

## 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 Bright Minds Early Learning Centre Ltd.	Licence Number 2020039	Inspection Date July 18, 2022
Facility Name Bright Minds Early Learning Centre		Telephone Number (506) 206-1113
Address 15 Harold Doherty Court Fredericton NB E3A 5P2		
Name of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff Joanne Voyer Page		Position Title Quality Assurance Monitor

Order for Compliance	Regulation	Date to be corrected	Date corrected
31(4) An operator shall ensure that the outdoor play area of a licensed facility (b) consists of more than one surface to permit different types of play.	31(4)(b)	Aug 02, 2022	
Comments: Please read comment below.			

**General Comments**

Upon arrival, babies were observed in outdoor play area. Currently the new play space is still under construction and requires an inspection prior to use. The owner stated she needs to complete landscaping in this playspace and has plans to build a wall and use as a planter so children cannot access the gravel hill. We discussed different options during my visit on what she could do for the hill that would provide some play opportunities for children. I observed shredded protective surfacing located in both play areas and this surfacing is only required around climbing structures, though it is covering the entire play area. As stated above a minimum of 2 surfaces are required in each outdoor play area to allow for all kinds of play and promotes natural outdoor play experiences for children. The staff had to supervise the infants very closely as they were putting the shredded tire in their mouths. I would recommend a solid mat surface which would be safer and more appropriate developmentally in the new infant playspace.

The young preschoolers were observed going outdoors for play this AM and the older preschoolers spent the morning at the sand pit behind the Willy O'Reeve center. They arrived back just before 11:30 and also cleaned up before eating lunch.

All children were observed being assisted with toileting and washing hands. One educator had her own special helper to help get the lunch out for her friends. Lots of positive interaction was observed and staff were observed speaking to the children in a kind manner.

Administrative records were observed, including new staff information, fire drill and outdoor maintenance check list. All these forms are being tracked monthly however, the protective surfacing around the dome structure needs protective surfacing maintained as licensing staff could easily see the landscape fabric. Any maintenance on this record should be recorded. Please ask staff to rake up, add more and/or maintain the surfacing according to the manufacturer instructions or CSA standards.

I noticed all staff attendance is tracked on children's attendance records. Please ensure to begin a new attendance record for staff when the attendance record is full. Please ensure staff are recording reason for children's absence also. Parents are required to notify the facility when children are absent and the reason for absence. It is my understanding the staff was unsure of reason for absence for some children not in attendance

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As per discussed, please remove the picnic table from the outdoor play area or tighten the screws. The owner stated she will remove it as they are having new ones built.

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Joanne Voye Page

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Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff

July 18, 2022

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Date

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Kelsie Granger

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Signature of Operator/Designate

July 18, 2022

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