

Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Report

Pre School

TUSLA Identifier: TU2015DY049

Name of Service: Little Rascals / Clever Cloggs

Address of Service: 79-81 Celtic Park Avenue, Whitehall, Dublin 9.

Eircode: D09VP27

Name of Registered Provider: Louise O'Hara

Service type: Full Day, Part Time, Sessional

Date of Inspection: 22/01/2025

No of pre-school children:	AM	49	PM	37
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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	Not applicable
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Description of service

Little Rascals/Clever Cloggs is one of two services operated by the registered provider. The service provides care for children aged from 6 months to 6 years old. The service is registered to operate from 7.30am to 6.00pm and currently provides a full day, part-time and sessional care between the hours of 7.40am to 6.00pm. The service participates in the Early Childhood and Education Scheme (ECCE) and a registered School Aged Service is also provided. The service is located in a residential area in a converted three storey property in Dublin. There are five care rooms. There is a Wobbler Room, Toddler Room, Montessori Room and two separate cots rooms on the ground floor. On the first floor there is a Junior Montessori Room and Senior Montessori Room. There is a garden area to the rear of the property and an onsite kitchen. There are sanitary facilities available for staff and children on both floors.

Staffing

The registered provider works in the service in a supernumerary capacity and employs 15 adults to work in the service. Adults employed include a Person in Charge and 13 adults working directly with the children and one ancillary staff a cook. There are also two contractors employed to carry out fun and fitness activities with the children and two students on college placement. On the morning of the inspection there were nine adults present working directly with the children including the person in charge and the cook. One contractor and two students were present in the care rooms in a supernumerary capacity. The Registered Provider arrived shortly after the inspection began and remained onsite for part of the inspection including the feedback meeting.

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. The following regulations were reviewed:

Regulation 9 (1)(2)(3)(4)-Management and Recruitment.

Regulation 11(1)(3)(8)(a)-Staffing Levels.

Regulation 16(1)(3) Record in Relation to Pre-School Service.

Regulation 19 (1)(a)-Health, Welfare and Development of Child.

Regulation 23 Safeguarding the Health, Safety, and Welfare of Child.

Regulation 24 (1)(3)(a)(b) Checking in and Out and Record of Attendance.

Regulation 25 (1)(2)(a)(b) First Aid.

Regulation 26 (1)(a)(b)(2)(4) Fire Safety Measures.

Regulation 28 Insurance.

Regulation 29(b)(c)(d)(e) Premises.

As a result, the scope of the inspection included the Wobbler Room, Toddler Room, Junior Montessori Room and Senior Montessori room. A sampling process was used to assess compliance under: Regulation 16, Regulation 19, Regulation 23 and Regulation 29.

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, person in charge, staff, students 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*
- (c) there is a clear management structure in the service that identifies the lines of authority and accountability in the service and the specific roles and responsibilities of each employee and unpaid worker.*

(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.

Compliance Information

- (1)
- (a) The service had a designated person in charge and a named person to deputise as needed.
 - (b) The designated person in charge was present when the inspector arrived unannounced to the service. A review of the staff roster showed that a designated person is on the premises at all times during the opening hours of the service.
 - (c) The service had a clear management structure and staff were aware of their own role and responsibilities.
- (2) A review of the roster and conversation with the management showed that the registered provider currently employs 15 adults. The full staff records of five adults including one contractor and four adults who had been employed since the last inspection were reviewed as part of the inspection.
- (a) Seven written and verified references were available from past employers.
 - (b) Three written and verified references were available from a source other than a past employer.
 - (c) Garda vetting disclosures were available for five adults. The service also demonstrated compliance with the Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Notice requiring services to renew Garda Vetting every three years.
 - (d) International Police Vetting was not required as there was evidence that no adult employed had lived in a country other than Ireland for longer than six months as an adult.
- (3) Evidence was available to demonstrate that the procedures specified in paragraph (2) were carried out in relation to five adults before employment commenced.
- (4) Evidence was available to show that the four adults who worked directly with the children held 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.

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.

Compliance Information

(1) There was an adequate number of adults working directly with the children as follows. There were nine adults working with 49 children in the morning and eight adults working with 37 children in the afternoon.

