

Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Report

Pre School

TUSLA Identifier:	TU2015CC047
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Name of Service:	Banteer Community Childcare Services CLG
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Address of Service:	Clonmeen, Banteer, Co. Cork
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Name of Registered Provider:	James Murphy
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Service type:	Full Day, Part Time, Sessional
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Date of Inspection:	09/01/2024
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No of pre-school children:	AM	110	PM	77
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Inspection undertaken by:	E. Friel
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Title:	Early Years Inspector
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Authority to Inspect

The Tusla Early Years Inspectorate carries out inspections of Early Years Services under Section 58(J) of the Child Care Act 1991 (as inserted by Section 92 of the Child and Family Agency Act 2013).

Conditions if applicable	N/A
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Description of service

Banteer Community Childcare Services CLG is a community-based service, offering a choice of full day care, part-time and sessional services facilitating the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Scheme in the morning. The service operates Monday to Friday between the hours of 7.00 am until 6.30 pm, for 49 weeks of the year and is registered for children aged from 0 to 6 years of age, currently child attend aged from 3 months to 6 years of age.

The service is located in a residential area in the rural village of Banteer in North Cork. It operates from a single storey building purposefully built as a childcare facility. There are four care rooms located within the service Snowdrop Nursery, Daisy Wobbler, Daffodil and Sunflower and four outdoor structures. The four outdoor structures consist of two wooden cabins Bluebell Pre-school and Naionra Poipin, and two are modular units Naionra Fiuse and Cactus. There is a large reception area, offices and a kitchen located within the service. The large outdoor area has dedicated secure outdoor play areas for each age group and each care room is timetabled for play in an additional large outdoor space. There are adult and child sanitary facilities in both the outdoor and indoor areas. A staff room is located adjacent to the Bluebell Pre-school care room and in addition, a quiet room for staff is available next to the sensory room, also in the outdoor area. There is a large car park area located at the front of the service

Staffing

There are 39 adults working in the service including the manager, two deputies, four AIMS Support Workers, two cooks, two cleaning staff and a maintenance person. The registered provider does not work in the service.

Methodology

Tusla's Early Years Inspectorate is the independent statutory regulator of early years services in Ireland. The Child Care Act 1991 (Early Years Services) Regulations 2016 define the duty of a registered provider to ensure the safety and well-being of children and to comply with these regulations. This Act also gives Tusla the authority to assess compliance with the regulations. The purpose of regulation in relation to early years services is to ensure that the care, safety, and well-being of children attending such services is upheld. Inspections of early years services are planned based on the following:

- Previous inspection history
- Any information received in relation to the service

The findings on inspection are based on:

- Information obtained through examination of documentation
- Direct observation
- Discussion with relevant staff

This inspection was unannounced and focused on the area of governance/ health, welfare and development of child and safety. The inspections may also focus on other areas as required.

The inspection focused on an examination of compliance under regulations 9, 10, 11, 16, 20, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28 and 31 however, on inspection an additional non-compliance which posed a risk was identified under Regulation 15. These findings are outlined within the relevant regulations within this report.

Inspection findings are documented in the inspection report which is first issued in draft format to the service with an opportunity to respond to any findings. Where statutory requirements are identified as not being met, the registered provider must demonstrate how they have rectified the non-compliance and will prevent any non-compliance from re occurring. The Corrective Action and Preventive Action plan (CAPA) will be used to inform decisions about compliance with regulatory requirements. Where the registered provider fails to meet the statutory requirements an escalation process may be commenced.

The inspectorate reserves the right to edit responses received for reasons including clarity, completeness and compliance with administrative and legal processes.

The contents of the report are compiled by the inspectorate body.

Acknowledgments

The inspector wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the Manager, two deputies, staff and children who were present on the day of the inspection.

Part III – Management and Staff

Regulation 9 – Management and recruitment

(1) A registered provider shall ensure that-

- (a) the service has a designated person in charge and a named person who is able to deputise as required,
- (b) at all times during the period when the pre-school service is being carried on, the designated person in charge or the named person referred to in subparagraph (a) is on the premises.

