

Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Report

Pre School

TUSLA Identifier:	TU2015KY109
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Name of Service:	Scamps & Scholars Childcare
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Address of Service:	Kilorglin Community Childcare, Langford Street, Killorglin, Co. Kerry
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Name of Registered Provider:	Elaine Scally-Doyle
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Service type:	Full Day, Part Time, Sessional
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Day 1 of Inspection:	12/03/2024
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Day 2 of Inspection:	13/03/2024
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No of pre-school children:	AM	107	PM	57
	AM	101	PM	60
Day 2	AM	101	PM	60

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Inspection undertaken by:	E. Friel
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Title:	Early Years Inspector
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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	N/A
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Description of service

Scamps & Scholars Childcare is an early years community setting offering a choice of full day, part-time and sessional services. The Early Childhood Care and Education (Scheme) is facilitated with morning sessions operating from 9.00 am until 12 noon and the afternoon sessions operating from 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm. While registered to operate from 7.30 am until 6.00 pm current opening hours are from 7.30 am until 5.45 pm, Monday to Friday for 51.5 weeks of the year. A breakfast club is available from 7.30 am until 9.00 am and a school age service operates from 1.30 pm until 5.45 pm.

Scamps & Scholars Childcare community setting is located near the rural village of Killorglin, County Kerry. The service is a two-storey purpose built early years facility. The ground floor consists of a reception area, five care rooms namely: Wobblers Junior, Wobblers Senior, Toddlers, Ladybirds and Caterpillars, an office and a professional kitchen. The first floor consists of two care rooms namely: Bumble Bees and Montessori Butterflies, an office and a staff room. In addition to the existing adult and children's sanitary facilities three new children's toilets and two new adult toilets have been built since the last inspection. A car park is located at the front of the service and age segregated secure outdoor play areas are located to the rear and side of the building.

Staffing

There are 41 adults in the setting, thirty-one of whom work directly with the children and this number includes 3 AIM Support Workers. In addition, there are 3 administrators, 2 kitchen staff, 1 cleaner and 4 students on placement. The registered provider does not work in the setting.

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, premises and facilities. The inspection may also focus on other areas as required.

Inspection findings are documented in the inspection report which is first issued in draft format to the service with an opportunity to respond to any findings. Where statutory requirements are identified as not being met, the 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 inspector wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the person in charge, deputy person in charge, named persons, staff and children who were present on the day of the inspection.

Part II - Registration and Register

Regulation 8 - Notification of change in circumstances

(1) A registered provider of a pre-school service other than a temporary pre-school service shall, subject to paragraph (3), notify the Agency in writing of any proposed change in the details in relation to the pre-school service contained in the register pursuant to section 58C (2) of the Act or Regulation 7(2) at least 60 days before it is proposed that the change would take effect.

Non-Compliance Information

(1) The registered provider failed to notify the Agency of the change in details of the designated person in charge, leading to incorrect information being recorded on Tusla's National Register.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective and Preventive Action

(1) A Change in Circumstances was submitted to Tusla informing the agency of the change of Designated Person In Charge.

Supporting documentation submitted

(1) Confirmation of the Change of the Designated Person in Charge was received in the office of the inspectorate on 19 March 2024 confirming the change in circumstances.

Summary Comment

The non-compliance identified under Regulation 8 has been addressed.

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.

(4) A registered provider shall ensure that, without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (2) and subject to paragraphs (5) and (6), each employee working directly with children attending the service holds at least a major

award in Early childhood Care and Education at Level 5 on the National Qualifications Framework or a qualification deemed by the Minister to be equivalent.

Compliance Information

- (1)
- (a) The registered provider ensured that there was a designated person in charge, deputy and named persons available on the premises. Both the designated person in charge and the deputy were on the premises when the inspector arrived.
 - (b) The staff roster indicated that either the designated person in charge, deputy and/or named persons were on the premises while the early years children were present in the service.
 - (c) There was a clear management structure displayed with photographs and roles and responsibilities in the reception area of the service.
- (2) Recruitment files for all 42 adults, including the registered provider, were reviewed;
- (a) There were 44 validated references from previous employers
 - (b) There were 38 validated references from sources other than previous employers.
 - (c) Garda vetting disclosures had been obtained for all adults for whom they were required. The service also demonstrated compliance with the Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Notice requiring services to renew Garda vetting every three years.
- (4) Thirty-one staff members working directly with the children held at least a major award in Early Childhood Care and Education at level 5 or above on the National Framework of Qualifications. The eleven additional adults did not require child care qualifications.

