

Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Report

Pre School

TUSLA Identifier:	TU2015CE102
Name of Service:	Mother Goose Creche
Address of Service:	Clonfadda, Killaloe, Co. Clare
Eircode:	V94 YP63
Name of Registered Provider:	Catriona Devereux
Service type:	Full Day, Part Time, Sessional
Date of Inspection (Day 1):	14/10/2024
Date of Inspection (Day 2):	17/10/2024

No of pre-school children (Day 1):	AM	40	PM	31
No of pre-school children (Day2):	AM	45	PM	43

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Title:	Early Years Inspectors

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

Not applicable

Description of service

Mother Goose Creche was established in 2000, as a private childcare service in Killaloe, County Clare. The service provides a programme of care and education on a sessional, part time and full day care basis Monday to Friday from 07:30 to 18:00. During the inspection four care rooms were in operation. The rooms included the Baby room (age range: eleven months to one year), the Toddler room (age range: one to two years), the Junior ECCE room (age range: two to three years) and the Senior ECCE room (age range: three to four years). The outdoor play area is divided into two sections and is located at the back and side of the service. The service is registered to cater for sixty pre-school children and twenty-four school aged children. School aged childcare service is facilitated in the Senior EECE room every afternoon and during school holidays.

Staffing

Fourteen adults including the registered provider, a cook and one student are employed to work the service. Two adults were on annual leave on both days of the inspection. On both days of inspection, seven adults cared directly for the pre-school children in attendance, the manager and assistant manager provided an administrative role and relief in the rooms, as well as school collections. The assistant manager prepared and cooked the food in the service on day 1 of the inspection. The registered provider arrived subsequent to the inspector's arrival and remained on the premises for the duration of the inspection, providing assistance in the Junior ECCE Room on the 14 October 2024 and in the Toddler Room on the 17 October 2024. One adult works with the school aged children with the assistance of a student in the Senior ECCE room each afternoon.

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 an unannounced and focused on the areas of governance, health, welfare and development of child and safety. The inspection may also focus on other areas as required. The inspection focused on an examination of compliance under regulations:

Regulation 9 – Management and recruitment (1)(a)(b), (2)(a)(b)(c)(d) and (4)

Regulation 11 - Staffing levels (1) (2)

Regulation 15 – Record of pre-school child (1)(a)-(i)

Regulation 16-Record in relation to pre-school service (1)(a)(i)

Regulation 19 - Health, welfare and development of child (1)(a)

Regulation 23 - Safeguarding health, safety and welfare of child

Regulation 25 - First aid (1), (2)(a)(b).

Regulation 26 - Fire safety measures (1)(a)(b)(4).

Regulation 28 – Insurance

Regulation 29 –Premises (c)(d)

Regulation 30 Minimum space requirements (1)(2)

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 inspectors wish to acknowledge the cooperation of the registered provider, persons in charge, 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, and*

(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.*

(3)

The procedures specified in paragraph (2) shall be carried out prior to any person being appointed, assigned or allowed access to or contact with a child attending the pre-school service.

- (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.
- (7)
A registered provider shall ensure that all employees, unpaid workers and contractors are appropriately supervised and provided with appropriate information, and where necessary training, including in relation to the following:
- (a) the policies, procedures and statements of the service specified in Schedule 5;*
 - (b) Part VIIA (inserted by section 92 of the Child and Family Agency Act 2013 (No. 40 of 2013)) of the Act, and*
 - (c) these Regulations*

Compliance Information

- (1)(a)
On both days of inspection, the manager was the person in charge and a person was available to deputise in their absence.
- (b)
On 14 October 2024 and 17 October 2024, the manager and a named person to deputise was available at all times during the inspection. The registered provider arrived subsequent to the inspector's arrival.
- (2)
Fifteen files were available in respect of the registered provider, the adults and student working in the service. The findings included the following:
- (a)
On the 14 October 2024 nineteen written references from past employers in respect of the adults working in the service were available. Of the references available thirteen were validated.
- It is acknowledged that on the 17 October 2024, twenty-one written references from past employers in respect of adults working in the service were available. Of the references available thirteen were validated.
- (b)
On the 14 October 2024, three written references from a source other than a past employer in respect of the adults working in the service were available. Of the references available, two were validated.

It is acknowledged that on the 17 October 2024, five written references from a source other than past employers in respect of adults working in the service were available. Of the references available four were validated.

(c)

Garda vetting disclosures had been obtained for fourteen adults. However, the service did not adhere to the re-vetting timeframes as outlined in the Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Notice, requiring services to renew Garda vetting every three years. Please refer to the information outlined under regulation 23 of this report.

