

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		Inspection Date December 12, 2025
Facility Name St. Paul's Playschool23		Licence Number 2023109
Address 4 Morrison Avenue Sussex NB E4E 1P5		Telephone Number (506) 433-1351
Type of Facility Part-time Early Learning and Childcare Centre	Maximum Number of Children 19	Ages of Children PRESCHOOL
ELCC Licensing Staff Veronique Berube	Position Title Quality Assurance Monitor	

Order for Compliance	Regulation	Date to be corrected	Date corrected
10(1) The number of educators that are required for a group of children of mixed ages receiving services at a full-time or part-time early learning and childcare centre is calculated as follows: (a) by multiplying the number of children of the same age by the corresponding factor set out in Schedule A; and (b) by adding the results obtained under paragraph (a).	10(1)	Dec 12, 2025	Dec 12, 2025
Comments: At the arrival of the Quality Assurance Monitor, the children were alone in the classroom with a staff member from an external organization. The two educators were in an adjacent room putting materials away. Members from external organizations do not have the proper verifications required by the department. The child-to-staff ratio must be maintained at all times in a mixed age group. The two educators came back into the room with the children. 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)	Dec 12, 2025	Dec 12, 2025
Comments: The Quality Assurance Monitor observed a bottle of Lysol disinfectant spray in a covert in one of the washrooms that was not locked. Toxic products, chemical products and cleaning supplies must be locked and inaccessible to the children. The administrator immediately locked the Lysol spray in the designated locked area. Deficiency is now compliant.			
40(1) An operator of a licensed facility shall ensure that personal belongings of a child receiving services at the licensed facility that are brought to the licensed facility, including combs, brushes, toothbrushes, towels, washcloths, bedding, pacifiers and soothers, are (a) labelled with the name of the child.	40(1)(a)	Dec 12, 2025	Dec 12, 2025
Comments: The Quality Assurance Monitor observed 5 bottles of water that were not labelled with the names of the children. Personal belongings must be labelled with the names of the children. The educator added the names of the children on the 5 bottles of water. Deficiency is now compliant.			
48(2) An operator of a licensed facility may supply food to a child receiving services at the licensed facility that a parent or guardian of the child brings from the child's home if the food is labelled with the child's name and refrigerated, as required.	48(2)	Dec 12, 2025	Dec 12, 2025
Comments: The Quality Assurance Monitor observed 4 lunchboxes that were not labelled with the name of the children. Food brought from home must be labelled with the name of the children. The educator added the name of the children on the 4 lunch boxes. Deficiency is now compliant.			

General Comments

The Quality Assurance Monitor is on site in the morning to conduct a monitoring inspection.

The Quality Assurance Monitor verified the following elements:

- Washroom
- Storage space
- Personal belongings
- Nutrition
- Outdoor play area and material
- Diaper changing

The Quality Assurance Monitor observed the children playing in the indoor play area and then transitioned to eat their morning snack. The educator read a Christmas book to the children and then sang Christmas songs with the children engaged. Positive interactions were observed between the educators and the children.

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Veronique Berube

Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff

December 15, 2025

Date

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Neal Mercer

Signature of Operator/Designated staff

December 15, 2025

Date

"I hereby acknowledge receipt of this report"