

Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Report

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TUSLA Identifier:	TU2015DS088
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Name of Service:	Kidorama Ltd
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Address of Service:	20 Slade Castle Wood, Saggart, Dublin 24, Co. Dublin
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Name of Registered Provider:	Andrena MacHale
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Service type:	Full Day, Part Time, Sessional
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Date(s) of Inspection:	31/03/2026
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No of pre-school children:	AM	14	PM	14
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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).

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Description of service

Kidorama Ltd is a privately operated early years service, located in a residential area of Saggart, Dublin 24. The service is registered to provide a full-day, part-time and sessional service to a maximum of 102 children aged 0 - 6 years. A school aged service is also provided. The service opens from 07:30 to 18:30 Monday to Friday. It operates from a purpose built, one-story facility. Only one room was in use by pre-school children on the day of inspection due to the Easter holidays. These children were aged 3 - 6 years. An outdoor play area is located to the rear and side of the building.

Staffing

Seventeen staff are employed to work in the service including the service manager, deputy manager and chef. The registered provider does not work in the service. Two adults were working directly with the pre-school children throughout the inspection. Two students were also on the premises during the inspection.

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 areas of governance, health, welfare and development of child and safety. The inspection may also focus on other areas as required.

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

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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 person 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.*

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(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 service had a person in charge and a named person to deputise.

(b) The person in charge was always on the premises during the inspection. The staff roster provided for the person in charge or person to deputise to be present at all times of opening.

(2) (a) and (b) The inspection focused on adults who were not present/employed on the previous inspection. This included three staff members and two students. Records were available to evidence a minimum of two references had been sourced and verified for each adult.

(c) Garda vetting disclosures were available for the three staff members and two students. Garda vetting disclosures had been renewed for all adults in accordance with the Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Notice, which requires services to renew Garda vetting every three years.

(d) International police vetting was required and available for the three staff members and one student.

(4) The inspection focused on the three staff members employed to work directly with pre-school children since the previous inspection. The staff members held qualifications which had been deemed by the minister to be equivalent to a major award in Early childhood Care and Education at Level 5 on the National Framework of Qualifications.

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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) An adequate number of adults were working directly with the children. There were 2 staff members working directly with 14 children aged 3-6 years throughout the inspection. The children were attending on a full-day-care basis. The service manager and assistant manager were available to assist and provide break cover.

(2) The minimum adult to child ratio requirement for the age of children and type of service provided was always maintained.

(8)(a) There were always more than two adults present during the inspection. The staff roster provided for a minimum of two adults to be present at all times of opening.

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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:

- (a) the name and date of birth of the child;*
- (b) the date on which the child first attended the service;*
- (c) the date on which the child ceased to attend the service;*
- (d) the name and address of a parent or guardian of the child and a telephone number where that parent or guardian or a relative or friend of the child can be contacted during the hours of operation of the service;*
- (e) authorisation for the collection of the child;*
- (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;*
- (g) the name and telephone number of the child's registered medical practitioner;*
- (h) record of immunisations, if any, received by the child;*
- (i) written parental consent for appropriate medical treatment of the child in the event of an emergency.*

Compliance Information

(1)(a) – (i) Records in writing were kept in respect of the children. A sample of 12 records were inspected. These detailed the information required by the regulation.

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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-

(b) appropriate and suitable care practices are in place in the pre-school service, having regard to the number of children attending the service and the nature of their needs.

Compliance Information

The children were observed engaging in free play and activities within their room. A daily routine was displayed which included times for play, meals, activities, garden time and rest. The children wore coats when playing in the outdoor area. All staff interactions with children were observed to be kind and gentle. Children were comforted when they became upset. Conflict between the children was managed appropriately with staff speaking calmly with the children, assisting them to resolve the issue using communication.

A drinks area was available for children to access their own drinks independently. Meals and snacks were offered at regular intervals and the children sat together in groups when eating. They brought some food from home and other food including a hot meal was prepared on site by the service. A record of the children's dietary requirements and preferences was available, and staff demonstrated a good knowledge of these.

The children used the toilet independently as needed with staff supporting them with handwashing at appropriate times. None of the children showed signs of tiredness during the inspection. Staff reported that until recently some of the children required a nap. They are provided with an opportunity to sleep if needed. An area with soft seating was available within the room for children to rest or take a break from activities.

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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:

Entrances/exits were secured to prevent unauthorised access or children leaving unsupervised. Emergency exits were kept clear. Equipment and materials were suitable to the age of the children attending. Hazardous items including cleaning products and cables were secured out of children's reach. Monthly fire drill records were available, and staff demonstrated an awareness of the procedures to evacuate the children safely in the event of a fire.

Infection Control:

Measures had been taken to minimise the risk of infection spreading. The premises and equipment appeared adequately cleaned and cleaning schedules were in place. The sanitary facilities were equipped to support handwashing. The children washed their hands at appropriate times including before eating, after using the toilet and after outdoor play. Pedal operated bins were used to manage waste appropriately.

Administration of Medication:

No child received medicine during the inspection. Staff and management reported that one child registered to attend the service may require medication due to a risk of anaphylaxis. A detailed care plan with parent/guardian consent was available. Staff and management were aware of the information in the care plan and the procedures to administer the medicine safely if required. Records were available of previous medications given to children when attending the service. These detailed the required information including signed parent/guardian consent, the signature of the person who administered the medicine and the person who witnessed the administration.

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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) A person with a recognised certificate in first aid training was available to the children throughout the inspection. The staff roster provided for a minimum of one trained person to always be available to the children.

(2)

(a) The service had suitably equipped first aid boxes which were stored in conspicuous positions.

(b) The first aid boxes were always available to the children.

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.

Compliance Information

(1)

(a) A written record was available detailing monthly fire drills that had been carried out in the service. The most recent fire drill record was dated 16 March 2026.

(b) Records were available in relation to the fire-fighting equipment and smoke alarm. The most recent dates of testing were 31 January 2026 and 4 March 2026 respectively.