

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 Little Munchkins Preschool Inc.	Licence Number 2017993	Inspection Date July 27, 2021
Facility Name Munchkins Clubhouse 2017		Telephone Number (506) 474-1843
Address 2288 640 Route Hanwell NB E3E 2E8		
Name of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff Sabrina Diotte		Position Title Inspector

Order for Compliance	Regulation	Date to be corrected	Date corrected
27 An operator of a licensed facility shall obtain the written consent of a parent or guardian of a child receiving services at the licensed facility before doing any of the following: (c) permitting the administration of medication in the circumstances set out in section 46.	27(c)	Aug 10, 2021	
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27 An operator of a licensed facility shall obtain the written consent of a parent or guardian of a child receiving services at the licensed facility before doing any of the following: (d) permitting the administration of emergency care to the child.	27(d)	Aug 10, 2021	
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27 An operator of a licensed facility shall obtain the written consent of a parent or guardian of a child receiving services at the licensed facility before doing any of the following: (f) permitting the child to participate in an outing.	27(f)	Aug 10, 2021	
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27 An operator of a licensed facility shall obtain the written consent of a parent or guardian of a child receiving services at the licensed facility before doing any of the following: (j) permitting photographs and videos to be taken of the child for publication or social media.	27(j)	Aug 10, 2021	
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27 An operator of a licensed facility shall obtain the written consent of a parent or guardian of a child receiving services at the licensed facility before doing any of the following: (k) posting photographs of the child at the licensed facility to illustrate the child's learning.	27(k)	Aug 10, 2021	
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31(3) An operator shall maintain the outdoor play area of a licensed facility to ensure the safety of the children.	31(3)	Aug 10, 2021	
Comments:			
33(2) Stationary equipment in the outdoor play area shall be surrounded by a protective surfacing and installed according to the manufacturer's instructions.	33(2)	Aug 10, 2021	

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8(2) The maximum number of children who may receive services at a full-time or part-time early learning and childcare centre, as indicated on the licence, shall not exceed 60 children, including the children of the operator.	8(2)	Aug 10, 2021	
Comments:			

General Comments
<p>When I arrived, the two groups were combined in one room and then separated into each their rooms. There was a total of 17 children in the room and the room only measures for 15 children. Therefore, the group was over the number of children allowed in that room.</p> <p>In the morning, I observed the children playing with different activities. Some did arts and crafts, others played with the safari animal figurines and some played with wooden blocks. Around 9:30, the children had snack. Following snack everyone got ready to go outside, the children played outside until lunch time. In the afternoon, the children played inside and then they went outside for a presentation about butterflies from NB Nature. This was a very interesting activity and the children really enjoyed it. Great idea!</p> <p>I see that cameras have been installed in the facility; this must be included in the parent handbook. Please make note of the Appendix 27 of the Operator Manual that stats:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operators are to include a statement in their parent handbook stating that they use audio/video recording. <p>The outdoor play space has a nice natural feel to it and most play items are made from wood. The children seem to really enjoy the natural aspect of their outdoor play space.</p> <p>The outdoor play space must be cleaned up and re-organized. There is allot of garbage such has plastic bags and chip bags and many toys/equipment that are broken. In the mud kitchen area, there are many pieces of wood that are damaged, nails sticking out and don't seem to have a purpose, some metal pans are broken, rusted and/or have sharp edges and the sink is also rusted and has exposed sharp edges. In the sandbox area there are many pieces of wood that also have metal parts sticking out of them and some wood pieces seem to be overused and don't seem to have a purpose. There is also lots of abandoned toys all around the wooded area that should be brought into the play area so the children can have access to them. The storage bins also have broken toys and items in them like cans and other debris. All toys and equipment that is broken, overused or poses a safety risk to the children should be removed and replaced with new ones.</p> <p>Please ensure that all manufactures instructions for the zipline are followed. If it requires protective surfacing, then this should be added. The large wood structure is considered stationary equipment and must have 30 cm's of protective surfacing all around it, including around the swing area.</p> <p>There is also pooling water that should be filled in with dirt or sand.</p> <p>I found multiple children files missing consent forms and many have outdated consent forms. All children files must have consent forms. Please ensure all files are verified and updated with missing information.</p> <p>A reminder that cell phone use should be limited to business only to contact parents during urgent matters. I recommend that a cell policy is implemented and reviewed with the staff.</p>

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Sabrina Diotte

Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff

July 27, 2021

Date

original signed by
Ashley Connolly

Signature of Operator/Designate

July 27, 2021

Date