

Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Report

Pre School

TUSLA Identifier: TU2015DY321

Name of Service: Fitzkinder Day Nursery and Montessori School

Address of Service: Fitzkinder Day Nursery & Montessori School, 31 Upper Fitzwilliam Street,
Dublin 2

Eircode: D02 VR72

Name of Registered Provider: Emmett Rice, Joyce Grant Rice

Service type: Full Day, Sessional

Date of Inspection: 22/05/2025

No of pre-school children:	AM	35	PM	38
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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

Fitzkinder Day Nursery and Montessori School is a privately operated service offering full day and sessional care to a maximum of 47 children aged between 1 – 6 years. The service operates from a Georgian house located in Dublin City Centre, comprising of four care rooms, namely the Junior Wobbler room with an adjoining cot room which is located on the ground floor, the Senior Wobbler room and Toddler room, both located on the first floor and the Montessori room which is located at basement level and accessible by external stairs to the front and rear of the building. A kitchen and an office are also on site. The service participates in the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) scheme.

Staffing

The registered providers employ ten staff members to work directly with the children, including the person in charge and nine early years educators. The registered providers do not work in the service. On the day of inspection, the person in charge, nine early years educators and an external contractor, who was engaging in an activity with the children, were present when the inspectors arrived unannounced in the service at 10:15am.

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 and safety. The inspection may also focus on other areas as required.

A sampling process was used to assess compliance under Regulation 16(1) Record in Relation to a Preschool Service. As a result, the scope of the inspection included the Junior Wobbler room, the Senior Wobbler room and the Toddler room.

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

An immediate action notice was issued to the registered provider on the 23/05/2025 in relation to concerns under Regulation 23 - Safeguarding the Health, Welfare and Development of Child. A response which adequately addressed the concern was received on 26/05/2025. See body of report for details.

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
- (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)
- (b) The designated person in charge was rostered to be present all times during the period when the pre-school service is being carried on and when the inspectors arrived unannounced to the service.
 - (c) The service had a clear management structure and staff members were aware of their own role and responsibilities.
- (2) A review of the roster and conversation with the person in charge showed that the registered providers currently employ ten adults. The full staff record of ten adults employed to work in the service and one external contractor were reviewed.

- (a) Fourteen written and verified references were available from past employers.
 - (b) Five written and verified references were available from a source other than a past employer.
 - (c) Garda vetting disclosures were available for the ten adults employed in the service and one external contractor. The service also demonstrated compliance with the Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Notice requiring services to renew Garda Vetting every three years.
 - (d) Documentary evidence showed that ten adults had lived in a state other than Ireland for more than six consecutive months as an adult. International police vetting from the relevant countries was available for nine staff members.
- (3) Evidence was available to demonstrate that the procedures specified in paragraph (2) were carried out in relation to one adult before employment commenced.
- (4) Evidence was available to show that the ten 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.

Non-Compliance Information

- (1)
- (a) The registered providers did not ensure that a named deputy person in charge was available to deputise in the event of the person in charge not being present in the service. This was evidenced by a review of the roster and conversation with the person in charge. It is acknowledged that the person in charge was rostered to be in the service at all times during operational hours and remained onsite for the duration of the inspection, an area manager, that is based in another service owned by the registered providers, is available if required.
- (2)
- (a)(b) A review of staff files evidenced the following:
- One written and validated reference was not available for one adult who worked directly with children.
 - Two written references were available for one adult; however, documentary evidence was not available to confirm a validation check had been completed.
- (d) International police vetting was available for one staff member in respect of one country that they had lived in other than Ireland for a period longer than six consecutive months as an adult, however, an official translation of this document was not available for review.