(2) A registered provider shall ensure that each employee, unpaid worker and contractor is suitable and competent taking into consideration the nature of the needs of children, including by-

- (a) consideration of references from the person's past employers, if any, and in particular the most recent employer, if any,
- (b) consideration of references from reputable sources in the case of a person who has no past employers,
- (c) consideration of the vetting disclosure received from the National Vetting Bureau of the Garda Síochána in accordance with the Act of 2012 in respect of the person, and
- (d) ensuring, insofar as is practicable, that where a person has lived in a state other than the State for a period of longer than 6 consecutive months, he or she provides police vetting from the police authorities in that state.

(4) A registered provider shall ensure that, without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (2) and subject to paragraphs (5) and (6), each employee working directly with children attending the service holds at least a major award in Early childhood Care and Education at Level 5 on the National Qualifications Framework or a qualification deemed by the Minister to be equivalent.

Compliance Information

- (1)
- (a) The registered provider ensured that there was a designated person in charge and two named persons who were available to deputise.
 - (b) The staff records indicated that either the designated person in charge, or named persons were available at all times while the early years children were present.
- (2) Recruitment files for twenty-four adults were reviewed, as fifteen records were reviewed previously on inspection on 28/03/2022 and 04/05/2021 and all were found to be fully compliant.

- (a) There were thirty-four validated references from past employers.
 - (b) There were fourteen validated references from sources other than previous employers.
 - (c) Garda vetting disclosures from the National Vetting Bureau for all thirty-nine adults were available and currently in date.
 - (d) Two international police disclosures were on file for two adults who had lived outside of Ireland for six consecutive months or longer as adults.
- (4) Qualification certificates on file, for each adult working directly with the children, indicated that seventeen adults had obtained a major award in Early Childhood Care and Education, ranging from levels 5 to level 8 on the National Framework Qualifications. In addition, one adult had a Letter of Recognition of Qualification from the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth. Six adults did not work directly with the children.

Part III – Management and Staff

Regulation 10 - Policies, procedures etc. of pre-school service

A registered provider of a pre-school service shall ensure that the written policies, procedures and statements specified in Schedule 5 are in place for the service.

Compliance Information

The following policies were viewed and contained all of the necessary particulars:

- Accidents and Incidents
- Risk Management
- Sickness/Illness and Exclusion
- Staff Supervision Policy known as Performance Appraisals and Support/Supervision Policy

Part III – Management and Staff

Regulation 11 - Staffing levels

(1) Subject to this Regulation, a registered provider shall ensure that there is at all times an adequate number of adults working directly with the children attending the pre-school service.

(2) Subject to paragraphs (4) and (5), a registered provider of a full day care service or a part-time day care service shall ensure that at all times the minimum ratio of adults to children specified in column (3) of Part 1 of Schedule 6 opposite a particular reference number specified in column (1) of that Part in respect of the age range of the children specified in column (2) thereof at that reference number is satisfied.

(8) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) to (7)-

(a) a registered provider of a pre-school service other than a child-minding service or a sessional pre-school service shall ensure that there are at least 2 adults on the premises at all times.

Compliance Information

(1) The registered provider ensured that there was an adequate number of adults working directly with the early years children.

(2) There were 8 care rooms in operation on the day of the inspection with the minimum adult/child ratios as detailed below:

Snowdrop Nursery Room (7 months – 15 months old)

There were seven full-time and two part-time children in attendance, all over eleven months, with three adults in the morning and seven children in attendance with four adults in the afternoon.

Daisy Room (12 months – 2 years old)

There were twelve children in attendance with three adults in the morning and ten children in attendance with three adults in the afternoon.

Daffodil Room (18 months – 2 years 6 months)

There were eight full-time and one part-time child in attendance, eight of whom were over 2 years of age, with two adults in the morning and nine children in attendance with two adults in the afternoon.

Sunflower Room (2 years – 3 years old)

There were fourteen children in attendance with three adults in the morning and thirteen children in attendance with three adults in the afternoon.

Cactus Preschool (2 years 8 months – 4 years old)

There were three full day care, three part-time and six sessional children in attendance, all over three years of age, with three adults in the morning and twelve children in attendance with two adults in the afternoon.

Bluebell Preschool (2 years 8 months – 4 years)

There were eighteen full day care, one part-time and two sessional children in attendance in the morning with three adults and 16 children and two staff in the afternoon.

Naionra Poipin (3 years 6 months – 6 years old)

There were ten full day care, three part-time and one sessional child in attendance with four adults in the morning, and ten children in attendance with two adults in the afternoon.