Non-Compliance Information

- (2)
- (a) (b) Two adults were missing one reference and one validation each. Future changes will be notified as required to Tusla.
 - (d) Two international police disclosures were missing in respect of two adults who had lived outside the state for six consecutive months or more as adults.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective and Preventive Action

The following statements were received from the registered provider;

(2) (a) (b) One adult has since left the service therefore, we have been unable to attain a second reference and validation.

(d) Both adults have applied for their international vetting disclosures.

Supporting documentation submitted

(2) (a) (b) The statement from the registered provider that the adult has left the service, and they cannot attain the second reference and validation has been accepted. The second adult's reference and validation remain outstanding.

(d) The statement from the registered provider has been accepted.

Summary Comment

One non-compliance identified under Regulation 9 (2) (a) (b) remains outstanding and will be addressed at 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 preschool service shall ensure that there are at least 2 adults on the premises at all times

Compliance Information

(1) The registered provider ensured that there were an adequate number of adults working directly with the early

years children at all times during the period of inspection.

(2) The adult child ratios were met on both days of inspection.

Days	Room	Staff Morning	Staff Afternoon
Day 1	Wobblers Junior (1 year – 2 year)	There were 8 children supervised by 2 adults. A student was on placement	There were 7 children supervised by 2 adults.
Day 2	Wobblers Junior	There were 7 children supervised by 2 adults. A student was on placement.	There were 8 children supervised by 3 adults.
Day 1	Wobblers Senior (2 years – 2 years 3 months)	There were 10 children being supervised by 3 adults.	There were 10 children sleeping/resting supervised by 2 adults.
Day 2	Wobblers Senior	There were 10 children supervised by 3 adults. A student was on placement.	There were 10 children in total in this area, 3 were resting and 7 were asleep.
Day 1	Toddlers (2 years - 3 years)	There were 15 children supervised by 3 adults. A student was on placement.	
Day 2	Toddlers	There were 11 children supervised by 3 adults.	
Day 1	Caterpillars (2 years 8 months – 5 years)	There were 23 children supervised by 3 adults.	There were 16 children supervised by 2 adults.
Day 2	Caterpillars	There were 23 children supervised by 3 adults.	There were 15 children supervised 2 adults.
Day 1	Ladybirds (2 years 8 months – 5 years)	There were 18 children supervised by 3 adults.	There were 7 children asleep supervised by 2 adults.
Day 2	Ladybirds	There were 18 children supervised by 3 adults. A student was on placement.	There were 9 children asleep supervised by 2 adults.

Day 1	Bumble Bees (3 years – 5 years)	There were 12 children supervised by 3 adults.	
Day 2	Bumble Bees	There were 13 children supervised by 3 adults.	
Day 1	Montessori Butterflies (3 years – 5 years)	There were 21 children supervised by 4 adults.	There were 17 children supervised by 3 adults.
Day 2	Montessori Butterflies	There were 19 children supervised by 4 adults.	There were 18 children supervised by 3 adults.

(8) (a) The staff roster evidenced that there were at least two adults in the service at all times while the early years children were present.

Part IV – Information and Records

Regulation 15 – Record of pre-school child

(1) A registered provider of a pre-school service other than a pre-school service in a drop-in centre or a temporary pre-school service shall ensure that a record in writing is kept in respect of each pre-school child attending the service containing the following particulars:

(f) details of any illness, disability, allergy or special need of the child, together with all the information relevant to the provision of special care or attention.

Non-Compliance Information

(f) There were no individual care plans with relevant information for the provision of care for three children in the Montessori Butterflies care room and for two children in the Bumble Bees care room who had individual medical conditions. In conversation with the staff in both care rooms, it was stated that individual care plans for each of the children were not available.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective and Preventive Action

The following statement were received from the registered provider;

(f) Two individual care plans were returned by parents/guardians. The three remaining parents/guardians have stated their children do not require medication. It was explained to parents/guardians that medication for a chronic illness cannot be administered without an individual care plan in place.