(d)

The manager and adults stated that international police vetting was not required in respect of the adults working in the service as none had lived in another state for a period longer than six months.

(4)

Five adults working directly with the pre-school children on both days of inspection as well as the Manager and assistant Manager held Early Childhood Care and Education qualifications at Level 5 and 6 on the National Framework of Qualifications.

Non-Compliance Information

(2)(a)(b)

1. Two written references each were not available in respect of one adult and one student working in the service.
2. Nine of the twenty-six references available for inspection were not validated.

(3)

The service had not carried out vetting procedures prior to staff commencing in the service, being appointed, assigned or allowed access to or contact with a child attending the pre-school service This is at variance with the procedures outlined in the service's recruitment policies.

(4)

Three adults working directly with the children did not hold an Early Childhood Care and Education qualification or a qualification deemed by the Minister to be equivalent.

(7) (a)(b)(c)

There was no documented evidence to indicate that staff had received induction training when they commenced working in the service which would include having read and understood the policies and procedures of the service. There was no evidence of training undertaken in the Child Care Act 1991 (Early Years Services) Regulations 2016 and Childcare Act 1991 (Early Years Services) (Amendment) Regulations 2016. This is at variance with the procedures outlined in the service's recruitment and staff training policies.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

(2)(a)(b) (4) (7)(a)(b)(c)

Corrective and Preventive Action

(2)(a)(b)

Written references are available for all employees in the service, both those who were employed at the time of the inspection and those who have been employed since.

All references are now on file as well as references that we have obtained since the inspection.

(3)

All educators have been re-vetted if their vetting was out of date, or vetted if they were without, or have been hired since the inspection.

(4)

In relation to the three adults who did not hold ECCE Qualifications:

-One of these adults was a SAC only employee who was covering in an ELC room due to annual leave and staff shortages. The service has since been able to employ a qualified adult to replace this gap in our recruitment.

-One adult does not work with the children in a hands-on manner but periodically helps out at times when required. The service is in the process of hiring a qualified relief staff member to resolve this issue.

-The final adult has enrolled in an ECCE course to gain qualification. They will work with our SAC service until the qualification is completed.

(7)(a)(b)(c)

Employees who were hired since the inspection have undergone induction training and signed off all documentation in line with the recruitment policy. The service has developed and used a worksheet to create a new employee checklist. We are currently exhausting all efforts in an attempt to hire additional qualified educators.

Supporting documentation submitted

Documentary and photographic evidence

Summary Comment

Based on the registered providers response and evidence provided to the Inspectorate the non-compliance is addressed under Regulation 9 (2)(a)(b), (3), (7)(a)(b)(c). The non-compliance under Regulation 9(4) remains outstanding. The actions provided by the service will be reviewed on next inspection.

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)
On the 14 and 17 of October 2024, there was an adequate number of adults worked directly with the children in attendance.

(2)
On the 14 and 17 October 2024, the ratio of adults caring for children was maintained in the service.

(8)(a)
The staff roster demonstrated that more than two adults were available on the premises at all times.

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

Non-Compliance Information

(1)(a)

On the 14 October 2024, photo identifications were not available in respect of seven adults and one student working in the service and ten adults and one student did not have an employment history record on file. This posed a concern in determining the suitability and past employment history of the adults employed in the service.

On the 17 October 2024 photo identification was not available for one student and employment history records for three adults were not available.

(i)

An adult that was present and working directly with the children on both days of inspection was not detailed on the service's staff roster.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

(1)(a)(i)

Corrective and Preventive Action

The service has obtained photo identifications for all the educators and adults now working in the service. The service has obtained employment history records for all educators possible. A copy of photo identification is now taken before each person commences employment.

Supporting documentation submitted

Documentary and photographic evidence.

Summary Comment

Based on the corrective actions and evidence provided by the registered provider the area of non-compliance is addressed. The implemented actions will be reviewed on next inspection.

Part V - Care of Child in Pre-school Service

Regulation 19 - Health, welfare and development of child

(1) A registered provider shall, in providing a pre-school service, ensure that-

(a) each child's learning, development and well-being is facilitated within the daily life of the pre-school service through the provision of the appropriate activities, interaction, materials and equipment, having regard to the age and stage of development of the child, and

Compliance Information

(1)(a)

Basic Needs of Children:

The adults treated the children with positive regard and responded to their needs in a kind and caring manner. The adults supported the children on an individual and group basis and responded promptly to their cues for assistance. The babies were held and hugged throughout the day and their cues for comfort were responded to. The children were encouraged to be independent in play, when caring for their belongings and while using the toilet. The adults offered encouragement, and the children were respected and supported in their choice of activities. During mealtime the children sat together, conversed amicably and ate their meals and drank their beverages. The children's care need observations were shared with the parents on the service's electronic device. Throughout the inspection the children transitioned from the indoor to the outdoor areas.