(2) The correct adult/child ratio was maintained in the service throughout the inspection as follows:

During the morning:

Wobbler room – 2 adults to 7 children aged between 1 to 2 years.

Toddler room - 2 adults to 9 children aged between 1 ½ to 2 ½ years.

Montessori Room – 2 adults to 10 children aged between 3 to 4 years.

Junior Montessori room - 2 adults to 12 children aged between 2 to 3 years.

Senior Montessori room upstairs- 1 adult to 11 children aged between 3 to 5 years.

During the afternoon:

Wobbler room – 3 adults to 7 children aged between 1 to 2 years.

Toddler room - 2 adults to 10 children aged between 1 ½ to 3½ years.

Junior Montessori room – 2 adults to 8 children aged between 2 to 3 years.

Senior Montessori room-1 adult to 8 children aged between 3 to 5 years.

In addition, the person in charge was available to provide support to the care rooms when required during the morning of the inspection and the registered provider was available in a supportive role where required during the afternoon.

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;*
- (c) details of the adult:child ratios in the service;*
- (d) the type of care or programme provided in the service;*
- (e) the facilities available;*
- (f) the opening hours and fees;*
- (g) the policies, procedures and statements the service is required to maintain in accordance with Regulation 10;*
- (h) details of attendance by each pre-school child on a daily basis;*
- (i) details of staff rosters on a daily basis;*
- (j) details of any medication administered to a pre-school child attending the service with signed parental consent;*
- (k) details of any accident, injury or incident involving a pre-school child attending the service.*

(3) A record referred to in paragraph (1) shall be open to inspection on the premises, and the documents and records referred to in paragraph (2)(a) shall be open to inspection whether on the premises or elsewhere, by an authorised person.

Compliance Information

- (1) The registered provider ensured that there was a record kept in writing of the following information in relation to the service:
- (a) The name, position, qualification, and experience of the person in charge and adults working were displayed on the noticeboard in the hallway for the attention of parents/guardians.
 - (b) Details of the class of service and the age profile of children for which the service is registered were displayed on the noticeboard in the hallway for the attention of parents/guardians.
 - (c) Details of the adult to child ratios in the service were displayed on the noticeboard in the hallway for the attention of parents/guardians.
 - (d) The type of care or programme provided in the service was included in the parent/guardian handbook.

- (e) The facilities available were included in the parent/guardian handbook.
- (f) The opening hours and fees were displayed on the noticeboard in the hallway for the attention parents and guardians.
- (g) The required policies, procedures and statements of the service were available in electronic format and the registered provider confirmed that they are shared with parents/guardians via electronic communication.
- (h) Details of attendance by each pre-school child were stored in the children's attendance record in each care room.
- (i) The registered provider ensured that there was an accurate record of the staff roster containing the details of the staff rostered on the day of inspection.
- (j) Fifteen administration of medication records were reviewed, and all information was completed in full.
- (k) Fifteen accident and incident records were reviewed, and all information was completed in full.

(3) Records were open to inspection by an authorised person. All records requested by the inspection team were available for review.

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

Basic Needs:

- The service provided a hot meal option for children which was prepared on site. At dinnertime, chicken curry with rice was served at 11.30am, an alternative pasta dish was available and extra portions were offered. Water was available throughout the day in each care room and milk was offered as an alternative drink to the children at mealtimes.
- Appropriate nappy changing procedures were observed on the day of inspection. Nappies were changed at scheduled times and more frequently when required. The children who were toilet trained used the toilet independently with discreet supervision provided by staff.

- Identity and belonging were promoted throughout the service. For example, there was a 'Family Wall' display, a 'Birthday Time' display, and the children's artwork was displayed throughout the care rooms in the service. In addition, children had their own coat hooks labelled with their name and photograph.
- There were cosy areas with a soft mat, cushions and books for rest and relaxation present in each of the care rooms. In addition, the outdoor play areas had four benches present for the children to sit and rest during outdoor play time.
- The children were observed to play outdoors during the inspection. This supported their social, cognitive, and gross and fine motor development.

