

# Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Report

## Pre School

<b>TUSLA Identifier:</b>	TU2015DY276
<b>Name of Service:</b>	Lansdowne Lodge Preschool Montessori
<b>Address of Service:</b>	6 Lansdowne Terrace, Shelbourne Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4, Co. Dublin
<b>Eircode:</b>	DO4 VY67
<b>Name of Registered Provider:</b>	Margaret Smyth
<b>Service type:</b>	Full Day
<b>Date of Inspection:</b>	23/10/2024
<b>Date 2 of Inspection:</b>	24/10/2024

<b>No of pre-school children:</b>	AM	83	PM	78
<b>Day 2</b>	AM	80	PM	80

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<b>Title:</b>	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).

<b>Conditions if applicable</b>	Not applicable
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### Description of service

Lansdowne Lodge Preschool Montessori provides full day care for children from 16 months to 5 years of age. The service operates from 08:00 to 18:00, Monday to Friday.

The service is located in a residential area of Dublin south city in an adapted domestic dwelling over three floors. Care is delivered across four care units. The Tiny Tots unit caters for children aged 1 year. The Transition unit caters for children aged 1 to 2 years. The Junior Montessori unit caters for children aged 2 years. The Senior Montessori 1 and Senior Montessori 2 units cater for children from 3 to 4 years of age. There is a separate purpose-built structure located in the outdoor area, called the Pavillion, which the children access for Montessori activities on a regular basis. There is a fully enclosed outdoor play area to the rear of the premises.

### Staffing

The service currently employs 26 staff including the manager, an administrative assistant and a chef. There were 21 staff working directly with the children on both days of inspection. The registered provider is not involved in the day-to-day operation of the service and was not present 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 area of governance/ records/ health, welfare and development of child/ safety/ premises and facilities. The inspection may also focus on other areas as required.

The inspection focused on an examination of compliance under the following regulations:

9 (1)(a)(b),(2),(3),(4) Management and Recruitment,  
11(1),(2),(8)(a) Staffing Levels,  
16(h),(i),(j),(k) Record in relation to pre-school service,  
19(1)(a)(b) Health, Welfare and Development of Child,  
20(1)(b) Facilities for Rest and Play,  
21 Equipment and Materials,  
23 Safeguarding, Health, Safety and Welfare of Child,  
27 Supervision,  
29(c),(d),(e) Premises.

These findings are outlined within the relevant regulations within this report.

A sampling process was used to assess compliance under regulations:

16(j)(k) – Record in relation to pre-school service,  
19(1)(a)(b) – Health, welfare and development of child,  
23 - Safeguarding Health, Safety and Welfare of child,

As a result, the scope of the inspection included the Tiny Tots, Transitions, Junior Montessori and Senior Montessori 2 units.

A sampling process was used to assess compliance under regulation 29(c). As a result, the scope of the inspection included the nappy changing area adjacent to the Tiny Tots unit.

A sampling process was used to assess compliance under regulation 29(e). As a result, the scope of the inspection included the sanitary areas adjacent to the Tiny Tots unit and the Junior Montessori unit.

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 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.

(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 service had a designated person in charge and a named person to deputise as required who were both on the premises throughout the inspection.

(2)

Following a discussion with the manager it was confirmed that six adults commenced working in the service since the last inspection on 16 April 2024. Documentation was reviewed in respect of these six adults and two external contractors who were present during the inspection and met regulatory requirements as follows:

(a)(b)

Of the sixteen written, validated references that were required, thirteen were available from a past employer and one was available from a reputable source.

(c)

Garda vetting disclosures from the National Vetting Bureau of An Garda Síochána were available for the twenty-three staff members. The service also demonstrated compliance with the Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Notice requiring services to renew Garda vetting every three years.

(d)

Police vetting was required for six staff members and was available for four staff members who had lived outside the State for a period exceeding six months as an adult.

(4)

Records were available evidencing that six staff members who were employed to work directly with the children held the required qualification or equivalent. One of these staff members held a qualification recognition letter from the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth (DCEDIY).

### Non-Compliance Information

(2)(b)

Two of the references obtained in respect of two external contractors from a source other than a past employer were not suitable as the source of the references could not be considered independent or unbiased.