Naionra Fiuse (3 years 6 months – 6 years old)

There were twenty children in attendance with three adults in the morning. Nine children transferred from Fiuse to Cactus for the afternoon.

(8)

(a) The registered provider ensured that there were at least two adults on the premises at all times.

Part IV – Information and Records

Regulation 15 – Record of pre-school child

(1) A registered provider of a pre-school service other than a pre-school service in a drop-in centre or a temporary pre-school service shall ensure that a record in writing is kept in respect of each pre-school child attending the service containing the following particulars:

(f) details of any illness, disability, allergy or special need of the child, together with all the information relevant to the provision of special care or attention.

Non-Compliance Information

(f) There was no individual care plan available for a child for whom it was required. Not having an individual medical plan available for a child with a chronic illness poses a safety risk for the child as the condition could be mismanaged.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective and Preventive Action

The following statement was received from the registered provider:

(f) An individual care plan is now on file for the child with a chronic illness.

Supporting documentation submitted

(f) Copies of the individual care plan, with all relevant information, was submitted to the office of the inspectorate.

Summary Comment

The non-compliance identified under regulation 15 (1) (f) has been addressed.

Part IV – Information and Records

Regulation 16 – Record in relation to pre-school service

(1) A registered provider shall ensure that a record in writing is kept of the following information in relation to the service:

(a) the name, position, qualifications and experience of the person in charge and of every other employee, unpaid worker and contractor;

(b) details of the class of service and the age profile of children for which the service is registered to provide services;

(i) details of staff rosters on a daily basis;

(k) details of any accident, injury or incident involving a pre-school child attending the service.

Compliance Information

(a) The name, position, qualification and experience of the designated person in charge and every other employee were available in the staff recruitment files.

(b) The details of the class of service and the age profile of children for which the service is registered to provide was detailed on the Tusla Registration Certificate visible on the wall in the reception area of the service.

(i) The staff roster was furnished to the inspector on arrival. In conversation staff in each care room stated they were aware of who would be covering for their breaks.

(k) A sample of fourteen accident/incident reports from Naionra Poipín, Bluebell Preschool and the Daisy Room were reviewed and all were found to contain relevant details including the signatures of the parents, staff and named person in charge on the day.

Part V - Care of Child in Pre-school Service

Regulation 20 – Facilities for rest and play

(1) Subject to this regulation, a registered provider shall ensure that-

- (a) having regard to the number of pre-school children attending the service, their respective ages and the amount of time they spend on the premises, there are adequate and suitable facilities for each child 19 to play indoors and, where required by these Regulations, outdoors, during the day, and
- (b) there are adequate and suitable facilities for a pre-school child to rest during the day, and in the case of an overnight pre-school service, during the day and the night.

Compliance Information

- (1)
- (a) The care rooms and the outdoor play areas were furnished with resources and equipment which were suitable for the various age groups of children attending the service. They provided opportunities to enhance the learning needs of all children across all areas of development.
- (b) Adequate and suitable facilities were available in each room for the children to rest or sit quietly. The following rest/sleep areas were observed during the inspection, with children under two years old having access to a standard cot:
- Snowdrop Nursery** – The inspector observed one child sleeping at 13.36 pm in a dedicated sleep room with 8 cots. Each cot was fitted with a waterproof mattress, fitted sheet and cellular blanket. The cots were fifty centimetres apart. The temperature of the sleep room was recorded as 19.6°C, an adult was observed recording a ten-minute sleep check on the child while the inspector was in the sleep room.
- Daisy Room** – There were two sleep rooms within the care room. The room on the right had six cots in which three children were observed resting at 13.39 pm and two were sleeping. The room on the left had five cots where two children were sleeping; all of the children wore sleep suits. Each cot was fitted with a waterproof mattress and the cots were placed fifty centimetres apart. The sleep room temperatures were recorded between the recommended 16°C – 20°C.
- Sunflower Room** – There were twelve children on sleep mats on the floor supervised directly by two adults. Each mattress was provided with a fitted sheet and a cellular blanket. The room temperature was recorded at 20°C.
- Daffodil Room** – The inspector observed nine children on sleep mats with two staff directly supervising at 14.31 pm, the mats were fifty centimetres apart and the temperature of the room was recorded as 20°C. Air conditioning had been installed in the room since the last inspection.

Sleep checks were furnished to the

inspector detailing the position, colour and breathing of each child. Staff stated mats are disinfected after use each day.

