

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 Neal Mercer	Licence Number 2023109	Inspection Date June 11, 2025	
Facility Name St. Paul's Playschool23		Telephone Number (506) 433-1351	
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Name of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff Amanda Wills		Position Title Quality Assurance Monitor	

Order for Compliance	Regulation	Date to be corrected	Date corrected
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)	Jun 11, 2025	
Comments: Observed attendance records incomplete for Tuesday June 10, 2025. Times for children pick-ups unrecorded. Daily attendance records of the children to be maintained on forms provided by the Minister.			
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: (j) smoke alarm, smoke detector and fire extinguisher inspection and maintenance records.	24(1)(j)	Jun 11, 2025	
Comments: Observed fire drills incomplete for May 2025. Smoke alarm, smoke detector and fire extinguisher inspection to be conducted monthly and recorded.			
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: (k) emergency evacuation and fire drill records.	24(1)(k)	Jun 11, 2025	
Comments: Observed fire drills incomplete for May 2025. Fire drills to be conducted monthly and documented.			
28(2) An operator of a licensed facility shall carry out emergency evacuation and fire drills monthly.	28(2)	Jun 11, 2025	
Comments: Observed fire drills incomplete for May 2025. Fire drills to be conducted monthly and recorded.			

General Comments

A Monitoring Inspection occurred June 11, 2025.

Children were observed during snack and indoor free play. Proper handwashing was observed during transition to snack. Steps or platforms are provided to allow children to reach regular sized toilets or sinks.

Children were observed engaged with educators during circle time, creating with Lego, buying and selling upcycled food items in a dramatic play area grocery store, and cutting out shapes with scissors. Adjacent to classroom documentation, Educators have created their own documentation which highlights that they are playing an active role in the day-to-day activities of the classroom.

General Comments

A daily incident log is maintained. Outdoor play occurs for at least one hour in each four-hour block of time when the majority of children receiving services are in attendance-weather permitting. A clearly visible and prominent place is available to post the license, current inspection report, current monitoring reports and, orders for compliance. Daily routine is posted. Evacuation procedures are posted and located in a prominent location. Life threatening allergies to peanuts are posted on the parent board.

Books have been selected that reflect the children's interests. Well defined learning / play areas were observed, and several pieces of the children's artwork were displayed throughout the facility. Opportunities are open for individual and group experiences. It was evident that children had many opportunities to explore the arts and sciences. Several forms of documentation were observed throughout the facility.

A conversation took place with the Operator regarding the strengths and needs for improvement of the facility. The strengths identified included: The room is set up and inviting, the materials invite the children to play and, ideas from the documentation and learning stories are reflected in the art area/library/kitchen/dramatic play areas.

Areas where the facility can improve include, outdoor stationary equipment to be checked during outdoor play to ensure swings and slides are surrounded by protective surfacing of appropriate depth. Wooden logs surrounding the sandbox were splintered and posed a safety hazard. It was recommended the children use the area adjacent for sand play. Observed Bingo Dabbers on the art shelf labelled (Keep out of Reach of Children), to be used only under direct supervision and stored out of the children's reach. Discussed with operator that animals that are not housetrained (such as farm animals, etc.) must be kept outside of the childcare facility. The requirements for visiting farm animals, see section 7.1 of the Guidelines for the Prevention and Control of Communicable Diseases in Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) Facilities are to be followed.

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Amanda Wills

Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff

June 12, 2025

Date

original signed by
Neil Mercer

Signature of Operator/Designate

June 12, 2025

Date