

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 Little Land Learning Centre Inc.	Licence Number 2018342	Inspection Date July 27, 2023
Facility Name Little Land Learning Centre		Telephone Number (506) 458-5552
Address 435 Brookside Drive Fredericton NB E3A 8V4		
Name of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff Jennifer Godin		Position Title Quality Assurance Monitor

Order for Compliance	Regulation	Date to be corrected	Date corrected
21 A licensee shall post the following documents in a clearly visible and prominent place in the facility associated with the licence: (a) the licence; (b) a report provided under section 23; (c) an order issued under section 28; and (d) a probationary license issued under section 29.	21(a) – (d)	Aug 04, 2023	
Comments: Most current renewal inspection report not posted at time of visit.			
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 (iv) a signed declaration confirming that the staff member has read and understood his or her obligations under the Act and this Regulation.	24(1)(c)(iv)	Aug 04, 2023	
Comments: One staff file observed did in fact contained a staff signed statement form regarding obligations under the Act and licensing regulation, but the form was not signed by educator at time of visit.			
28(3) The premises of a licensed facility shall comply with (a) lighting, ventilation and other general health standards under the Public Health Act.	28(3)(a)	Aug 04, 2023	
Comments: Table was not sanitized, and children's hands were not washed before or after the later group of children deiced to have snack in Kindergarten Crossing.			

General Comments
<p>Most rooms were having snack when I arrived for today's visit. After snack, children were able to play freely around the room before going outside. Children in Kindergarten Crossing were observed to be playing with a cardboard car that they built yesterday. This car had smaller cars tapped and hot glued to the bottom on it which permitted the children to sit in the box and be pushed around!</p> <p>When Silly Street and Discovery Drive classrooms were finished snack, they tidied up and went outside to play before it got too hot. While outside children were enjoying having the silhouettes of their bodies traced by educators so that they could color and decorate them. Other children were observed playing in the sandbox, on ride on toys and playing with various other play material around the outside play space.</p> <p>Both preschool and infant outside play spaces have tire gardens in them where the children planted their very own vegetables. School aged children have veggies planted as well in the preschool outside play space.</p>

General Comments

Infant playground has a new shaded sand box for the children to play in. Both sandboxes in infant and preschool playgrounds were observed to have covers as per Public Health requirements.

Infant classrooms were getting ready to go for a walk when I arrived for today's monitoring inspection. When they arrived back from their walk, they were observed to be playing freely around their rooms. Educators were observed reading books and playing on the floor with the children.

Children's water bottles were observed to be brought outside with them at time of visit.

Observed educators providing gentle reminders to children when needed. All educators were observed getting down to the children's level when speaking with them. They were also observed playing with the children throughout the entire visit.

Educators have installed light strips in certain classrooms to provide a soft light during quiet time. Music was observed to be playing throughout the facility during today's visit. A reminder to keep the music at lower level to help promote a more relaxing environment and that educators are able to easily hear themselves and children while speaking.

One staff's Social Development check must be resubmitted as the bottom half of the copy found in the staff file appears to have been cut off, rendering it illegible. Please provide filled out form to me, your Quality Assurance Monitor, via email so that the form can be submitted to Social Development.

One staff file was observed to have an expired Criminal Record Check/Vulnerable Sector Check. Administrator informed me that the educator is currently out on leave and has been informed to bring an updated CRC/VS with them when they return. Please ensure that an updated Criminal Record Check/Vulnerable Sector Check is provided before educator returns.

Please ensure mark making material is accessible to children in Discovery Lane. It appears that they are currently being stored in a plastic bin drawer, which is not easily accessible to the children.

Please ensure educators sign children in as they arrive for the day for safety reasons.

It is recommended that the morning snack routing for Kindergarten Crossing be revised. Some children were observed eating snack shortly after my arrival, around 9:15am/9:30am, while others decided to eat at 10:57am just before they all went outside to have a picnic lunch. Tables were observed to not be sanitized and children's hands were not washed (before or after) for those who had a later snack. It is recommended that children eat snack together, this will also help educators in ensuring hands are washed and tables are sanitized before and after snack time.

It is also recommended that the diapering routine be revised for Discovery Drive as the transition appeared to be rather chaotic with all children waiting in the bathroom while educator changed diapers. A suggestion would be to have an extra staff who can assist with the diapering transition time, this way the educator only has to take 1 child to the bathroom to be changed at a time while the second educator can stay in the classroom with the rest.

There were no children present in the Adventure Land classroom during today's monitoring visit. There was one shelf that was observed to be turned around facing the wall blocking access to the toys on its shelves. As per regulation 32(1)(b), please ensure that play are materials and equipment are accessible to the children receiving services at the licensed facility.

original signed by
Jennifer Godin

Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff

July 27, 2023

Date

original signed by
Tabatha Estabrooks

Signature of Operator/Designate

July 27, 2023

Date