

Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Report

Pre School

TUSLA Identifier:	TU2015DY065
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Name of Service:	Early Journeys
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Address of Service:	78 The Park, Beaumont Woods, Dublin 9, Co. Dublin
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Name of Registered Provider:	Rita Keszei
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Service type:	Full Day, Part Time, Sessional
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Date(s) of Inspection:	07/11/2024
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Date 2 of Inspection:	08/11/2024
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Regulatory Compliance Meeting:	28/02/2025
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No of pre-school children:	AM	50	PM	46
Day 2	AM	45	PM	40

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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.

Description of service

Early Journeys is one of two services privately owned and run by the registered provider. The service operates from 7.30am to 6pm daily offering full day-care, part-time and sessional childcare to children aged from birth to 6 years. During the school year the service participates in the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) scheme. The service is located in a two-storey building in an urban area of Dublin 9. On the ground floor, there was a kitchen, laundry room, a staff sanitary facility and three care rooms in operation called the Baby room, the Toddler room and the Preschool room and on the first floor, there was an office, a staff room, a staff sanitary facility and one care room called the Ready-for-School room. All care rooms have sanitary facilities off each room. An outdoor play area is located at the back of the premises, this was not in use at the time of the inspection. Children were observed to use a small patio area between the Baby room and toddler room for outdoor play.

Staffing

There are currently 19 adults working in the service including the registered provider, designated person in charge, office administrator and chef. On day one of the inspection the designated person in charge was present in the service when the inspectors arrived unannounced and 14 staff were working directly with the children. On day two of the inspection there were 13 staff working directly with the children. The person in charge was available in a supernumerary capacity on both days to support as required. The registered provider attended the service on both days of 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 area of governance, health, welfare and development of child, safety and premises and facilities. The inspection may also focus on other areas as required.

The inspection focused on an examination of compliance under:

- Regulation 9(1),(2)(a)(b)(c)(d),(3), (4) Management and Recruitment
- Regulation 11(1),(2) Staffing Levels
- Regulation 19(1)(a) Health, Welfare and Development of child
- Regulation 23 Safeguarding the Health, Safety and Welfare of the Child
- Regulation 25 First Aid
- Regulation 26 Fire Safety
- Regulation 29 Premises

however, on inspection additional non-compliance which posed a risk was identified under Regulation 27 Supervision and Regulation 30 Minimum Space requirements. 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.

Additional Information

Immediate action notices were issued to the registered provider on day one of the inspection in relation to concerns under Regulation 23- Safeguarding the Health, Welfare and Development of child. A response which adequately addressed the concerns was received on 11th November 2024.

A regulatory compliance meeting was held on the 28th February 2025 to discuss concerns including outstanding non-compliances following the inspection.

Acknowledgments

The inspectors wish to acknowledge the cooperation of the registered provider, 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*
- (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)(b) The registered provider ensured there was a designated person in charge and a named person to deputise as required. The person in charge was on the premises when the inspector arrived unannounced to the service.

(2) A review of the roster and conversation with management confirmed there are nineteen staff currently employed in the service including the person in charge and registered provider. The files of all nineteen staff were reviewed.

(a) Twenty-four references were available from past employers.

(b) Twelve references were available from a source other than a past employer.

(c) Garda vetting disclosures had been obtained for all nineteen staff. 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) Police vetting was available for thirteen staff members who had resided outside of Ireland for a period of more than 6 months as an adult.

(4) Evidence was available to show that 14 staff members 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.

Non-Compliance Information

(2) (a)(b)

1. There was no validation available for two written references relating to one staff member.
2. There were no references available for one staff member.

(d) There was no police vetting available for one staff member who had resided outside of Ireland for a period of more than 6 months as an adult.

(3) The procedures specified in paragraph (2) were not carried out prior to the employment of three new staff members since the last inspection.

(4) There was no evidence available to show that one staff member 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.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective and Preventive Action

2(a)(b)

Corrective action: Missing validations have been completed.

Preventive action: Hiring manager will check the new employee's file for all necessary documentation before employment date.

(d)

Corrective action: Staff member has contacted embassy to received vetting.

Preventive action: All new employee's garda vetting and internation police vetting needs to be on file before the prospective employee starts their induction with the service.