(2)(d)

Police vetting was required and was not available for two adults who had lived outside the State for a period exceeding six months as an adult.

This non-compliance was present on the last inspection on 16 April 2024. The corrective and preventive actions as outlined by the registered provider did not prevent recurrence of this non-compliance.

(3)

The registered provider did not take appropriate measures to ensure that all employees were suitable to work in an early years service prior to commencing employment. It is acknowledged that a Garda vetting disclosure and two validated references were available for a staff member who had previously been employed in the service and who had returned to work in the service in April 2024. However, the Garda vetting disclosure and validated references available were dated from 2022 and had not been renewed before the staff member commenced employment on 22 April 2024.

### Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

#### **Corrective and Preventive Action**

(2)(b)

Appropriate references have been sought and are now validated and in the staff files. Staff File Cover Sheet specifies what constitutes an appropriate reference for any staff member, including contractors coming weekly to the school.

(2)(d)

Police Vetting (Full Criminal) has been obtained for two adults. Will ensure that full police vetting is obtained (not just certificate for sexual offences but full criminal records) and translated in English before employee start date.

(3)

Employee has been re-vetted (Garda vetting) and certificate is available to view. One old reference was re-validated and one new reference has been validated as employee only had one job between leaving us and re-joining us. We now have instructions in place for if an employee returns to the service, to ensure all documents are compliant. It is the first time we have had an employee return and since it was within 6 months of leaving there was uncertainty about documents needed. It is clear now.

#### **Supporting documentation submitted**

Written evidence was presented to demonstrate the corrective and preventive actions submitted by the registered provider.

## Summary Comment

The corrective and preventive actions as stated by the registered provider have been deemed to address these non-compliances. These actions will be assessed on the 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)

An adequate number of adults were working directly with the children at all times during the inspection.

(2)

The minimum ratio of adults to children for full day care services was adhered to at all times during the inspection. There were eighty-three children attending the service being supervised by twenty-one adults on the first day of inspection. There were eighty children attending the service being supervised by twenty-one adults on the second day of inspection.

(8)(a)

There were at least two adults 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:*

- (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.*

### Compliance Information

- (h)  
Details of the attendance of each child in the service were recorded at the time of entering and leaving the service.
- (i)  
The staff roster was available on both days of inspection and reflected the adults working in the service on each day.
- (j)  
A sample of twenty medication administration records were reviewed. These records were signed by staff and parents and were completed appropriately.
- (k)  
A sample of sixteen accident and incidents records were reviewed. These records were signed by staff and parents and were completed appropriately.

### 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*

*(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

(1)(a)(b)

The service had a healthy eating policy in place and all meals are prepared on site and provided by the service. The service had a weekly meal plan which detailed a range of nutritious meals and snacks served to children at regular intervals throughout the day. Dinner was served between 13:00 and 14:00. Drinking water was accessible to children throughout the inspection and children were given a drink with their meals. Children were encouraged to feed themselves and staff supported younger children who needed assistance with their dinner. Additional servings of dinner were available and staff were observed asking children who had finished their meal if they wanted more. All children who requested more food were provided with an additional serving. The chef stated that alternative meal options were available if requested.

Children were encouraged and supported to be independent including cleaning up after their play. Older children were encouraged to use the toilet independently. Children's nappies were changed regularly, and staff were observed engaging warmly with children when providing this care. An area was provided within the care rooms where the children could rest or take a break from activities. There was a designated nap time in the Transitions and Junior Montessori units. Children who required a nap in Tiny Tots unit were placed to sleep when they displayed signs of tiredness.

Staff demonstrated a good awareness of the needs of each child in their care and responded to children's cues promptly. Staff demonstrated kindness and affection during all interactions observed by the inspectors. Children were comforted promptly when they became upset. Staff were observed holding children and speaking to them softly. Staff were observed to use distraction, gentle tones and praise when promoting positive behaviour in line with the service's positive behaviour management policy.

Staff provided an appropriate level of supervision whilst supporting the children's independence during play and mealtimes. Children were provided with the opportunity to play outdoors and were dressed appropriately to the weather.

Staff described how they record information about each child's day using an online application to communicate with parents detailing information on food, sleep, nappy changes and activities. Staff stated that they also speak to parents at arrival and collection times.