- (3) Evidence was not available to demonstrate that the procedures specified in paragraph (2) were carried out in relation to ten adults who had access to the children. The following was observed:
- Ten written references were available from past employers for eight adults, however documentary evidence showed that validations had not been obtained prior to commencement in the service.
 - Five written references were available from a source other than a past employer for four adults, however documentary evidence showed that a validation had not been obtained prior to commencement in the service.
 - International police vetting for one adult was dated after their commencement in the service.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective and Preventive Action

- (1)
- (a) Management have assigned a new deputy person in charge. The new deputy person in charge will step in to assist in the event that the manager is not available and when required.
- (2)
- (a)(b) Management have reviewed staff files and ensured all validations are complete and up to date. A checklist is in place to ensure all checks are carried out prior to a new staff member commencing in the service.
- (d) Management have reviewed staff files for international police vetting and translations. Management will follow the recruitment checklist to ensure all checks are completed prior to a new staff member commencing in the service.
- (3) Management have introduced a checklist to ensure that all checks are carried out prior to a new staff member commencing in the service. It is mandatory for management to complete the checklist and to ensure all required documentation is in place before a new staff member commences employment.

Supporting documentation submitted

- (1)
- (a) Documentation in relation to the above has been reviewed.
- (2)
- (a)(b) Documentation in relation to the above has been reviewed.
- (d) Documentation in relation to the above has been reviewed.
- (3) Documentation in relation to the above has been reviewed.

Summary Comment

The corrective and preventive actions taken by the registered provider are sufficient to address the non-compliances under Regulation 9.

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

(2) The adult child ratios were maintained for the duration of the inspection.

Non-Compliance Information

(1) The registered providers did not ensure that an adequate number of adults were working directly with the children at all times on the day of inspection. Staff members who were available were unable to respond adequately to the care needs of the children. This is detailed under the non-compliance section of Regulation 19.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective and Preventive Action

(1) A new staff member has been employed who will support care rooms during transitions and break times. Management will ensure there is always an additional staff member available to provide cover and support during the day.

Supporting documentation submitted

(1) Documentation in relation to the above has been reviewed.

Summary Comment

The corrective and preventive actions taken by the registered provider are sufficient to address the non-compliance under Regulation 11.

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) Documentary evidence of the children’s arrival and departure times was available in the care rooms.
- (i) A record was maintained of the staff roster which was reflective of the staff present on the day.
- (k) The registered provider ensured a full record in writing was maintained for a sample of eleven accident and incident records that were reviewed on the day of inspection.

Non-Compliance Information

- (j) The registered provider did not ensure the following information was included to ensure a full record in writing could be maintained for medicine administration records:
 - A space to record the child’s date of birth was not available on the medication administration records. It is acknowledged that all other relevant information was recorded on a sample of twelve records that were reviewed on the day of inspection.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective and Preventive Action

- (j) An updated medication administration form has been implemented and will be used in the service going forward. Management held a meeting to notify staff members of the update and will ensure the new forms will be used in future.

Supporting documentation submitted

- (j) Documentation in relation to the above has been reviewed.

Summary Comment

The corrective and preventive actions taken by the registered provider are sufficient to address the non-compliance under Regulation 16.

Part V - Care of Child in Pre-school Service

Regulation 19 - Health, welfare and development of child

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

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

Compliance Information

(1)(a) The following observations were made on how each child's learning, development and well-being was facilitated within the daily life in the service:

Basic needs:

- Mealtimes were observed to be a sociable and pleasant event, with staff members sitting alongside the children, engaging in meaningful conversations and interactions. Alternative meal options were available for children with different dietary requirements, likes and dislikes.
- Individual water beakers were available to the children; staff members were observed to encourage children to drink water with gentle reminders and prompts throughout the day.
- Appropriate and respectful nappy changing procedures were observed on the day of inspection. The children who were toilet trained used the toilet independently with discreet supervision provided by staff.

Supporting relationships around children:

- Staff members were observed to use positive and respectful language on the day of inspection, engaging in meaningful interactions with the children during play, mealtimes and nappy changing.
- Daily report sheets were used to communicate with and update parents on their child's day.
- Children's artwork, photographs, family walls and birthday charts were displayed throughout the care room, supporting the children's sense of identity and links between home and the service.

Physical and material environment:

- Child sized tables and chairs were available to the children in the care rooms, facilitating a comfortable area to eat meals and take part in tabletop activities.
- Equipment and materials in the care rooms were in good working order. Materials including jigsaws and puzzles, construction toys, cars, animals, home corners with supporting equipment and a selection of books were available to the children.
- An enclosed outdoor play area was available to the children. The equipment and toys included a climbing frame, various ride on equipment and a playhouse, providing gross motor and learning opportunities for children.