(3)

Corrective action: All staff files have been checked for the necessary paperwork.

Preventive action: The manager will check all files in every quarter.

(4)

Corrective action: The staff member who is not holding a minimum of level 5 qualification in Childcare working as a supernumerary staff in the baby and toddler room team, helping with cleaning and organising the room after mealtimes and cleaning toys, setting up beds for children.

Preventive action: All prospect employees must forward their childcare qualification before their employment starts. It is necessary in order to make sure all childcare staff has the relevant qualifications.

Supporting documentation submitted

- Documentary evidence.

Summary Comment

The non-compliances identified under Regulation 9 (2)(a)(b), (3) and (4) have been addressed. The non-compliance identified under Regulation 9 (2)(d) remains outstanding until the required document is obtained and kept on the staff members personnel file.

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) The registered provider ensured that an adequate number of adults were working directly with the children in the service.
- (2) The adult child ratios were correct when the inspectors arrived unannounced to the service and throughout the inspection. The following was observed:
- Day 1:
- In the Baby room there were 10 children aged between 11 months-1.5 years being cared for by 5 adults.
 - In the Toddler room there were 9 children aged between 1year 10 months- 2 years 10 months being cared for by 3 adults.
 - In the Preschool room there were 13 children aged between 2-3 years being cared for by 3 adults.

- In the Ready for School room there were 18 children aged between 3-4.5 years being cared for by 3 adults.

Day 2:

- In the Baby room there were 13 children aged between 11 months - 3 years being cared for by 6 adults.
- In the Toddler room there were 7 children aged between 2-3 years being cared for by 2 adults.
- In the Preschool room there were 9 children aged between 2-3 years being cared for by 2 adults.
- In the Ready for School room there were 16 children aged between 2-3 years being cared for by 3 adults.

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.

Compliance Information

(1)(a) The following practices were observed to be in place to support the learning, development and wellbeing of the children attending:

- Staff were observed to engage with children at their level and join them on the floor during play and story time.
- Staff joined children at the tables during mealtimes and offered assistance as needed. Staff were observed to name the foods for young children during the meal supporting language development.
- Staff were observed to offer children additional portions during lunch time.
- Staff advised how they interact with parents during drop off at the care room and collection at the main door. A software application is used to communicate updates with parents such as meals, sleep and medication if administered. The software application also enables staff to share photos of activities the children participate in.
- The transition to sleep in the Baby room was observed to be a calm and pleasant experience for the children.

- Staff praised children for their efforts of tidying up which encouraged independence and a sense of self achievement.

Non-Compliance Information

Basic Needs:

1. On day 1 of the inspection children in the Baby room were not given drinks with their meals. The children were offered a drink once they had finished their meal, left the table and were transitioning to bed. In the Toddler room children were given their drinks briefly and then had them removed again by staff who advised they would spill their drinks if they kept them. A staff member was observed to try and remove a child's beaker as they drank. The child was reluctant to let go and attempted to hold the beaker while they continued to have their meal.
Having the children's drinks available throughout mealtimes supports the development of fine motor skills and allows more opportunity to drink.
2. On the morning of day one of the inspection the children in the Preschool room did not access the outdoors despite the weather being mild and suitable. Children in the room were observed to be very active and demonstrated a need for physical movement with the banging of toys and pushing of boxes. No outdoor play limits the children's learning and play opportunities. Time in the outdoors provides for fundamental movements, exploration and experiences exclusive to the outdoor environment.

Physical and Material environment:

3. The home corner in the Baby room did not include any supporting resources. Access to supporting resources encourages play in themed areas using materials as intended and provides for extended play opportunities for children.
4. Books in the Toddler room were observed to be torn and badly damaged with loose pages which limited children's engagement in early literacy resources.
5. The low-level chairs in the preschool room were inaccessible to the children between mealtimes. Children were observed to stand at tables and lean on shelving during tabletop activities limiting the children's comfort and play opportunities.
6. On day 2 of the inspection the outdoor patio area used by the Ready for School room lacked resources to allow the children to follow their own interest and provide opportunity for free choice in play encouraging movement. The group of 16 children were supplied with 1 mat, 1 book and 8 balls.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective and Preventive Action

1. Corrective action: Staff have been advised to ensure water beakers are freely available. This was discussed at the services staff meeting.