Care rooms were arranged to provide a range of play materials providing children with the freedom to play and explore. Materials available included small world toys, construction toys, musical instruments, home corners and library areas. The care rooms provided developmentally appropriate play experiences for the children. Family photos, children's artwork and children's photos were displayed in the care rooms.

The environment was laid out to support the children's independence. Low level hooks were provided for coats and bags. Play materials were observed to be accessible to the children on low level shelving. Low level tables and chairs were available in the care rooms.

A fully enclosed outdoor play area was located to the rear of the premises and had shock absorbent surfacing. The area was divided into two separate play spaces. All children accessed the outdoor area during the course of the inspection.

### Non-Compliance Information

(1)(b)

1. Inspectors observed that the needs of all children were not adequately provided for at mealtimes. Bibs were not provided for children in the Tiny Tots room during the morning snack on the first day of inspection. Three children's tops became wet during the meal. The children were then placed to sleep in the wet clothing.

### Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

#### Corrective and Preventive Action

1. Bibs are worn at every meal time to ensure children have dry clothes before nap time. Children are checked before being brought to the sleep room to ensure they are clean and dry. Action has been added into Staff Daily Duties to ensure that the staff are aware of who is responsible for this task every day.

### **Supporting documentation submitted**

Written evidence was presented to demonstrate the corrective and preventive actions submitted by the registered provider.

### **Summary Comment**

The corrective and preventive actions as stated by the registered provider have been deemed to address this non-compliance. These actions will be assessed on the next inspection.

## Part V - Care of Child in Pre-school Service

### Regulation 20 – Facilities for rest and play

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

*(b) there are adequate and suitable facilities for a pre-school child to rest during the day, and in the case of an overnight pre-school service, during the day and the night.*

### Non-Compliance Information

(1)(b)

1. Appropriate rest facilities were not provided for all children under 2 years in the Transitions unit. On the first day of inspection, one child, aged 1 year, was observed on a low stackable bed. This bed was not fitted with a firm, flat, waterproof and breathable mattress. It is acknowledged that an order had been placed for a suitable mattress, however it was not available before the child began attending the service in October.
2. Children in the Junior Montessori room who required a nap were not provided with appropriate rest facilities. It is acknowledged that suitable mattresses were available and in use for the six children who require a nap. However, these mattresses were not fitted with sheets, contrary to the service sleep policy which states that individual bed linen is provided to each child.

### Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

#### **Corrective and Preventive Action**

1. There are now a suitable amount of mattresses and floor beds for all children under 2. We now have enough cots, floor beds and stackable beds for the maximum amount of children possible in each Unit so there will be no shortages in the future.
2. Appropriate individual bed sheets have been purchased and are in use everyday in Junior Montessori. Staff have re-read safe sleep policy and signed a policy sign off sheet to ensure that the whole team is

aware of the needs and expectations of the policy for child safeguarding, compliance and comfort with regards to sleep.

### **Supporting documentation submitted**

Written and photographic evidence was presented to demonstrate the corrective and preventive actions submitted by the registered provider.

### **Summary Comment**

The corrective and preventive actions as stated by the registered provider have been deemed to address these non-compliances. These actions will be assessed on the next inspection.

## Part V - Care of Child in Pre-school Service

### Regulation 21 – Equipment and materials

*A registered provider shall ensure that there is adequate and suitable furniture, play and work equipment and materials available on the premises of the pre-school service.*

### **Non-Compliance Information**

The two wooden climbing structures in the outdoor area were observed to be unsuitable for use. The laminate covering had worn away in places and the layers of wood had become water damaged. Staff had blocked off access to the play equipment with stackable beds and rocking horses and stated that the play equipment was unsafe for use.

This non-compliance was present on the last inspection on 16 April 2024. The corrective and preventive actions as stated by the registered provider did not prevent recurrence of this non-compliance.

### **Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider**

#### **Corrective and Preventive Action**

Climbing structures will be removed in the New Year – when the carpenter is available to come. Carpenter has said that he is not available to do this job until after Christmas. We have been trying for a long time to get someone to come and remove these structures as we are aware that they are old and unsafe for use (which is why we have at least had them blocked off so the children are not using them). We understand the importance of this and have now contacted numerous professionals and have found someone else who has confirmed they will come in January to complete this job. As mentioned in the report, the structures have been blocked off as we acknowledge they were unsafe for use – the intention is to get new play structures but more toys for the garden have been purchased to ensure children are engaged in resources whilst outside and once the structures are

removed, the ground will be even and the children will have space to play with these toys until new play structures are found and installed.