Supporting Relationships Around Children:

- Language, literacy and mathematics were supported in the care rooms through discussion, songs and stories. For example, a staff member in the senior Montessori room sang songs about the planets in both the English and the Irish language. The inspector observed the children chatting with the staff member about the different planet sizes.
- Children were encouraged by staff to explore their environment and given freedom of choice in their daily routine.
- Each room had a visual daily routine on display and staff were observed to give children verbal reminders in advance from moving from one activity to the next activity. This provided the children with a sense of stability, security, and predictability.
- Staff discussed how they support children with the transition from home to the service by offering a settling-in period and working in collaboration with parents.
- The service used an electronic application to communicate with parents and update them on their child's day including activities, mealtimes and toileting. In addition, the person in charge discussed how staff chat informally with parents at arrival and collection times.
- Staff members were observed to use positive and respectful language on the day of the inspection. For example, staff members in the Wobbler room were observed to soothe and comfort the children, using soft language and gentle tones of voice, interacting warmly and kindly to support the children.
- Staff were observed to be kind and supportive. For example, in the toddler room when a child appeared upset at circle time the staff member gave the child a cuddle and reassured the child. Staff were also observed to be attentive to the children's individual needs. For example, staff were observed to sit with

the children at their level, engaging in meaningful interactions, during mealtimes, while playing and supporting movement around the room.

Physical and material environment:

- Child sized tables and chairs were available to the children, providing a comfortable area to eat meals and take part in tabletop activities.
- The care rooms had defined areas of interest with supporting equipment to promote engaging and spontaneous play experiences. Areas of interest included a home corner with a kitchen and supporting equipment and a cosy corner with child sized armchairs, soft mats and pillows to support children in rest or quiet activities. Toys and materials included jigsaws and pincer grip activities, construction toys, cars, animals, dolls and buggies, a selection of books and musical instruments. Montessori learning approach materials supporting the areas of practical life, sensorial, language, maths and culture were also present.
- The care rooms were designed to support the age and developmental stages of the children attending the service, equipment and materials were stored at a low level to encourage the children's independence decision making skills.
- An outdoor play area was available for the children with a soft ground surface. The equipment and toys available included balls, tyres, playhouse, building blocks, toy cars, a seesaw and various ride on equipment such as scooters and bikes providing gross motor and learning opportunities for children.

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:

- Blind cords were secured safely out of reach of the children.
- Cleaning agents were stored safely out of the reach to the children.
- There were no flexes or cables observed that were accessible to the children.
- The kitchen was not accessible to the children and the door remained closed throughout the inspection.
- The radiators in the care rooms were stored up high on the wall and were inaccessible to children. This prevented a child from being injured from the heat source.

Infection Control:

- The sanitary areas and nappy changing facilities were equipped with liquid soap and hand paper towels. The children were observed to be familiar with the routine to wash their hands before eating, after outdoor play and after using the toilet and getting their nappies changed.
- Foot pedal operated bins were available in the care rooms and sanitary areas to allow hygienic disposal of contaminated materials.
- Soothers were stored in individual lidded containers.
- Windows in the care rooms were observed to be open which allowed for circulation of air and reduced the risk of cross infection.

Safe Sleep:

- Heavy clothing was removed from the children before sleep time.
- Cellular blankets were used.
- Children under two years of aged were provided with a cot for sleeping. Children over two years of age were provided with their own individual sleep mat and individual bed linen.
- A log was maintained while children slept. Staff were observed to physically check and recorded the colour, breathing and position of sleeping children was checked every 10 minutes.

- An ambient temperature of 18-22°C was maintained for sleeping children over one years old in care rooms. Evidenced by the following.
 - The temperature in the wobbler cot room was recorded at 19.8°C while two children slept.
 - The temperature in the toddler cot room was recorded at 21.2°C while two children slept.
 - The temperature in the toddler room was recorded at 21°C while ten children slept.

Non-Compliance Information

General Safety:

1. Staff were not aware of choking hazards at snack time. Evidenced by the following.
 - The inspector observed two children to eat popcorn at snack time.
 - The inspector observed two children to eat uncut grapes at snack time.