Preventive action: Room leaders are responsible to ensure water beakers are freely available to children during mealtimes.

2. Corrective and preventive action: Outdoor time allocated to each care room and is displayed in the hallway. The importance of outdoor play was discussed during the staff meeting. The manager will help care rooms to spend time outside.

3. Corrective action: Resources were placed in a different area and have now been placed back in the home corner. It was discussed at the staff meeting that resources need to be refreshed periodically with real life objects.

Preventive action: room leaders are responsible to have home corners restocked weekly.

4. Corrective action: The service is continuously working to replace books in the baby/toddler areas. It was discussed at the staff meeting that staff need to be mindful of looking after books.

Preventive action: Room leaders are responsible to replace the books or notify management if the book corner books need to be refilled with new ones.

5. Corrective action: It was discussed at the staff meeting that low-level chairs need to be accessible to children for the whole day.

Preventive action: Senior staff is responsible to have the chairs available for the children all day. The manager in charge will check regularly.

6. Corrective action: An outdoor play box was created for the outdoor patio area for children to play with including a variety of equipment.

Preventive action: the outdoor box is permanently available for the children all the time when they are outside.

Manager in charge will check on the contents of the box weekly.

Supporting documentation submitted

- Documentary evidence.

Summary Comment

The non-compliances identified under Regulation 19 have 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:

- The main entrance was secured and was locked when the inspectors arrived at the service. This prevented unauthorised person gaining access or children exiting unsupervised.
- A handrail was present on the staircase.
- Blind cords were secured.
- Cleaning products were stored out of reach of children.

Infection Control:

- A window was open in the Baby room sanitary area which allowed for ventilation.
- Soap was hygienically dispensed in the sanitary areas and changing mats were clean and maintained in good condition.
- Children's bed linen was stored in individual bags.
- Children's soothers were stored in individually labelled boxes.

Administration of Medication:

- Medication was observed to be stored out of reach children.

Safe Sleep:

- Staff were observed to check children regularly while they slept at ten-minute intervals.
- An ambient temperature between 18-22 °C was maintained where children over the age of one were sleeping.

Non-Compliance Information

General Safety:

1. On day one of the inspection the water temperature in the sinks of the Toddler room sanitary area exceeded the recommended temperature of 43°C and posed a risk of scalding. An immediate action notice was issued.
 - At 10.28am the water temperature of sink 1 was 54.6°C and sink 2 was 56°C.
 - At 12.47pm the water temperature of sink 1 was 55.8°C and sink 2 was 55.1°C
2. Garda vetting was available for 2 staff members. However, these vetting disclosures were not dated within the previous three years in adherence to with the Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Notice 'EYI-RN12.3 Renewal of Garda Vetting'.
3. On day two of the inspection the radiator in the Toddler sanitary area which did not have a cover making it accessible to children had a surface temperature which exceeded 50°C. This posed a risk of injury to the children.
4. Two trailing flexes were observed in the hallway which posed a risk of injury.
5. An unstable shelf in the Preschool sanitary area was accessible to children and posed a risk of injury.

Infection Control:

6. The edges of the foam surround of the ball pit in the Baby room were observed to be cracked and frayed which prevented effective cleaning.
7. Nappy creams in the baby room sanitary area were stored together in a basket. Four creams were not labelled which posed an infection control risk.
8. The waste bin in the Ready for school room had no lid leaving waste accessible to children and posed an infection control risk.
9. Children in the Baby room did not have their hands washed before lunchtime. Staff were observed to clean children's hands using a facecloth, this is not in line with service policy.
10. Matting in the Toddler room and Preschool room was observed torn with the foam exposed which prevented effective cleaning and posed an infection control risk.
11. Toilet roll in the Toddler sanitary area was placed on the cistern and was not hygienically dispensed which posed an infection control risk.

Safe Sleep:

12. The registered provider did not follow Tusla's "Guidance for the Early Learning and Care sector on sleep provision for children under 24 months". Three children under 2 years of age were observed to sleep on a low-level stackable bed at nap time. An individual sleep plan was not available for the three children.

Sleep plans should include an assessment of the individual child's sleep routines and sleep requirements, to be determined and agreed in collaboration with parents/guardians and consideration of the child's developmental readiness to move from a cot to a floor bed.

