



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 Danielle White	Licence Number 2021138	Inspection Date December 16, 2022	
Facility Name The Lily Pad		Telephone Number (506) 227-1137	
Address Oromocto NB			
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

<p>General Comments</p> <p>Monitoring visit performed.</p> <p>Upon arrival children were observed upstairs of the home, sitting down to eat snack. This was a no school day, so the Operator had 2 preschoolers as well as 2 school age children.</p> <p>Licensing staff asked about the morning plan, and the Operator advised they were going to the park to make hot chocolate with a Kelly Kettle. Going to the park is the typical daily routine for this ELC home. I did advise the Operator that I would contact Public Health (PH) regarding the Kelly Kettle, as this could possibly be considered a noncompliance under PH regulations. This would be considered a noncompliance under the Licensing Regulation. Public Health's recommendation said to boil the water and put in a thermos to transport as using a Kelly Kettle would be considered a safety hazard.</p> <p>Today licensing staff observed the 4 children playing outside in the Operator's beautiful big fenced in back yard. Children played happily together for a while, then the operator announced, "5 more minutes and we are going to the park". While outdoors, licensing staff observed children swinging, climbing, sliding on the outdoor climber, making concoctions in the mud kitchen, shoveling and playing in and around the little tyke's playhouse. Lots of fun playful interactions were observed. Licensing staff asked the Operator about her plans for the outdoor play area, as she had mentioned in her Quality Improvement Plan that she wanted to make changes to this space. The Operator plans to incorporate her Forest School idea into a more natural setting. We had a short discussion around this topic and licensing staff explained the Department does not recognize or license Forest schools, however licensing staff stated an Operator could incorporate some principles and practices as long as they were in compliance with the Licensing Regulations and ECS Act and with the NB curriculum framework. The Operator mentioned she plans to make a cozy book corner under the deck and build an obstacle course and incorporate stumps for the children to climb on. This would also be ideal for children to sit around and have a make-believe fire pit as part of the Operator's forest school idea and read or tell stories. The operator also said the children love the mud kitchen so she plans to add more implements to this area outdoors. These are all great ideas and Licensing staff looks forward to returning and seeing the licensed outdoor play area flourish and to observe children exploring their surroundings in this space.</p> <p>Positive child guidance was observed when the Operator says 'you can do it, see?' and encouraging a child to try things on their own, assisting with dressing, and providing lots of transition time, but also limiting transitions to allow children to play uninterrupted.</p>

original signed by
Joanne Voye Page

Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff

December 09, 2022

Date

original signed by
Danielle White

Signature of Operator/Designate

December 09, 2022

Date