Non-Compliance Information

1. A child who had recently joined and was settling into the service was observed to be upset at regular intervals throughout the day. Staff were observed to use soft tones, sit with and sing to the child to help them settle, however, staff members were not observed to use physical touch, such as hugs and cuddles, to soothe or comfort the child. Staff members also confirmed that they do not contact the parents when a child is upset or distressed during the settling in period. This is at variance with the service's settling in policy which states that children will not experience prolonged distress, and parents will be informed of such instances. Children should be appropriately comforted and reassured by their caregivers to ensure smooth transitions from home to the service, and parents should be notified in a timely manner if their child is upset or distressed for prolonged periods.
2. Practices observed in the Senior Wobbler room did not ensure timely transitions for the children in their daily routine. The following was observed:
 - Children were observed to be seated at the table. One child at a time was taken to have their nappy changed. Upon their return to the care room, they were served their dinner while other children who had not yet been changed sat at the table with no food or activity. Dinner was brought to the care room at 11:03am, the last child was served their dinner was at 11:20am.
 - When children had finished their dinner, they were encouraged to clean their hands and faces and remain seated while their friends finished eating. The children who had finished their dinner remained seated with no activity. The children were observed to be calm at first, becoming agitated and restless shortly thereafter.
 - Staff members were observed to move the small chairs from the table and place them around the care room against the wall and shelving units where the children then sat while staff members

cleaned the room after dinner and prepared for sleep time. The children were becoming visibly more agitated and restless, showing signs of tiredness and boredom and were observed moving from their chairs and climbing on top of them.

3. The transition to sleep in the Senior Wobbler room was observed to be disorganised and untimely on the day of inspection. One staff member attempted to settle nine children in low level beds who were observed to be uneasy and roll around while chatting and making noise. It is acknowledged that another staff member, who was positioned in the doorway of an adjoining care room to facilitate sufficient supervision of both care rooms, entered the Senior Wobbler room to provide support during this period.
4. Additional portions of dinner were not readily available in the Junior Wobbler room. Children were observed to eat all of their food and express a want for more. A staff member confirmed to the inspector that one portion of food is available per child. Extra servings of food should be available to the children in the event that they are still hungry at mealtimes. It is acknowledged that additional portions of food were available to the children in the Senior Wobbler room and Toddler room on the day of inspection.
5. Children in the Toddler room were observed to sleep on stackable beds without sheets. This does not provide the children with a comfortable place to sleep or rest.
6. A place for the children to rest and take part in quiet activities was not available in the Junior Wobbler room.
7. Children in the Junior Wobbler room were unable to access toys stored on high level shelving, this impeded opportunities for spontaneous play.
8. The following was observed in the outdoor play area which impeded the children's opportunities for spontaneous and imaginative play:
 - The kitchen did not have any supporting play equipment.
 - A sandpit was observed to be covered with a lid in and stored in an area that was not accessed by the children.
 - An area for quiet activities and play was not available to the children.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective and Preventive Action

1. Management held a staff meeting to discuss care needs of all children in the service. Staff members have been reminded of the importance of appropriately comforting children, calling for support if needed and informing parents if a child is upset. Management will continue to remind staff members of this during meetings and during induction for new staff members.
2. Management held a staff meeting to discuss smooth transitions during the day. A new staff member has been employed in the service and will support in the care rooms during transitions. Management will ensure that an additional staff member is available to help during transitions and the daily routine of each class.
3. Management held a staff meeting to discuss support during sleep time and a new staff member has been employed in the service who will provide support in the care rooms for all parts of the daily routine.
4. Staff members have been advised to ask for additional portions of food to ensure that there is extra for the children if it is wanted. Management have arranged to have additional portions for each care room every day.
5. Management have bought extra bed sheets and blankets. Staff members were informed of this in a staff meeting and reminded that there is additional bed linen available if required.
6. Soft cushions and pillows have been added to the cosy area to make it more comfortable for the children and it will be included in the daily check. Management have sought guidance from a quality support agency to advise on areas of interest within the care rooms.
7. The toys that were stored at a high level have been moved to lower shelving making them accessible to the children. Labels and visual aides have been added to the boxes to show the children the contents and facilitate spontaneous play. Staff members will use the high shelving to store paperwork and additional equipment. Management will include this in the daily check.
8. Management have bought a new sandpit and added supporting equipment to the kitchen. A cosy area is now available to the children in the garden. Management have sought guidance from a quality support agency.

