

Early Learning and Childcare Facility Inspection Report

Type of Inspection: Renewal Inspection

Licence Number

2017154

Inspection Date

August 15, 2023

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General Comments

Name of operator

Curious Kids Child Care Inc.

Licensing staff arrived while children were engaged in outdoor play. Many children in attendance had brought bikes and scooters from home. The educators had used pylons to create a barrier to the parking lot and children enjoyed biking in the same direction around the busing loop in front of the building. All children using bikes and scooters wore a helmet and educators gave gentle safety reminders as needed. Chaulk was also provided on the sidewalk and children were given choice on where to play in the outdoor area. Educators were observed to be spread out and supervising the children appropriately and engaging with them often. All children had access to their water bottles which were also brought outside.

On this date the preschool age children and the summer camp children were combined into one group. ELC staff are to be notified prior to making any group changes, including combing two age groups. Staff members should review and understand the requirement for the child to staff ratio for mixed age groups and know how to

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calculate it to ensure that it is maintained at all times. During this inspection the mixed age group did not exceed its maximum group size, however the staff were unclear on how this ratio was calculated.

On this date the preschool class was being cleaned by school staff. ELC staff was able to observe the classroom materials that were taken out of the classroom in the nearby hallway. The school age room was observed to have learning centers and materials that reflected the NB Curriculum Framework. Learning stories, art and pictures were posted. The parent board had all required documentation. Monitoring and Renewal Inspection are to be posted separately so both are visible. License should also be visible with no other documents obstructing it from view.

Programming this week was focused on baking and children were baking cookies in the kitchen area in small groups. Two first aid kits were available however both were located in the outdoor play area while children were baking. Educators should ensure when splitting into smaller groups while outdoors and in kitchen that both groups have a first aid kit.

ELC staff observed children transition from outdoor play to lunch. Personal support workers led children into the building while the educators tidied up bikes and other items outside. Licensing staff reminded educators that personal support workers are not included in ratio and that classroom educators are to maintain supervision of children at all times.

Positive behaviour guidance was observed at all times throughout the inspection. Educators spoke in an appropriate tone and supported children communicating with one another during disagreements. Children of all abilities were supported throughout the program and provided with accommodations when needed.

Licensing staff will provide operator with approved First Aid trainers list as per WorkSafe NB and will await confirmation of first aid training for staff member.

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Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff	Date				
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Angela Prime		August 15, 2023			
Signature of Operator/Designate	Date				