

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 Elm City Childcare Ltd.	Licence Number 2021009	Inspection Date February 27, 2024	
Facility Name School of Discoveries		Telephone Number (506) 440-6458	
Address 150 Cowperthwaite Street Fredericton NB E3A 9Y5			
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
22 The daily routine of a licensed facility shall include (a) outdoor play for at least one hour in each four-hour block of time when the majority of children receiving services are in attendance except in the following circumstances: (i) the wind chill is below -20 °C; (ii) the temperature is below -20 °C; or (iii) the temperature is 33 °C with humidity or above.	22(a)	Feb 27, 2024	
Comments: Licensing staff observed preschool age group enjoying outdoor play this AM. Please ensure all children enjoy outdoor play opportunities in the AM and PM. Today the weather was very nice outside but one group missed outdoor play in the AM.			
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: (f) daily attendance records of the children on forms provided by the Minister.	24(1)(f)	Feb 27, 2024	Feb 27, 2024
Comments: Deficiency is now compliant. This was corrected during the inspection			
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: (g) attendance records of staff members.	24(1)(g)	Feb 27, 2024	Feb 27, 2024
Comments: Deficiency is now compliant. This was corrected during the inspection			
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)	Feb 27, 2024	Feb 27, 2024
Comments: Licensing staff observed a paper light that is torn poses a safety issue. The educators removed this from the programming room. Licensing staff would recommend a different soft lighting that is not accessible by the children. Deficiency is now compliant			
32(1) An operator of a licensed facility shall provide indoor play area materials and equipment that are (c) in compliance with the Canada Consumer Product Safety Act (Canada) and the regulations under that Act.	32(1)(c)	Feb 28, 2024	Feb 27, 2024
Comments: Please declutter items sitting on a shelf that could easily be reached and pulled down by a child. The educators cleaned the top of the shelf off during the inspection. Deficiency is now compliant			
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)	Feb 27, 2024	Feb 27, 2024

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Comments: Please store Murphy soap and other cleaning products locked. Today these products were not being stored in a locked cupboard. This was corrected during the inspection visit.			

General Comments

Upon arrival the babies had finished eating snack and educators were cleaning the highchairs and storing them outside the classroom and putting lunch bags away. Children were observed being introduced to new rainbow blocks, playing with different shaped wooden blocks, climbing on soft furnishings, listening to a story, looking at books and investigating and playing with floor toys. Other children were enjoying the balls - different size balls. Supervision was appropriate and Educators did indicate the difficulty keeping children's footwear on. Supervision was appropriate in this classroom. Educators were observed saying to children ' be gentle and speaking to children calmly and engaged with children by sitting on the floor at their eye level and following the children's lead.

Licensing staff did observe preschoolers in outdoor play today. The snow that was plowed into a hill is definitely a hit and this group of children enjoyed sliding this morning. The fenced in outdoor play area was not used but the walkways were observed shoveled to the outdoor play area.

Programming binders were reviewed for the school age program, and licensing staff also observed current learning stories posted outside most of the classrooms. One educator indicated her binder was home, so licensing staff was unable to review this educator's programming.

Administrative records were reviewed and fire drills, outdoor check list and incident reports are being documented. New staff info was also reviewed and all in order.

Oodles of toys, equipment and materials were accessible to children in all the programming rooms. Educators were observed calling children by their name and spoke to the children in a positive manner.

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Joanne Voyer Page

Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff

February 27, 2024

Date

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Amanda Donaher

Signature of Operator/Designate

February 27, 2024

Date