Supporting documentation submitted

1. Documentation in relation to the above has been reviewed.
2. Documentation in relation to the above has been reviewed.
3. Documentation in relation to the above has been reviewed.
4. Documentation in relation to the above has been reviewed.
5. Documentation in relation to the above has been reviewed.
6. Photographic evidence in relation to the above has been reviewed.

7. Photographic evidence in relation to the above has been reviewed.
8. Photographic evidence in relation to the above has been reviewed.

Summary Comment

The corrective and preventive actions taken by the registered provider are sufficient to address the non-compliances under Regulation 19.

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 door leading into the service was appropriately secured to prevent the children from exiting unsupervised and to restrict unauthorised persons from gaining access to the premises. A buzzer system was in place which was managed and monitored by staff members.
- Cleaning agents were stored safely out of reach of children.
- Flexes and cords were stored safely out of reach of children.
- The kitchen area was inaccessible to the children throughout the inspection.

Infection Control:

- Foot operated pedal bins were available in the care rooms and sanitary areas to ensure the hygienic disposal of contaminated materials.
- Windows were observed to be open to allow circulation of fresh air and reduce malodour in the care rooms and sanitary accommodation.

Administration of Medication:

- Anti febrile medication was observed to be in date, stored in the correct packaging and out of the children's reach. Medication was not observed to be administered on the day of inspection.

Safe Sleep:

- Staff members were observed to physically check and record the colour, breathing and position of sleeping children every 10 minutes.
- Appropriate bed linen was in use for children sleeping in the Junior Wobbler room and Senior Wobbler room.

- The lights were observed to be dimmed, the blinds drawn and soft music played in the background.

Fire Safety:

- Fire exits were clear and unobstructed on the day of inspection.
- A notice in relation to fire safety conditions was displayed in the service indicating that no more than 20 children are permitted to be accommodated at first floor level and no child to be accommodated above the first-floor level. A review of children's attendance records confirmed that the registered providers were in adherence with these safety conditions.

Non-Compliance Information

General Safety:

1. An external door leading into the basement level of the service was not appropriately secured to prevent unauthorised persons from gaining access to the premises. An Immediate Action Notice was issued to the service in respect of this non-compliance.
2. The registered providers did not ensure that an effective method of communication was available to staff members in the service which facilitated contact between care rooms in the event that additional support was required by staff members or in the event of an emergency.
3. A robust risk assessment was not available for one adult who resided in a residential unit on the upper floor of the service which is accessed via the service entrance and hallway but does not work in the service.
4. Children's bottles were observed to be heated in a microwave before sleep time. This is not in line with best practice guidance for infant feeding and is not in line with the service policy which states that bottles must not be heated in a microwave.
5. The following was observed in the outdoor play area which posed a potential trip hazard:
 - Part of the paving which led to an external staircase was observed to be loose and lifting.
 - An area covered with artificial grass was observed to have a hole in it.
 - A tree stump was observed to be cut low to the ground level and not easily visible.

Infection Control:

6. On the day of inspection, children in the Junior Wobbler room were not observed to take part in effective hand washing practices, increasing the risk of cross contamination. This non-compliance was observed on the last inspection, dated the 2nd and 3rd of May 2024. The following was observed:
 - Children were not observed to have their hands washed after nappy changes.
 - Staff members were observed to use baby wipes to wash hands before dinner.

7. Adequate space of 50cm was not maintained between cots in the Junior Wobbler room, for example, four cots were observed to be placed between 28cm - 37cm apart, which increases the risk of cross contamination. This non-compliance was observed on the last inspection, dated the 2nd and 3rd of May 2024.
8. A cot mattress in the Junior Wobbler room was observed to be torn, exposing the internal foam. This increases the likelihood of cross contamination and cannot be cleaned effectively.
9. Children's soothers were observed to be stored loosely in a basket, increasing the risk of cross contamination.
10. The sanitary area on the basement level of the service was observed to be dirty with a sticky residue on the floor and walls, around the sink and the base of the toilet.
11. A box of toys and equipment in the outdoor play area were observed to be dirty and not maintained.