Non-Compliance Information

1. On both days of inspection, the five babies attending on a full day care basis in the Baby room did not access the outdoor area during the inspection. The non-compliance was found on previous inspection on the 07 September 2022.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

(1)(a)

Corrective and Preventive Action

1. The baby room children have now been added to our outdoor play schedule and receive outdoor play each day. As many of our small babies are not yet walking the outdoor environment here is not always best suited to them, especially during wet and cold weather. The service is investigating ways to create a more suitable environment for our babies in the outdoor environment (such as padded flow covering, a covered soft play area). This will be an ongoing process.

Supporting documentation submitted

A copy of the outdoor play schedule.

Summary Comment

Based on the registered providers actions and schedule for outdoor play the area of non-compliance is addressed. The practice and implemented actions will be reviewed on next inspection.

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:

- The internal and external entrance entrances were secured to monitor the safe entry and exit of the children to and from the childcare facility.
- The designated outdoor area was secured with fencing and gates to protect the children within.
- The children in attendance were recorded on arrival and on departure from the service on an electronic application device system.
- A visitors' book was available to record any unauthorised persons that visit the service.
- The highchairs in the Dining room and Baby room were fitted with five-point safety harnesses.

Outing:

- An outing was not undertaken by the service during the inspection. The manager stated that outings are not undertaken currently by the service.

Non-Compliance Information

General Safety:

1. Garda vetting was available for five adults employed by the service. However, these vetting disclosures were not dated within the previous three years in adherence with the Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Notice.
2. Looped blind cords on windows in the Toddler and Sensory rooms were unsecured and posed a potential risk of injury to the children.

3. It is acknowledged on the 14 October 2024 once informed by the inspectors the manager took immediate action to remedy the non-compliance. It is acknowledged that on 17 October 2024, the blinds were secured in both rooms.
4. On both days of inspection, a bottle of bleach was accessible to children on the floor of the sanitary facility adjacent to the Senior ECCE room. This posed a risk to the children. It is acknowledged that the manager removed the bottle of bleach once notified by the inspectors and placed the bottle in the office on both days.
5. A small unsecured storage shed in the outdoor play area adjacent to the Senior ECCE room was accessible to the children. The unlocked shed contained two gas cylinders, a mop bucket, a large spade, a large step ladder, had exposed nails and detached sharp edged wood. This posed a potential risk of injury to children. It is acknowledged that a bolt was observed on the door on the 17 October 2024, rendering the room inaccessible to the children.
6. A shatter proof protective cover was not in place over the light fitting on the ceiling of the lobby adjacent to the nappy changing facility and Junior ECCE room. This posed a potential injury should the light bulb shatter on a child.
7. On the 17 October 2024 thermostatically, controlled water was not available at the wash hand basins in the nappy changing area and the sanitary facilities adjacent to the Senior ECCE room. The water temperature was recorded at 49.9°Celsius. This posed a potential risk of a scald injury to a child.

Infection Control:

8. Soothers were not sterilised in an adequate manner. The soothers were not stored in individually labelled containers. This posed a risk of cross infection. This non-compliance was found on previous inspection on the 07 September 2022.
9. A child's bottle of milk was inappropriately stored in a child's bag and not placed in a refrigerator. This posed a risk of cross infection.
10. A member of staff used one tissue to clean two children's nasal discharges and did not wash their hands after. This posed a risk of cross contamination.
11. Liquid soap was not available at one of the wash hand basins in the sanitary facility adjacent to the Senior ECCE Room. This was observed to be accessed by the fifteen children attending the Senior ECCE room. This posed a risk of cross infection and did not facilitate effective hand hygiene. It is acknowledged that liquid soap was available in the sanitary accommodation on the 17 October 2024.

12. The nappy changing procedures observed were at variance with the service's policy. The following ineffective nappy changing procedures were observed and posed a risk of cross contamination:

- Aprons were not used by staff during nappy changing procedures.
- The adults did not wash their hands before or after the children's nappy changes.
- The children's hands were not washed after the nappy changing procedures.
- The nappy changing mats had a layer of dust and debris underneath the mats and were not maintained in a clean condition.