This presented a choking hazard. HSE and Tusla guidelines state that popcorn should not be given to young children and all fruit served must be quartered or halved.
2. The hot water in the wash hand basin of the Toddler Nappy Changing Room was recorded as 45.6°C at 11.24am, this exceeded the allowable maximum temperature of 43°C, this posed a risk of injury and did not support effective hand washing. This non-compliance was observed on the previous inspection in March 2023 and the preventive action had not been sustained.
3. A shelving unit in the room had not been securely anchored to the wall. In addition, there were items stored on the top of the shelving unit. This posed a risk of injury to children if it were to be pulled down.
4. There was a gap between the skirting board and the floor in the toddler room. This posed a pinch risk.

Infection Control:

5. Perishable snacks such as yoghurt and cheese brought by the children from home for morning snack time were not stored in a fridge in both the Junior and Senior Montessori room upstairs. This increased the risk of bacteria multiplying to levels which could result in illness in young children. This was a non-compliance during the previous inspection in March 2023 and the corrective and preventive actions have not been sustained.
6. There were no washable wipeable covers on five mattresses in cots used for sleeping children. This non-compliance was observed on the previous two inspections and the preventive actions had not been maintained.
7. The bed linen on two of the cots in the wobbler room where children were observed to sleep appeared to be unclean with marks on it. There was documentary evidence the bed linen was laundered on the 17 January 2024. Bed linen needs to be washed in between use if observed to be unclean. This posed a risk of cross infection.

8. A mat in the Wobbler room was torn leaving foam exposed. This reduced the risk of effective cleaning and increased the risk of cross contamination.
9. Toilet rolls were not hygienically dispensed; this posed a risk of cross infection. Evidence by the following.
 - In Senior and Junior Montessori sanitary accommodation the toilet rolls were observed to be stored on top of the toilet units.
 - In the Senior and Junior Montessori sanitary accommodation, a toilet roll was observed to be placed on the floor beside the toilet.

Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective & Preventive Action

General Safety:

1. Parents were informed that all fruit needs to be cut up to avoid choking, they were also informed no popcorn is allowed in their child's lunch box. Staff were updated on this matter and choke hazard check has been added to care room risk assessment. Staff will regularly be informed, and risk assessment will remain in place.
2. The temperature on the heater was turned down bringing the temperature to 43 degrees. Temperature checks will be carried out each morning, temperature check has been added to daily risk assessment.
3. The storage unit has been securely screwed to the wall. Ensure all units are secure and do not pose a risk the children.
4. The gap has been filled in. Management will maintain the upkeep of the care rooms.

Infection Control:

5. Lunches are now stored in the fridge. Management have Informed staff of the correct procedure to store the children's lunch and added it lunches refrigerated to risk assessment to ensure protocol is followed.
6. Covers had been removed during a deep clean; they have since been placed back on. Staff have been informed of the importance of ensuring protection covers are on at all times.
7. The old and stained bed linen have been disposed of. The linen sheet that was hanging on the back of the door on the day of inspection was an old sheet, there is a new folder in place on a clip board in the classroom. Up to date cleaning schedule is on display. Ensuring linen is clean has been added to daily risk assessment.
8. The corner of the mats has been repaired. Checking the condition of the equipment within the care rooms has been added to daily risk assessment.

9. New dispensers are on order and will be fitted on arrival. Management will ensure the dispensers remain in place going forward.

Supporting documentation submitted

General Safety:

1. Documentary evidence of risk assessment including checking for choking hazards.
2. Documentary evidence of risk assessment including water temperature checks.
3. Photographic evidence of the unit secured to the wall.
4. Photographic evidence of the gap sealed and repaired between the skirting board and the floor.

Infection Control:

5. Photographic evidence of the children's lunches in the refrigerator and documentary evidence showing lunches to be refrigerated included in the daily risk assessment.
6. Photographic evidence of cover on mattress and a spare one if needed. Documentary evidence showing check mattress covers included in the daily risk assessment.
7. Documentary evidence showing bedlinen check included in the daily risk assessment.
8. Photographic evidence of the corners repaired and documentary evidence of risk assessment including daily checks on equipment.
9. No supporting documentation received.

Summary Comment

The registered provider has addressed the non-compliances identified under Regulation 23 Safeguarding the health, safety, and welfare of child.