Fire Safety:

13. On day one of the inspection the side passageways of the premises which formed part of an evacuation route were observed to be obstructed. One passageway was fitted with a rusted latch lock that could not be opened. The second passageway had a small wooden gate which did not open fully allowing a person to pass with ease. The kitchen door was also opened out onto the second passageway creating an obstruction. An immediate action notice was issued.
14. Attendance records were not maintained in a timely manner which posed a potential risk of hindering safe evacuation of the premises in the event of an emergency. The following was observed:
 - In the Toddler room on day two of inspection at 10.08am a review of attendance records demonstrated that two children present in the service had not been signed in on either day of inspection.
 - In the Preschool room on day one of inspection at 10.57am a review of attendance records demonstrated that two children present in the room had not been signed into the service.
15. The map displayed in the Baby room did not detail the fire evacuation route which posed a potential risk of hindering safe evacuation of the premises in the event of an emergency.

Outing:

16. On review of the outings checklists, it was observed that a daily risk assessment outing log was not completed prior to the outings occurring in line with service policy. The following was observed:
 - Of the 48 records reviewed for the Preschool room 14 did not include the associated risk assessment.
 - Of the 30 records reviewed for the Ready for School room 17 did not include the associated risk assessment.

Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective & Preventive Action

General Safety:

1.A plumber has attended the service and fitted the tap with a new water mixer set to the Tusla recommended temperature. The tap will be monitored in order to make sure the water temperature does not go above the recommended.

2. Corrective action: Updated garda vetting has been obtained for two staff members.

Preventive action: A reminder has been set for management to request re-vetting for staff.

3. Corrective action and preventive action: The radiator was turned to lower setting. Manager in charge will regularly check the radiator temperature.

4. Corrective action and preventive action: The trailing flexes were removed. The manager in charge will check daily to make sure there is no obstruction in the area.

5. Corrective action and preventive action: The unstable shelf was removed from the preschool sanitary area. The manager in charge will check daily to make sure there is no obstruction in the area.

Infection Control:

6. Corrective and preventive action: A replacement ball pit is expected to arrive in January. The manager in charge will check equipment periodically.

7. Corrective and preventive action: All creams have now been labelled. It was discussed at the staff meeting that all creams are to be labelled as soon as they come to the service.

8. Corrective and preventive action: The waste bin has been replaced. The manager in charge will check periodically to maintain the correct use of equipment.

9. Corrective action: Staff have been advised to wash children's hands with running water.

Preventive action: All staff have read and signed off on the hand washing policy. The manager in charge will complete spot checks on the handwashing routine.

10. Corrective and preventive action: The mats have been replaced. Manager in charge will check on equipment periodically.

11. Corrective and preventive action: Toilet paper has been placed in the dispenser. Manager in charge will check on equipment periodically.

Safe Sleep:

12. Corrective action and preventive action: Children under the age of two will sleep in cots.

Fire Safety:

13. Corrective and preventive action: The latches on both side passageway gates have been treated so they open easily. The small wooden gate on the left passageway was removed 8/11/24.

14. Corrective and preventive action: Staff have been advised to have children signed in and out on both the software application and the register books with the actual arrival and departure times. Manager in charge will periodically check the register book.

15. Corrective and preventive action: The map displayed in the Baby room was corrected with the fire evacuation route. Manager in charge will check periodically for the correct fire evacuation maps to be displayed.

Outing:

16. Corrective action: Risk assessment has been completed daily since.

Preventive action: Staff team was informed about the need of completing a physical copy of the risk assessment form when they go to the park with the children. The completed form has to be signed off by the manager in charge and filed in the outing folder.

Supporting documentation submitted

General Safety:

- Invoice
- Documentary evidence.

Infection Control:

- Documentary evidence.
- Photographic evidence.

Safe Sleep:

- Documentary evidence.

Fire Safety:

- Photographic evidence.

Outing:

- No supporting documents submitted.

Summary Comment

The non-compliances identified under Regulation 23 have been addressed.

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 review of available documents and conversation with management showed that a staff member trained in First Aid Response (FAR) was rostered to be on the premises and available to the children at all times during the opening hours of the service.