Safe Sleep:

12. Four children in the Junior Wobbler room were observed to have comforters in the cots while they slept. This poses a potential risk of suffocation. This non-compliance was observed on the last inspection, dated the 2nd and 3rd of May 2024.

Fire Safety:

13. Children's attendance records in the Toddler room were not maintained in a prompt and timely manner. Through conversation with staff members, it was confirmed that eight children were in attendance when the inspector entered the care room at 10:38am, however, upon review of attendance records at 12:07pm, there were no children recorded as being present in the Toddler room. This may prevent the safe evacuation of the children in the event of an emergency. This was a non-compliance in the Junior Wobbler room and Montessori on the previous inspection, dated 2nd and 3rd of May 2024.

Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective & Preventive Action

General Safety:

1. A new lock that can only be accessed using a key or passcode has been installed on the external door leading into the basement level. Management have updated staff members and parents about the new system to enter the service.
2. An intercom system is now in use that alerts staff members in all areas of the building so staff members can call for help or support. A communication application is also in use for staff members to communicate with each other. An additional staff member will also be available to provide support.

3. A risk assessment has been completed for one adult who resides in a residential unit on the upper floor of the service. Management have included this in the daily risk assessment and will assess the risk on a continuous basis.
4. Management held a staff meeting to update staff members about the correct way to heat bottles. The microwave is no longer used, and bottles are heated in warm water.
5. Management have removed the tree stumps, covered the holes and fixed the paving in the garden. A risk assessment will ensure that these checks will be carried out daily to prevent recurrence.

Infection Control:

6. The daily routine has been updated to ensure sufficient handwashing is completed after nappy changing and before eating. Management discussed the importance of handwashing in a staff meeting and reminded staff members to include this in the daily routine.
7. Staff members were reminded of the minimum required space between cots during a staff meeting. A visual prompt is displayed in the cot room as an additional reminder. Management will carry out daily checks in the cot and sleep rooms.
8. Management have bought a new mattress, and additional mattress covers in case older ones need to be replaced. Mattress covers will be replaced as required.
9. Management have bought separate boxes to store children's soothers individually. The daily risk assessment has been updated to include this.
10. Management have ordered new silicone covering for around the toilet. The daily risk assessment has been updated to include this.
11. The toy box has been removed from the area and disposed of. Broken equipment will be included in the daily risk assessments and any broken items will be removed immediately.

Safe Sleep:

12. Comforters will be removed from cots and beds once the children are asleep. Management will carry out daily checks in the cot and sleep rooms.

Fire Safety:

13. Management discussed this with staff members during a staff meeting. Attendance books will be checked in the morning to ensure the accurate recording of attendance.

Supporting documentation submitted

General Safety:

1. Documentation and photographic evidence in relation to the above has been reviewed.

2. Documentation and photographic evidence in relation to the above has been reviewed.
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Infection Control:

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11. Documentation in relation to the above has been reviewed.

Safe Sleep:

12. Documentation in relation to the above has been reviewed.

Fire Safety:

13. Documentation in relation to the above has been reviewed.

Summary Comment

The corrective and preventive actions taken by the registered provider are sufficient to address the non-compliances under Regulation 23.

Part VI - Safety

Regulation 26 - Fire safety measures

- (1) A registered provider shall ensure that a record in writing is kept of-*
- (a) any fire drill that takes place in the premises, and*
 - (b) the number, type and maintenance record of fire fighting equipment and smoke alarms in the premises.*
- (4) A notice of the procedures to be followed in the event of fire shall be displayed in a conspicuous position in the premises.*

Compliance Information

- (1)
- (a) A record was maintained of fire drills which had been completed in the service. The last recorded fire drill took place on 28/04/2025.
 - (b) A record was kept of the maintenance of the fire extinguishers and smoke alarms in the premises which were certified as having been serviced most recently on 02/05/2024 and 08/05/2025.
- (4) The evacuation procedure was conspicuously displayed in the service which contained details in relation to the procedure to be conducted in the event of a fire or emergency. Staff members were familiar with the emergency evacuation procedure and route.

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

The registered providers ensured that the children were adequately supervised by staff members at all times on the day of inspection.