Part VI - Safety

Regulation 24 - Checking in and out and record of attendance

(1) A registered provider shall ensure that each pre-school child attending the service is checked in and out of the service by an employee or an unpaid worker.

(3) A registered provider shall ensure that-

(a) no person other than-

(i) pre-school child attending the service,

(ii) a person dropping or collecting such a child,

(iii) an employee, or

(iv) an unpaid worker, can enter the premises without his or her entry being approved by an employee, and

(b) a daily record in writing is kept of the entry on the premises of any such person.

Compliance Information

(1) Staff were observed to greet children on arrival and their attendance and departure were promptly recorded.

(3) (a) The service entrance was adequately monitored by staff, the person in charge greeted the inspection team at the door to allow access.

(b) A visitor book was available and provided to the inspection team to sign on arrival to the service.

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) There was documentary evidence that 11 adults were trained in first aid response and the registered provider ensured that one of these adults was rostered to work with the children at all times.

(2) (a)(b) A suitably equipped first aid box was available and were safely stored in an easily accessible and conspicuous positions in the service

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.
- (2) The record referred to in paragraph (1) shall be open to inspection by-
- (c) an authorised person.
- (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) A record was maintained of all fire drills which had been completed in the service. The records indicated and staff members reported that fire drills were carried out monthly. The last recorded fire drill took place on 13/12/2024.
 - (b) A record was kept of the maintenance of the fire extinguishers in the premises which were certified as having been serviced most recently in August 2024. Smoke alarms were serviced on 14 November 2024.
- (2) (c) Records were open to inspection by an authorised person. All records requested by the inspection team were available for review.
- (4) The evacuation procedure was conspicuously displayed on the premises and contained details in relation to the procedure to be conducted in the event of a fire or emergency in the service.

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 adequately insured to reflect the type of care provided. The insurance certificate had an expiry date of 27 March 2025.

Part VII - Premises and Space Requirements

Regulation 29 – Premises

A registered provider shall ensure that the premises of the service are-

- (b) safe and secure,*
- (c) kept adequately lit, heated and ventilated*
- (d) cleaned, maintained and repaired, as required.*
- (e) equipped with adequate and suitable sanitary facilities.*

Compliance Information

- (b) When the inspectors arrived unannounced at the service, access to the main door was monitored and controlled by staff to restrict unauthorised persons from gaining access to the premises and to prevent children from exiting the service unsupervised. In addition, the outdoor play area was securely gated restricting unauthorised persons from gaining access to the area and prevented children from exiting the service unsupervised.
- (c) An ambient temperature of 18-22°C was maintained in the care rooms. Evidenced by the following.
- The temperature in the Wobbler cot room was recorded at 21.9°C at 10.50am.
 - The temperature in the Toddler Room was recorded at 21.2°C at 11.23am.
 - The temperature in the Junior Montessori room was recorded at 20.8°C at 11.58am.
 - The temperature in the Senior Montessori room was recorded at 21.2°C at 12.00pm.
- (e) The nappy units were observed to be in good condition and there were adequate number of sanitary accommodations for both staff and children.

Non-Compliance Information

(d) The inspectors observed that the premises was not cleaned or maintained to provide a clean and safe environment for children. Evidenced by the following:

1. A build-up of dust was visible on an extractor fan in the Senior and Junior Montessori sanitary accommodation.
2. There was black mould on the frame of the window in the toddler room, the upstairs sanitary accommodation and the wobbler room cot room. This non-compliance was observed on the previous inspection in March 2023 and the preventive action had not been sustained

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective and Preventive Actions

1. The vent was cleaned, and a reminder to clean vent was added to the risk assessment. Actions were put in place with the service's cleaner to ensure the vent remains dust free. A reminder was added to cleaning vent.
2. The mould has been treated and painted. Regular checks will be carried out; management also added regular checks to our daily risk assessment.

Supporting documentation submitted

1. Photographic evidence of vent cleaned, and a reminder added to vent to be cleaned.
2. Photographic evidence of mould treated and painted and documentary evidence to check for mould has been added to risk assessment.

Summary Comment

The registered provider has addressed the non-compliances identified under Regulation 29 Premises.