

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 Jill Walker	Licence Number 2018194	Inspection Date June 09, 2021	
Facility Name Bluebell Montessori		Telephone Number (506) 454-5558	
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Name of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff Sabrina Diotte		Position Title Inspector	
Order for Compliance	Regulation	Date to be corrected	Date corrected
24(1) For the purposes of subsection 20(1) of the Act, the following records and documents shall be maintained on the premises of a licensed facility: (c) staff member records that include (iii) a description of the staff member's duties and responsibilities.	24(1)(c)(iii)	Jun 30, 2021	
Comments: Staff files must include a job descriptions/list of their responsibilities.			
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)	Jun 30, 2021	
Comments: Stationary equipment must have 30 cm's of protective surfacing, six feet all around the structure. This will need to be added to the two wood structures and the area in the middle where the tires and tree trunks are.			
39(2) A licensed facility shall have a separate locked storage space that is inaccessible to the children for each of the following: (a) toxic products, chemical products and cleaning supplies;	39(2)(a)	Jun 10, 2021	
Comments: All toxic products must be lock by key. I observed a bottle of Lysol and Windex that were not locked. These two items must always be lock by key. The diluted bleach was on a shelf but reachable to the children. Diluted bleach, if diluted as per Public Health guidelines, does not have to be lock but must always be out of reach of the children. I also observed many open bottles of essential oils reachable by the children. Some essential oils are toxic if indigested, therefore, essential oils are not permitted. I also observed a bottle of hand sanitizer reachable by the children, hand sanitizer must also be out of reach to children.			
39(2) A licensed facility shall have a separate locked storage space that is inaccessible to the children for each of the following: (b) medications.	39(2)(b)	Jun 14, 2021	
Comments: There was a bottle of medication in the fridge that was not locked. Please ensure a lock box is purchased for medication that need to be stored in the fridge.			
44 An operator of a licensed facility shall have a first aid kit that is equipped with the contents prescribed by New Brunswick Regulation 2004-130 under the Occupational Health and Safety Act as a first aid kit that is not a personal, Type P first aid kit, and a telephone in working order (a) on the premises of the licensed facility.	44(a)	Jun 30, 2021	
Comments: There is two emergency kits on site, however, they do not meet our regulations. Both kits need to be updated to the 2018 requirements. The checklist is appendix 17 of the Operator Manual.			

General Comments

This morning the children were doing various activities. Some were doing arts and crafts, some were reading, and some were drawing and learning about the world map and different countries. The children went outside around 11 and then came back in for lunch around noon. After lunch the children did more learning activities, and some went outside.

The centre is clean and well organized and the children have lots of Montessori learning materials at their disposal.

The educators are engaged with the children and I observed lots of positive conversations and child guidance such as gentle reminders and positive reinforcement.

As of July 1, 2021, the administrator and 50% of staff must have their Early Childhood Certificate. Currently, they do not meet this requirement, but the Department of Education is currently evaluating equivalencies.

When I arrived, there was a coffee cup in the children's play area. The administrator advised it was cold coffee when taking into the room. Just a reminder that hot beverages are not permitted in the play areas.

I observed a few times where children were left unsupervised while the staff went into the other room to grab something. The children were never left unsupervised for very long, however, children cannot be left unsupervised for any amount of time. One staff must remain in the classroom at all times to ensure the children are always supervised.

The back gate of the outdoor fence must be fixed because it does not lock.

As discussed, if the fire inspector advised that a chain-link lock is not permitted on the front door, then that guideline needs to be respected. I recommend that you add a door alarm for added safety.

original signed by
Sabrina Diotte

June 09, 2021

Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff

Date

Signature of Operator/Designate

Date