13. On the 14 October 2024 the running water at the wash hand basins in the sanitary facilities was cold and recorded as 14 ° Celsius. This was ineffective for handwashing practices.

14. The pedals on the nappy and domestic waste disposal bins were broken. The staff had to touch the handles and lids of the bins in order to dispose of the used nappies. This posed a risk of cross contamination. It is acknowledged that two new bins had been placed in the nappy changing room on the 17 October 2024.

15. The mattresses in five standard sized cots need to be replaced. Mattresses were not clean, had stains and the covers were not wipeable. This posed a risk of cross contamination.

Administration of Medication:

16. Written parental consent was not available prior to medication being administered to children in the service. This posed a potential risk to children's health. This procedure is at variance with the administration of medication policy.

17. On the 14 October 2024, an out-of-date autoinjector and antiepileptic medication were stored in the medication storage box in the kitchen. On the 17 October 2024, the staff stated this medication was no longer used by the children. Out of date medication and medication not in use could pose a safety risk and should be disposed of appropriately.

Safe Sleep:

The following procedures are at variance with the service's safe sleep policy:

18. During the inspection the children's observations, to include position, colour and breathing were not monitored every ten minutes during sleep periods.

19. A thermometer was not available to monitor and maintain the room temperatures between 16 to 20° Celsius while children slept in the sleep room off the Baby room, in the Toddler room and the dedicated Sleep room.

Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective & Preventive Action

General Safety:

1. All educator vetting has now been updated and is in date.
2. No response, non-compliance resolved on day 2 of inspection.
3. The service has communicated with our cleaner in regard to the safe storage of cleaning materials. Both days in which our inspection took place were days following a visit from the cleaner.
4. No response received.
5. A protective cover has been fitted over light in lobby.
6. The service are currently seeking assistance from a plumber/electrician to fit individual thermostats to each wash hand basin in the service. Both plumber and electrician are currently not available for work but have told them this is a matter of urgency.

Infection Control:

7. Soothers are now stored in individual containers in each child's bag. When they are required to be sterilised, they are done so in a microwave steriliser.
8. Children other than those in the baby room are not permitted to bring in bottles of milk as there is not adequate storage for them. The baby room has access to a fridge for bottle storage.
9. A staff meeting was held on Monday 18th and infection control practices were discussed with all adults.
10. No response received.
11. Nappy changing mats have been purchased. Nappy changing protocol was discussed at the above-mentioned meeting.
12. The service is currently seeking assistance from a plumber/electrician to fit individual thermostats to each wash hand basin in the service. Both plumber and electrician are currently not available for work but have told them this is a matter of urgency.
13. New bins were purchased for each room in the building. Industrial bins have been purchased to insure foot pedals last.
14. New cot mattresses as well as new beds, mattresses and sheets have been purchases for the baby room and for the toddler room.

Administration of Medication:

- 15. Pre signed medical consent forms have been signed for each child in respect of antifebrile agents and blank pre signed medical consent forms are left at the front door for children who may be on one time medications such as antibiotics, cough syrup etc.
- 16. No response received.

Safe Sleep:

- 17. Child’s sleep observations take place here every day at all times when children are sleeping. They are recorded by educators on the service application. With our toddler sleepers a member of staff now stays with them through their sleep.
- 18. Grow eggs have been purchases to monitor the temperatures in each room.

The management team now meets every six weeks to assess where we are in implementing infection control measures and ensures each item is maintained

Supporting documentation submitted

General Safety:

Photographic and documentary evidence

Infection Control:

Photographic and documentary evidence

Administration of Medication:

Photographic and documentary evidence

Safe Sleep:

Photographic and documentary evidence

Summary Comment

Based on the registered provider’s corrective actions the non-compliance remains outstanding under General Safety points 4, 6, Infection Control points 8, 12 Administration of Medications point 16. A risk assessment was not provided demonstrating the measures taken by the service to reduce the risks within the service. The regulatory requirements are not met.

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)

Two adults working in the service had a record of up to date First Aid Responder (FAR) training which was valid to 02 November 2025.

(2)(a)

Two suitably equipped first aid boxes was stored in central locations in the service.

(b)

The first aid boxes were available for use by the adults in the event of an emergency.

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 fire fighting equipment and smoke alarms in the premises.

(4) 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)

Records were available to demonstrate that fire drills were carried out in the service. The last recorded fire drill took place on the 11 October 2024.

(b)

A record of the number, type and maintenance for the firefighting equipment and smoke alarm were available. The most recent firefighting equipment and the smoke alarm system maintenance service was completed on the 14 October 2024.