Sleep records were recorded for each child who was resting/ sleeping on an electronic application available in tablet format in each room. In addition, each of the care rooms had a rest/quiet area available where children could sit or rest quietly.

Non-Compliance Information

- (1) A child under two years of age sleeping in the Daffodil sleep room, who had an individual sleep plan signed by a parent, was observed sleeping on a mat which was not a piece of sleep equipment suitable for their age and stage of development. This could impact on the level of comfort and quality of sleep, as the requirement for children over 15 months, with a sleep plan signed by a parent, is that the floor bed must be fitted with a firm and perfectly fitted mattress designed to fit the specific bed. The mattress must be at least 6 cm in depth.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective and Preventive Action

The following statement was received from the registered provider;

- (1) Following the inspection, the child turned two years old and no longer requires a floor bed. Management are currently sourcing floor beds in the event that they are required in the future for children from 15 months to 2 years who have a risk assessment completed and an individual sleep plan in place.

Supporting documentation submitted

- (1) The statement from the registered provider has been accepted.

Summary Comment

The non-compliance under Regulation 20 (1) (b) has been addressed.

Part V - Care of Child in Pre-school Service

Regulation 22 – Food and drink

A registered provider shall ensure that adequate and suitable, nutritious and varied food and drink is available for each pre-school child attending the pre-school service.

Compliance Information

The healthy eating policy and the four-week menu were available for parents to view in the service. Healthy meals and snacks were observed being given at regular times throughout the day. All snacks were provided by the parents/guardians, the breakfast, hot meal and evening tea were supplied by the service.

From 7.00 am until 9.00 am staff stated that a selection of cereals, toast, water and milk were available. A staff member in the Snowdrop Nursery was observed at 9.47 am sitting on the sofa holding a baby while giving the child a bottle of milk. Snack observed being served in the Daisy Room at 10.00 am and in the Sunflower room at 10.15 am consisted of bite sized pieces of fruit, yogurt, pasta, cheese and filled sandwiches. Children in the Sunflower room were observed serving themselves water from small metal pouring jugs into age-appropriate cups. A hot lunch of chicken curry, rice, carrots and broccoli was observed being served in Naionra Fiuse at 12.45 pm, children in the room had access to cutlery and crockery and were able to access water from nearby jugs.

Alternative food was available for children who did not want what was on the menu.

Staff stated that afternoon snack is served at 3.00 pm and afternoon tea of Mozzarella beef roll was available at 4.30 pm for the full day care children while children in the Snowdrop Nursery Room were offered Spinach, sweet potato and tomato puree.

Non-Compliance Information

- (1) The inspector observed that children in the Bluebell Preschool room only had access to water at designated meal times. In conversation, staff stated that there is no water provided other than at designated meal times. Water should be available and accessible at all times.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective and Preventive Action

- (1) The water station in the Bluebell room has been reinstated to ensure that water is available to the children at all times. Management will check weekly to ensure the water stations are in operation in the care rooms and that children can access the water at all times. Regular reminders will be sent to staff regarding same.

Supporting documentation submitted

(1) Photographic evidence was provided of water stations in all care rooms including the Bluebell room.

Summary Comment

The non-compliance under Regulation 22 has been addressed.

Part VI – Safety

Regulation 23 - Safeguarding health, safety and welfare of child

A registered provider shall ensure that all reasonable measures are taken to safeguard the health, safety and welfare of a pre-school child attending the service and that the environment of the service is safe.

Compliance Information

General Safety:

- On arrival the external door was secured to ensure that unauthorised adults could not enter the service. The deputy manager, on reception, answered the buzzer to the inspector who observed that the inside door was secured with a fob system ensuring children could not leave the building unsupervised.
- The electronic gate, which allowed entry to the outdoor cabins, modular units and play areas, was secured with a keypad.
- Window restrictors were fitted to windows in the care and sleep rooms to prevent children from exiting from them.
- All blind cords observed were secured with hooks out of reach of the children.
- Handrails were fitted to the ramps of the cabins and modular units aiding children to enter and exit safely.
- Furniture and heavy equipment were anchored to prevent them tipping.
- All toys and play equipment, indoors and outdoors, appeared in good condition and appeared to be well maintained.
- Flexes and cables were stored out of reach of the children.
- Indoor waste was stored in pedal operated bins and recycle bins were also available in the care rooms.
- Kettles were stored safely, out of reach of the children.
- Entry to the outdoor play areas was gained by keypad. Bolted gates separated each individual play area. The perimeter of each area and the entire outdoor area was secured with high metal fencing.
- The Oil tank, in the outdoor play area, was fenced off preventing children from being able to access it.