**Supporting documentation submitted**

Written evidence was presented to demonstrate the corrective and preventive actions submitted by the registered provider.

**Summary Comment**

The corrective and preventive actions as stated by the registered provider have been deemed to address this non-compliance. These actions will be assessed on the 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**

The inspectors found by observation of practice, review of documentation, discussion with staff and inspection of the premises that the registered provider had taken the following steps to safeguard children attending:

**General Safety:**

- The entrance door to the service was adequately secured to ensure the safety of the children within and to avoid unauthorised persons accessing the service or children exiting unsupervised.
- All storage facilities were inaccessible to children.
- All blind cords were secured.
- All radiators were fitted with protective covers.

**Infection Control:**

- Liquid soap, warm water and paper towels were available to facilitate hand washing. Staff were observed to wash their hands in line with the infection control policy.
- Children’s nappies were changed in line with the service’s nappy changing policy to reduce the risk of the spread of infection.
- A system was in place for effective sterilisation of soothers.

- Individual bed linen was provided for the children in the Tiny Tots and Transition units. Staff stated that all bed linen is laundered weekly or as required.

### Administration of Medication:

- Staff demonstrated, through discussion, that they were familiar with the procedures and practices in place for the administration of emergency medication in line with the service policy on medication administration.
- Emergency medication for two children was stored in line with the service policy on medication administration.

### Safe Sleep:

- Children in the Tiny Tots, Transitions and Junior Montessori units were physically monitored while sleeping and sleep checks were documented every ten minutes.
- An adult remained in the room at all times where children were sleeping.

### Fire Safety:

- All emergency exits were kept clear of obstruction.

## Non-Compliance Information

### General Safety:

1. The water temperature in the three children's handwash sinks in the sanitary area adjacent to the Tiny Tots unit was above the required maximum temperature of 43°C and posed a risk of scalding to a child. The water temperatures ranged from 44.8°C to 49°C.
2. The room temperature was not maintained between 18°C to 22°C in the Junior Montessori unit on the first day of inspection. The temperature was recorded at 22.5°C at 11:02. At this time, the two windows in the room were open and the radiator was on. The temperature was brought to the attention of staff by the inspector as six children from this unit would be sleeping in the room. It is acknowledged that staff turned the radiator off and turned the fan on, however the temperature was recorded at 23.6°C at 12.08 when six children were sleeping. The temperature reducing measures taken by staff did not sufficiently reduce the temperature in the room.

This non-compliance was observed on the last inspection on 16 April 2024. The corrective and preventive actions as stated by the registered provider did not prevent recurrence of this non-compliance.

3. Trailing cables from an electronic thermometer and a fan were observed hanging from a shelf in reach of the children in the Junior Montessori unit posing a risk of injury.

This non-compliance was observed on the last inspection on 16 April 2024. The corrective and preventive actions as stated by the registered provider did not prevent recurrence of this non-compliance.

4. A box containing plastic aprons, plastic bin bags and four bottles of cleaning agents was observed within reach of children on a low shelf in the sanitary area in the Transitions room posing a risk of injury to children.
5. In the outdoor area, a section of the all-weather rubber matting was observed to be broken and coming away from the ground posing a potential risk of injury to the children.  
This non-compliance was observed on the last inspection on 16 April 2024. The corrective and preventive actions as stated by the registered provider did not prevent recurrence of this non-compliance.
6. A low-level vent on the wall in the Senior Montessori 2 room in the rest area was observed to be cracked with sharp edges exposed posing a risk of injury to children.

