

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 Bright Minds Early Learning Centre Ltd.	Licence Number 2020039	Inspection Date November 08, 2024	
Facility Name Bright Minds Early Learning Centre		Telephone Number (506) 206-1113	
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Name of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff Laura Casey		Position Title Inspector	
Order for Compliance	Regulation	Date to be corrected	Date corrected
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)	Nov 18, 2024	
Comments: During inspection, the protective surfacing under the climbing dome was under the required depth of up to 30cms. Please provide a photo of additional surfacing and depth measurement.			

General Comments
<p>Upon Licensing staff arrival for the renewal inspection, the infants had just left for a morning walk and the 2's and Preschool age children were finishing up Remembrance Day poppy crafts with tissue paper and paint.</p> <p>The main entryway was bright and inviting with fresh wall paint, organized hooks for personal belongings, class newsletters, and Educator photos with descriptive biographies. Each classroom was tidy and age-appropriate play material was in good condition. Family photos, children's artwork, current learning stories as well as documentation of learning were on display and literacy material was easily accessible at the children's level.</p> <p>Later in the morning, the 2's and the Preschool age children prepared for a walk and outdoor play. The transition between classroom activities and outdoor time was smooth with adequate clean up time, clear communication between Educators, and bathroom breaks were broken down into smaller groups. Once outdoors, the 2's were observed using a walking rope with colourful handles which the children were given the option to choose their colour to hold while walking and the Preschool age children were given their choice from the outdoor toy box to play in their outdoor space. Positive child guidance was observed, as well as words of encouragement. Children were observed using balls, trucks, shovels and climbing on the stationary climbing dome and Educators were actively engaged with the children. It was noted during inspection that the Preschool age children wanted to go for walk while outdoors although the Educator stated that the First Aid kit backpack was with the 2's so they could not go until they returned. It is recommended that each classroom have a First Aid kit backpack to allow for outings and excursions should the children express interest.</p> <p>When coming indoors, the 2's and Preschool age children washed their hands and proper diaper changing procedures were observed with the infants. Prior to lunch, the infants sat together at their table and took turns pulling ribbons and streamers from a "Jelly Fish" as a sensory activity. During lunch in each classroom, the children sat together at tables and Educators were observed assisting with lunch packaging when needed.</p>

General Comments

Infants were supervised at all times while eating and held when given a bottle. Before nap time, white noise was turned on and each room was calm. Educators were observed setting up nap mats with blankets and reading to the children. The infant nap room was spacious, free of clutter and organized with a rocking chair, cribs and a nap mat. The Preschool age children that chose not to nap were observed playing quietly with tabletop activities such as colouring, magnet board games and reading. After nap, Educators were observed offering hugs as the children woke up and gentle reminders were heard on using walking feet while indoors.

During inspection, child and staff files were verified and all documentation was present. Monthly fire drills and daily attendance forms are being completed and emergency evacuation plans were posted in visible areas throughout the facility. As a reminder, please ensure that paint chips on classroom walls are repaired for proper cleaning and that tires in the outdoor space are drilled with holes for proper water drainage.

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Laura Casey

Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff

November 08, 2024

Date

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Sarah Russell

Signature of Operator/Designate

November 08, 2024

Date