(4)

A notice of the procedures to be followed in the event of a fire were displayed in the service.

Part VI – Safety

Regulation 28 – Insurance

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

Compliance Information

Up to date insurance cover was available for seventy-five children. The policy is valid until the 27 March 2025.

Part VII - Premises and Space Requirements

Regulation 29 – Premises

A registered provider shall ensure that the premises of the service are-
(d) cleaned, maintained and repaired, as required, and

Non-Compliance Information

(d)

The service was not cleaned, maintained and repaired in adequate manner:

1. Trailing ivy foliage and layers of cobwebs were observed protruding from the extractor fans and ceiling windows in the sanitary facilities adjacent to the senior ECCE rooms.
2. The doors in both the sanitary facilities adjacent to the Senior ECCE Room did not fit in the frames and the doors could not be closed fully. This did not afford privacy and dignity to the children using these facilities. It is acknowledged that this was rectified on the 17 October 2024
3. The couches in the senior ECCE, the Toddler room and Junior ECCE room were broken and in a state of disrepair, stained, sagging and had damaged springs.
4. The handles on the doors in the Senior ECCE room was broken, and the doors could not close fully.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective and Preventive Action

1. The foliage has been removed.
2. Doors have been planned by a carpenter and now close completely.
3. All couches in all rooms have been replaced by wipeable, childcare specific couches purchased from Clever Kids.
4. The service has contacted a carpenter to relaced door handles and are awaiting his return to do so. The doors do close fully with current handles.

The service is in the process of hiring a maintenance person to have on hand to fix all issues that arise as they do. The service acknowledges that this is a major requirement and is the reason in which there were so many maintenance issues in our report.

Supporting documentation submitted

Photographic and documentary evidence.

Summary Comment

Based on the registered providers corrective actions and evidence provided the measures taken appear to remedy the areas of non-compliance. The implemented actions will be reviewed on next inspection.

Part VII - Premises and Space Requirements

Regulation 30 - Minimum space requirements

(1) Subject to paragraphs (2) to (6), a registered provider shall ensure that adequate clear floor space is available in the premises for the work, play and movement of children attending the pre-school service.

Compliance Information

(1)
Adequate space was provided for the children in attendance in the Baby room on the 14 and 17 October 2024, in the Toddler room on the 14 October 2024 and the Junior ECCE room on the 14 and 17 October (morning only). Adequate space was also available for the children in attendance in the Senior ECCE room on the morning of the 14 October and 17 October 2024.

Non-Compliance Information

(1)
On the 14 October and 17 October 2024 adequate space was not provided for the children in attendance in the Toddler and Junior ECCE room. The following table illustrates non-compliances relating to space requirements:

Rooms:	Number and age range of children present:	Type of Service required:	Space required per child:	Space available:	Space required:
Toddler Room 17 October 2024	8 (1 –2yrs) 3 (2-3yrs) Total=11 pre-school children	PT/FDC	2.8m ² 2.35m ²	28.39m ²	29.45 m ²
Junior ECCE Room Afternoon 14 October 2024	3 (2-3yrs) 15 (3-4yrs) Total=18 pre-school children Note 9 children transferred from the Senior ECCE Room in the afternoon. (The Senior ECCE room is used for school aged childcare each afternoon).	FDC	2.35 m ² 2.3 m ²	38.27 m ²	41.55m ²
Junior ECCE Room Afternoon	4 (2-3yrs) 23 (3-4yrs) Total=27 pre-school children	FDC	2.35 m ² 2.3 m ²	38.27 m ²	62.30 m ²

<p>17 October 2024</p>	<p>Note: 14 children transferred from the Senior ECCE Room in the afternoon. (The Senior ECCE room is used for school aged childcare each afternoon).</p>					
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Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

(1)
Corrective and Preventive Action
Toddler room

With regards to the Toddler room where the space shortage was 1.06 meters. The service has removed a storage press to create more space.

Junior ECCE room

In our ECCE evenings groups where the space shortage was more significant the sensory room adjacent to the ECCE room is used as a breakout room. This room measures 21.2 meters squared. We have discussed with educators the need for this room to be used throughout the afternoon and not just periodically.

Room sizes are now listed on our capacity planner, and it is taken into account when projecting future room plans

Supporting documentation submitted
Documentary evidence.

Summary Comment

Modification have taken place since inspection in the Toddler room and in relation to the lobby/passageway area being used as a room. The modifications outlined in the registered providers response will require approval of the Change in Circumstance and a fit for purpose inspection. The non-compliance remains outstanding.