Infection Control:

- A full-time cleaner was observed cleaning throughout the day, in areas not occupied by the children, ensuring the service floors were kept clean, contributing to a healthier environment for everyone.
- Children and adults accessing handwash basins in the service had access to thermostatically controlled hot water ranging from 33°C to 39.2°C.
- Children in Naionra Fiuse were observed washing their hands with dispensing soap, drying their hands with paper towel from a touch sensor dispenser and disposing of the paper in a pedal operated bin.
- The Daffodil nappy changing area was supplied with single disposable aprons and gloves and a foot operated, lined, lidded bin for the disposal of nappies. The children's labelled personal belongings were located nearby.
- Snacks were observed to be stored in the fridges in the care rooms preventing the food from spoilage.
- A steriliser was in use in the Sunflower room for sterilising children's soothers.
- Cleaning/Disinfection records in use in the Daffodil care room indicated that sleeping mats were cleaned on a daily basis.
- Children in the Bluebell Preschool room were able to hang their belongings off the ground on individual hooks with their names on them.
- Open windows were observed in the Bluebell Preschool children's toilet area and in the Naionra Fiuse care room ensuring the circulation of fresh air.

Administration of Medication:

- Anti-febrile medication was available, stored in its own container, and was placed out of reach of the children.

Fire Safety:

- Fire doors throughout the service were fitted with thumb twist cylinders or push bars.
- The fire assembly point was clearly visible on the fence of the main outdoor play area.

Non-Compliance Information

General Safety:

- (1) The internal door of the Bluebell Preschool room was not secured posing a safety risk should a child leave the room unsupervised.
- (2) There were large volumes of water on the tarpaulin and in the toy box of the outdoor area of the Bluebell Pre-school area, posing a safety risk to the children.

Infection Control:

- (3) One of the soap dispensers in the hand basin of the children's toilet area in the Bluebell Preschool care room was not working, posing a risk of ineffective handwashing and the spread of infection as a result.
- (4) Two sofas and one corner chair in the rest area of the Bluebell Preschool room had exposed foam making them difficult to clean effectively.
- (5) Two chairs in the Daisy care room had exposed foam making them difficult to clean effectively.
- (6) The air vent in the children's toilet cubicle in Naionra Poipin was covered in dust impeding the circulation of fresh air.

Administration of Medication:

- (7) Staff in the Bluebell Pre-school room stated they had not received training on how to administer medication to a child with a chronic illness, posing a safety risk should staff fail to administer the medication properly and the child become unwell as a result. This was in conflict with the service's sickness/illness and exclusion policy. The policy states with regards to administering prescribed medication "it is the creche's responsibility to ensure that they are proficient before undertaking the task".

Fire Safety:

- (8) Fire doors in both the Snowdrop Nursery and Daisy sleep rooms were obstructed with cots, preventing the quick evacuation of children and adults in the event of an emergency.

Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective & Preventive Action

The following statements were received from the registered provider:

General Safety:

- (1) The registered provider will ensure that a safety device is fitted to the internal door of the Bluebell Pre-school room to ensure that the children do not leave the building unsupervised.
- (2) The water was removed immediately, and the toy box was disposed of in the Bluebell Pre-school outdoor play area. Staff have been reminded to seek assistance to remove the water in a timely manner.

Infection Control:

- (3) The soap dispenser in the sanitary are of the Bluebell Pre-school care room has been replaced.
- (4) (5) The soft furnishings with exposed foam in the Bluebell Pre-school and Daisy care rooms were removed immediately. New furnishings are currently being sourced.
- (6) The air vent in the children's toilet cubicle in Naionra Poipin has been cleaned. The registered provider will follow up with maintenance to ensure that the cleaning of the air vents is carried out weekly.

Administration of Medication:

(7) The registered provider will ensure that staff receive appropriate training for administering medication.

Fire Safety:

(8) The cots in the Snowdrop Nursery and Daisy sleep rooms have been repositioned to ensure that the fire exits remain unobstructed.

