She encourages the children to cooperate, make choices, do the things that they can, and is very engaged with their learning and play. all directions were kind and helpful and the atmosphere was fun and pleasant.
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original signed by
Susan Dickeson

September 24, 2026

Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff

Date

original signed by
Holly MacDonald

September 24, 2026

Signature of Operator/Designated staff

Date

"I hereby acknowledge receipt of this report"