Supporting documentation submitted

(f) Two individual care plans were received in the office of the inspectorate. The statement from the registered provider with regards to the additional three children has been accepted.

Summary Comment

The non-compliance identified under this Regulation has been addressed.

Part IV – Information and Records

Regulation 16 – Record in relation to pre-school service

(1) A registered provider shall ensure that a record in writing is kept of the following information in relation to the service:

- (a) the name, position, qualifications and experience of the person in charge and of every other employee, unpaid worker and contractor;*
- (b) details of the class of service and the age profile of children for which the service is registered to provide services;*
- (c) details of the adult: child ratios in the service;*
- (d) the type of care or programme provided in the service;*
- (e) the facilities available;*
- (f) the opening hours and fees;*
- (g) the policies, procedures and statements the service is required to maintain in accordance with Regulation 10;*
- (h) details of attendance by each pre-school child on a daily basis;*
- (i) details of staff rosters on a daily basis;*
- (j) details of any medication administered to a pre-school child attending the service with signed parental consent;*
- (k) details of any accident, injury or incident involving a pre-school child attending the service.*

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

Compliance Information

- (1) (a) The name, position, qualifications and experience of the registered provider, manager, deputy, named persons and staff were available in the staff recruitment files available in the service.
- (b) Details of the class of service and the age profile of children for which the service is registered to provide was available on the Tusla certificate displayed in the service and in the service's information booklet.
- (c), (d) (e) & (f) Adults/child ratios, type of care programme, facilities available, opening hours and fees were available in the service information booklet.
- (g) The policies, procedures and statements required under Regulation 10 were available in the service's policies and procedures folder.
- (h) Details of attendance by each early years child was recorded in the attendance records available in each care room.
- (i) Details of daily staff rosters were presented to the inspector on arrival.
- (j) Administration of medication forms were available in both the Montessori Butterfly and Bumble Bees care rooms which had been signed by staff, management and parents.
- (3) The records referred to in paragraph (1) were open to review by the inspector.

Non-Compliance Information

- (k) The inspector observed that two accident/incident forms, from a sample of twenty-six accident/incident reports reviewed from all care rooms, had not been signed by parents/guardians. This potentially poses a risk that the parents/guardians were unaware of any accident or incident having taken place, and subsequently the first aid and care response provided.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective and Preventive Action

- (k) Both accident/incident forms have been signed. A staff member has been assigned to ensure all forms are signed.

Supporting documentation submitted

(k) Two copies of signed accident/incident reports were received in the office of the inspectorate.

Summary Comment

The non-compliance identified under Regulation 16 (k) has been addressed.

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-

- (a) having regard to the number of pre-school children attending the service, their respective ages and the amount of time they spend on the premises, there are adequate and suitable facilities for each child to play indoors and, where required by these Regulations, outdoors, during the day, and
- (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.

Compliance Information

- (1)
- (a) There were adequate and suitable facilities for children to play both indoors and outdoors.
- Each of the indoor care rooms were laid out in clearly defined areas with age and stage appropriate toys and equipment which provided opportunities to enhance the learning needs of the children across all developmental areas.
 - The secure outdoor areas were fenced and separated by age group with the Wobblers Juniors and Seniors having direct access to secure outdoor play areas which had safety matting under foot. The older children had shared access to three additional outdoor play areas. A range of developmentally appropriate equipment was provided in each fully secured outdoor play area, examples of which included a large climber on wooden bus and combine harvester with a slide and tunnel promoting gross motor skills of climbing and crawling; a mud kitchen and wooden hut with a home corner providing imaginary play opportunities and a fully enclosed sand area for engaging in sensory play.

(b) Throughout the two days of inspection there were three care rooms in use as sleep rooms after lunch as detailed below;

Wobblers Junior

There were six children asleep on day one and eight asleep on day two in cots with cellular blankets. The cots were placed at least 50 cm apart and there was ambient lighting in the room in order that the staff could supervise the children. The sleep room temperature was recorded as 19°C.

Wobblers Senior

There were nine children on stackable beds with appropriate linen and one child in a cot on day one and day two of inspection. The sleep room temperature was recorded as 22 °C.