(2) (a)(b) Suitably equipped first aid boxes were stored safely out of reach of children, readily available and easily accessible to staff if required at any time.

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 record was maintained of all fire drills which occurred in the service. The record showed that fire drills are conducted on a monthly basis. The last fire drill took place on 1st November 2024.

(b) A record of the number, type and maintenance record of firefighting equipment and smoke alarms in the premises was available. The certificates reviewed showed that the firefighting equipment had been serviced on 14th October 2024 while the smoke alarms had been serviced on 21st August 2024.

Part VI - Safety

Regulation 27 – Supervision

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

Non-Compliance Information

Children aged 2-3 years in the Preschool room were observed to persistently enter the sanitary area for periods of time without adult supervision or awareness. For example, two children entered the sanitary area at 12.12pm unsupervised until a staff member entered the area at 12.17pm. Nappy bags were accessible to children in the sanitary area and posed a risk of injury. This is not in line with service policy that advises preschool children are always supervised by sight and sound including while in the bathroom.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective and Preventive Action

Staff have been informed of the importance of following the policy regarding the supervision of children. The policy forms part of every staff member's induction. The manager in charge will carry out spot checks.

Supporting documentation submitted

- No supporting documents submitted.

Summary Comment

The non-compliance under Regulation 27 has been addressed.

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*
- (e) equipped with adequate and suitable sanitary facilities.*

Non-Compliance Information

(d)

1. Areas within the service were observed to have unfinished wall surfaces which were neither washable or wipeable and increased the potential risk of cross infection. For example.

- Door surrounds in the Ready for School room.
- Two toilet doors in the Ready for School room had an unfinished surface and neither washable nor wipeable.

- On the main stairwell of the service the wall surface was unfinished with exposed wire mesh accessible to the children.

2.The garden has been inaccessible since July 2024 due to work being carried out, management and staff advised the children are using the small patio area between the Baby room and Toddler room for outdoor play. There is a section of cracked plaster in the patio accessible to children that requires repair.

- (e)
1. Two toilet doors in the Ready for School room had no closing mechanism to protect the dignity and privacy of children when using the toilet.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective and Preventive Action

- (d)
1. Corrective action: The door surrounds will be fixed by the end of February. The toilet doors have been treated with a clear varnish. The wall surface has been replastered.
Preventive action: Manager in charge will check on building maintenance periodically.
 2. Corrective and preventive action: The cracked plaster has been covered. The manager in charge will check on equipment periodically.

- (e)
1. Corrective and preventive action: Closing mechanism has been fitted to the door. The manager in charge will check on equipment periodically.

Supporting documentation submitted

- Photographic evidence.

Summary Comment

The non-compliances identified under Regulation 29 have been addressed.

Part VII - Premises and Space Requirements

Regulation 30 - Minimum space requirements

(2) A registered provider of a full day care service or a part-time day care service shall ensure that the minimum amount of clear floor space specified in column (3) of Schedule 7 opposite a particular reference number specified in column (1) of that Schedule in respect of the age range of children specified in column (2) thereof at that reference number is available for each child in that age range attending the service.

Non-Compliance Information

(2) The table below details the clear floor space for the Preschool room and the Ready for the School room and the maximum number of children who can be accommodated. On day one of the inspection the registered provider did not ensure there was a minimum clear floor space available for the number of children in the Preschool room or Ready for school room. The following was observed:

Room Name	Clear Floor space	Space Available	Children in attendance
Preschool room (2-3 years)	21.96 m ²	9 Children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10.02am - 13 children 12.10pm - 11 children 2.41pm - 10 children
Ready for School room (3-4.5 years)	31.797 m ²	13 children attending FDC Or 17 children attending sessional care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10.08am - 18 children 11.49 - 20 children 12.07pm - 19 children 1.05pm - 14 children

- In addition, a review of attendance records and conversation staff confirmed that on the morning of the 6th November 2024 the day before inspection the Ready for School room had 20 children in attendance.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective Action

Children will spend time in other care rooms with space available. Parents have been asked to reduce children's attendance.

Preventive Action

Enrolments are being monitored carefully.

Supporting documentation submitted

- No supporting documents received.

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The actions taken by the registered provider to address the non-compliance under Regulation 30 will be reviewed at the next inspection.