Supporting documentation submitted

General Safety:

- (1) A photograph of a secure catch fitted to the door in the Bluebell Pre-school care room was received in the office of the inspectorate.
- (2) Photographic evidence of the water removed from the tarpaulin and the toy box removed from the outdoor play area of the Bluebell Pre-school area was received in the office of the inspectorate.

Infection Control:

- (3) A photograph of the newly installed soap dispenser was received in the office of the inspectorate.
- (4) (5) The statements from the registered provider have been accepted.
- (6) A photograph of the clean air vent in the Naionra Poipin toilet cubicle was received in the office of the inspectorate.

Administration of Medication:

(7) The statement from the registered provider has been accepted.

Fire Safety:

(8) Photographs of the cots repositioned in the Snowdrop Nursery and Daisy sleep rooms, to ensure the fire doors are unobstructed, were received in the office of the inspectorate.

Summary Comment

The inspector reviewed the corrective actions and evidence provided after the inspection. The registered provider demonstrated that the non-compliances identified under Regulation 23 have been resolved.

Part VI - Safety

Regulation 25 - First aid

(1) A registered provider shall ensure that a person trained in first aid for children is, at all times, immediately available to the children attending the pre-school service.

(2) A registered provider shall ensure that a suitably equipped first aid box for children-

(a) is safely stored in an easily accessible and conspicuous position on the premises, and

(b) is available to the children attending the pre-school service at all times.

Compliance Information

(1) Certificates were on file to evidence that the designated person and at least five other adults had up to date First Aid Responder (FAR) training completed. In addition, at least twelve staff had Paediatric First Aid completed.

(2) (a) (b) First aid boxes in the Bluebell Preschool and Naionra Fiuse were placed on shelving easily accessible to the adults and were available at all times.

Part VI - Safety

Regulation 26 - Fire safety measures

(1) A registered provider shall ensure that a record in writing is kept of-

(a) any fire drill that takes place in the premises, and

(b) the number, type and maintenance record of firefighting equipment and smoke alarms in the premises.

(2) The record referred to in paragraph (1) shall be open to inspection by-

(c) an authorised person.

(5) A notice of the procedures to be followed in the event of fire shall be displayed in a conspicuous position in the premises.

Compliance Information

- (1)
- (a) A written record was kept of the monthly fire drills that took place in the service. The last fire drill was recorded as taking place on 11 December 2023.
- (b) Written records were available detailing the number, type and maintenance of the firefighting equipment and the smoke alarms. The firefighting equipment maintenance certificate was dated 28 June 2023 and the smoke alarm certificate was dated 25 August 2023.
- (2)
- (c) The records referred to in paragraph (1) were furnished to the inspector on the day of inspection.
- (4) Procedures to be followed in the event of a fire were located in each care room. A fire assembly sign is visible in the main outdoor play area attached to the metal fencing.

Part VI - Safety

Regulation 27 – Supervision

A registered provider shall ensure that pre-school children attending the service are supervised at all times.

Compliance Information

Throughout the inspection it was noted that all children were under the supervision of qualified adults, both indoors and outdoors. Adequate cover was provided during breaks to ensure that the adult/child ratios were met in all rooms. The children were visible to the adults at all times, and this included children accessing the toilet areas in the Bluebell Preschool, and Naionra's Fiuse and Poipin where adults were available to assist if required. The layout of the care rooms including the Daisy room allowed for ease of visual supervision with the furniture and equipment positioned at the children's level.

Part VI - Safety

Regulation 28 - Insurance

A registered provider shall ensure that the pre-school service is adequately insured.

Compliance Information

The registered provider ensured that the service was insured. A certificate was available to indicate that the service is insured for 140 full day care children. The expiry dated was recorded as 21 March 2024.

Part VIII - Notifications and Complaints

Regulation 31 - Notification of incidents

A registered provider shall notify the Agency in writing within 3 working days of becoming aware of any of the following incidents occurring in the preschool service:

(b) the diagnosis of a pre-school child attending the service, an employee, unpaid worker, contractor or other person working in the service as suffering from an infectious disease within the meaning of the Infectious Diseases Regulations 1981 (S.I. No. 390 of 1981);

(d) a serious injury to a pre-school child while attending the service that requires immediate medical treatment by a registered medical practitioner whether in a hospital or otherwise;

Compliance Information

There was documentation available in the service and Notifications of Incidents received by the Agency to confirm that the designated person in charge had informed the agency in writing, within three working days of both (b) and (d).