Ladybirds (In use as a sleep room after lunch for the children from the Toddlers care room)

There were seven children asleep on day one and nine asleep on day two on stackable beds with pillows and cellular blankets. The beds were placed at least 50 cm apart and there was ambient lighting in the rooms and the room temperature was recorded as 21.7°C.

The inspector observed that sleep records, in which staff recorded the position, breathing and colour of each child, were available on a software package on a tablet in each of the care rooms. Children in each care room who wished to sit quietly, or rest had access to rest areas fitted with soft furnishings including sofas and chairs. The adult/child ratios were maintained in each of the care rooms during the sleep period and provision was made for children who were awake.

Part V - Care of Child in Pre-school Service

Regulation 22 – Food and drink

A registered provider shall ensure that adequate and suitable, nutritious and varied food and drink is available for each pre-school child attending the pre-school service.

Compliance Information

The food served on the two days of inspection was observed to be healthy and nutritious.

- Snacks and meals were prepared on site daily by the kitchen staff and provided regularly throughout the day.
- Breakfast was available in the morning from 7.30 am and children were provided with mid-morning snack at 10.00 am and again in the afternoon at 3.00 pm where children in the Wobbler Junior care room were observed eating scones, banana and cheese on day one of inspection.
- Lunch, which was served after 12 noon on day one, was observed to consist of curry and rice, and on day two of stew, potatoes and vegetables. Alternative food was available, if required. Children in the

Montessori Butterflies, Caterpillar and Wobbler Junior care rooms were observed to have access to water throughout the day.

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:

- New entrance doors had been installed since the last inspection and were secured upon arrival with a buzzer, preventing unauthorised adults from entering the service. Exiting the building was by way of an electronic switch, located high on the indoor frame of the door, which was inaccessible by the children.
- Low-level glass panels were decorated with children's art work for example, shamrocks on the glass door panel in the Montessori Butterflies care room to prevent children from accidentally banging into them.
- All windows and skylights were fitted with restrictive opening devices, preventing children from exiting or falling from them.
- Blind cords were observed to be secured on hooks in the Wobblers Junior care room, out of reach of the children.
- Adults coats in the Montessori Butterflies and Caterpillars care rooms were stored out of reach of the children.
- The staircase was lit with both artificial light and light from the skylight enabling the children to see where they are going.
- Handrails were available on the staircase helping children to navigate their way. In addition, the inspector observed staff escorting the children individually from the top to the bottom of the stairs.
- All flexes and cables were stored out of reach of the children in the Wobblers Junior care room.
- Fridges in the care rooms were fitted with child proof locks preventing the children from gaining access to the contents.
- Cleaning agents were observed to be stored on high shelves in the care rooms inaccessible by the children.
- The main kitchen on the ground floor was inaccessible to the children.

- The outdoor play perimeters were secured with metal fencing, wooden panelling and bolted gates preventing children from leaving the areas unsupervised or unauthorised adults from entering.
- Steel support poles in the outdoor areas were fitted with foam padding to prevent injury.

Infection Control:

- All staff and children had access to wash hand basins with thermostatically controlled hot water ranging in temperature from 28.2°C - 35.6°C, dispensing soap, paper towels from a dispenser and pedal operated bins in which to dispose of the paper refuse.
- Toilet cleaning checklists were observed to be completed and up to date in the Bumble Bees sanitary area.
- Windows in the care rooms were observed to be opened facilitating the circulation of fresh air.
- The two nappy changing units and mats in use in the Toddler changing area were observed to be clean and in a good state of repair. Each unit was supplied with disposable gloves and aprons and children's individually labelled baskets with personal supplies were provided nearby.
- Staff were observed disinfecting the mats and areas after use with antibacterial spray and paper towels.
- Each child's mattress and bed linen were individually labelled ensuring each child had access to their own personal sleep equipment, aiding in the prevention of cross infection.
- Children in the Caterpillars care room were observed accessing the sanitary area independently with staff heard reminding the children to wash their hands after using the toilet.
- A sterilising solution was observed in use in the Wobblers Junior care room for soothers and mouthed toys, aiding in the prevention of cross infection.

Administration of Medication:

- Anti-febrile medication was stored in its original container and was placed out of reach of the children.

Safe Sleep:

- Rest/quiet areas where children could sit away from noisy activities were provided in each of the care rooms.
- Three sleep areas were in use for children who wished to sleep/rest after lunch which were supervised by the appropriate number of adults.