### **Infection Control:**

Inspectors observed a number of practices which posed a risk of transmission of infection within the service:

7. The handwashing practices observed were inconsistent during the inspection and at variance with the policy in place in the service. Children in the Tiny Tots unit did not wash their hands before dinner on the first day of inspection.  
Inconsistent handwashing practices were observed on the last inspection on 16 April 2024. The corrective and preventive actions as stated by the registered provider did not prevent recurrence of this non-compliance.
8. In the Tiny Tots unit on the first day of inspection, part of the children's morning snack was served directly onto the table posing a risk of the spread of infection.
9. The foot pedal function of the pedal bin in the sanitary area adjacent to the Tiny Tots unit was broken.
10. There was no dispenser for paper towel in the sanitary area in the Junior Montessori unit. On the first day of inspection paper towel for hand drying was observed on the toilet cistern.

### Safe Sleep:

11. The temperature of the room used for nap time in the Junior Montessori unit was not taken prior to or during sleep time. It is acknowledged that there was an electronic thermometer in this room, however, discussion with staff demonstrated that they do not routinely record the room temperature in this room. This posed a risk to the children's safety and was at variance with the safe sleep policy in place.
12. There was no individual sleep plan in place for one child aged 1 year who was observed sleeping on a bed in the Transitions unit contrary to the service policy on safe sleep. This child was observed on a low stackable bed on the first day of inspection. It is acknowledged that individual sleep plans were in place for nine other children aged 1 year of age.

### Action submitted by the Registered Provider

#### Corrective & Preventive Action

##### General Safety:

1. Water temperature has been reduced (connected with the heating system which is now timed to come on and off intermittently reducing temperatures) and temperature is being monitored to ensure it is within safe limits at all times. Handwritten form is used to record water temperatures in Unit sinks AND toilet sinks. Water temperature records will be verified, signed and dated and a note has been added to the chart to remind staff of maximum safe water temperatures.
2. As we are now using an online application – we are inputting the room temperatures intermittently into the app for all units, in order to monitor the room temperatures constantly. Staff are now aware of the importance of inputting this data into the app so the record will be there and all staff are aware of the temperature. In addition, overall heating in the school has been altered so that it is turning on and off throughout the day which is also maintaining better room temperatures overall and has stopped overheating in any rooms.
3. All cables have now been secured and are not in reach of children. Daily risk checklists, both indoor and outdoor, are now done on an online application every day and this is monitored in the office to ensure forms are filled and checks are done.

4. Box is now permanently out of reach of the children – children cannot access any toxic or harmful items. Daily risk checklists, both indoor and outdoor, are now done on an online application every day and this is monitored in the office to ensure forms are filled and checks are done.
5. We have been in contact with a contractor (the only people available that can fix this ground with wet pour) since September, which was before this inspection. It has been difficult to get a booking as they have been busy and were uncontactable but they have confirmed that they can come in January to do this job (once the play equipment has been removed). Daily risk checklists, both indoor and outdoor, are now done on an online application every day and this is monitored in the office to ensure forms are filled and checks are done.
6. Vent has been replaced. Daily risk checklists, both indoor and outdoor, are now done on an online application every day and this is monitored in the office to ensure forms are filled and checks are done.

### **Infection Control:**

7. Hands are always washed before every meal. It is true that at the time of inspection they were not all cleaned but staff are aware of the importance of washing all children's hands before every meal to reduce the spread of infections. As this has now been added into the Children's daily routine, which is displayed on the wall in the Unit, staff will ensure this process is always carried out, as is usual.
8. All meals are now served in bowls or on plates – including snacks. No food is given directly on table surfaces. As all meals will be given to children on plates or in bowls, there will be no risk of infection for the children with regards to meal times. This goes for clean hands before eating too.
9. Bin has been replaced. Risk Assessments for all broken equipment or lacking equipment in the units and toilets will highlight any issues going forward. These risk sheets are still in paper form and signed off each day and week.
10. Paper towel dispenser has been installed and secured in sanitary area for Junior Montessori. Risk Assessments for all broken equipment or lacking equipment in the units and toilets will highlight any issues going forward. These risk sheets are still in paper form and signed off each day and week.

### Safe Sleep:

11. As with Regulation 23(1.) room temperatures are now input during sleep time into online application and recorded there. All the staff have re-read and signed the Sleep Policy. Now that an online application is being used, all information is recorded and checked on. All Staff have profiles and it is confirmed in the daily staff duties (based on shift patterns) which staff member is responsible for this, each day.
  
12. Individual Sleep Plan has been done for all children under 2. Staff in the Unit were misinformed about the one child missing a form because he was not in a floor bed at the time (it was dispatched for delivery and we were waiting a long time for its arrival). Staff thought that they did not fill the form until the floor bed had arrived. The form is now complete and all children have sleep plans filed in their units. Staff in the Units where children are turning 2 are all informed that these children all need individualised sleep plans if they are moving from a cot to a floor bed. In addition, a new Unit Head in the Transition Unit (this is the Unit where children are moving from a cot to a floor bed) has been appointed and training is underway to ensure all policies and procedures are clear.

### Supporting documentation submitted

#### General Safety:

Written and photographic evidence was presented to demonstrate the corrective and preventive actions submitted by the registered provider.

#### Infection Control:

Written and photographic evidence was presented to demonstrate the corrective and preventive actions submitted by the registered provider.

#### Safe Sleep:

Written evidence was presented to demonstrate the corrective and preventive actions submitted by the registered provider.

### Summary Comment

The corrective and preventive actions as stated by the registered provider have been deemed to address these non-compliances. These actions will be assessed on the next inspection.

### Part VI - Safety

#### Regulation 27 – Supervision

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

#### Compliance Information

During the inspection all children were supervised appropriately and at all times, including during nap time in line with the supervision of children policy.

Children were supervised primarily by sight during the course of the inspection. Room layouts allowed for effective supervision.

### Part VII - Premises and Space Requirements

#### Regulation 29 - Premises

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

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

#### Compliance Information

(e)  
The registered provider ensured that the privacy and dignity of each child was respected when using the toilet. The toilet cubicles in the sanitary area located adjacent to the Tiny Tots unit and the sanitary area located adjacent to the Junior Montessori unit were observed to have doors in place.

#### Non-Compliance Information

(c)  
1. A malodour was present in the nappy changing area adjacent to the Tiny Tots unit indicating that the mechanical ventilation in place was inadequate.

(d)  
The cleaning schedule for the service was documented as being carried out; however, areas of the service were observed to have an accumulation of dust and debris, were soiled and required a deep clean as follows;

2. A build-up of dirt and dust was observed on areas of the flooring and skirting boards throughout the service.  
This non-compliance was observed on the last inspection on 16 April 2024. The corrective and preventive actions as stated by the registered provider did not prevent recurrence of this non-compliance.
3. A build-up of grime was observed on the tiled wall in the sanitary area in the Junior Montessori unit.  
This non-compliance was observed on the last inspection on 16 April 2024. The corrective and preventive actions as stated by the registered provider did not prevent recurrence of this non-compliance.
4. An accumulation of dust was observed in the mechanical vent in the nappy changing area adjacent to the Tiny Tots unit.

Areas of the service were observed to require maintenance and repair as follows;

5. A section of skirting board was missing next to the door in the Senior Montessori 1 unit work room.  
This non-compliance was observed on the last inspection on 16 April 2024. The corrective and preventive actions as stated by the registered provider did not prevent recurrence of this non-compliance.

### Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

#### **Corrective and Preventive Action**

- (c)
1. As the Nappy Changing room is small – the fan is working fine but more fresh air needs to be circulating. The door to the area will be wedged open when the room is not in use. Keeping the door open intermittently should prevent this issue in the future. All staff are aware of the importance of clean and pleasant sanitary conditions in the premises.
- (d)
2. – 4  
A new cleaner has been employed and a clear cleaning schedule is in place to ensure that deep cleaning is carried out in all areas of the service periodically. Cleaning Schedule in place should prevent build-up of dirt and dust as specifications on what needs to be cleaned is in the plan. Supervision of cleaning and jobs being completed.

5. Skirting Board has been replaced again. This was done after the last inspection but it was not secured well enough. A different carpenter has re-done this skirting board and it is now secure and clean. The previous contractor has been impossible to contact and so a new building/carpentry contractor has been sourced that has generally better and more efficient with better availability for future maintenance and repair work needed around the school. This contractor is responsible for the recent repairs included in this report.

### **Supporting documentation submitted**

Written and photographic evidence was presented to demonstrate the corrective and preventive actions submitted by the registered provider.

### **Summary Comment**

The corrective and preventive actions as stated by the registered provider have been deemed to address these non-compliances. These actions will be assessed on the next inspection.