Fire Safety:

- All emergency fire doors were unobstructed.
- The fire assembly sign was visible in the outdoor play area.

Non-Compliance Information

General Safety:

- (1) Two giant dolls houses were observed to be unsecured, one in the Montessori Butterflies and one in the Caterpillar care rooms, posing a potential safety risk from them tipping or falling on the children.
- (2) One of the children's highchairs in the Wobblers Senior care room was fitted with a three-way harness and not a five-way harness, posing a safety risk of a child climbing out over the top of the seat as there were no reins for a child's shoulders.
- (3) Three wooden benches in the outdoor play area were in a poor state of repair. The inspector observed that the wood on three of the bench seats was splintered posing a safety risk should a child injury themselves from sitting on the missing and splintered wood.
- (4) A cot in use in the Toddler sleep room was placed under a notice board which had protruding pins inserted into it, posing a safety risk should a pin drop into the cot of a sleeping child. This non-compliance was also noted on the last inspection on 21 February 2023 in the Wobbler care room in which the registered provider stated that staff had been informed on the need to be vigilant regarding the immediate environment surrounding the cots, this was not found on the day of inspection.

Infection Control:

- (5) A red vinyl sofa in the outdoor play area had four areas of exposed foam making it difficult to keep clean.
- (6) Exposed foam was visible, and stitching was open on vinyl seating in the Wobblers Junior and Senior care rooms, preventing effective cleaning of the soft furnishings.
- (7) Children in the Wobblers Junior care room had access to two rows of high chairs stacked three chairs high, posing a safety risk should they tip or fall on the wobbling children in the care room.

Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective & Preventive Action

The following statements were received from the registered provider;

General Safety:

- (1) Both doll's houses have been secured. These have been added to the health and safety checklist.
- (2) The high chairs have been removed from the Wobbler Senior care room. High chairs have been added to the health and safety checklist.
- (3) The three wooden benches in the outdoor area were removed and sent for refurbishment.
- (4) The cot was moved to ensure that no pins could fall into it or onto a child while sleeping. Staff have been

reminded to check the area and to ensure that no cot is placed under the notice board.

Infection Control:

(5) (6) The soft furnishings were removed. Alternative soft furnishings are being considered which are more durable.

(7) The chairs have been removed when not in use. These have been added to the health and safety checklist.

Supporting documentation submitted

General Safety:

(1) The statement from the registered provider has been accepted.

(2) A photograph of the high chairs visible in the storage cupboard were received in the office of the inspectorate.

(3) The statement from the registered provider has been accepted.

(4) Photographs of the repositioned cot in the Toddler sleep room were received in the office of the inspectorate.

Infection Control:

(5) (6) (7) The statements from the registered provider have been accepted.

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) Certificates were available to evidence that six adults had completed First Aid Responder (FAR) training. The staff roster confirmed that a person trained in first aid was available at all times.

(2) (a) (b) The two first aid bags, located on the ground and first floor were within reach of the adults in the

service and were available at all times.

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 firefighting equipment and smoke alarms in the premises.
- (2) The record referred to in paragraph (1) shall be open to inspection by-
- (c) an authorised person.
- (4) A notice of the procedures to be followed in the event of fire shall be displayed in a conspicuous position in the premises.

Compliance Information

- (1)
- (a) Written records of monthly fire drills were available in the service. The last fire drill recorded was dated 28 February 2024, with previous dates including 24 January 2024 and 22 December 2023.
 - (b) Written records were available recording the number, type and maintenance records of the firefighting equipment and the smoke alarms. The firefighting equipment certificate was dated December 2023 and the smoke alarm certificate was dated 27 October 2023.
- (2)
- (c) All records referred to in paragraph (1) were open to review by the inspector.
- (4) The fire drill routines were located on the wall of the care room.

Part VI - Safety

Regulation 28 - Insurance

A registered provider shall ensure that the pre-school service is adequately insured.

Compliance Information

A certificate of insurance, with an expiry date of the 28 February 2025, was available to evidence that the service had cover for 135 children at any one time.

Part VII - Premises and Space Requirements

Regulation 29 - Premises

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

- (a) of sound and stable structure,*
- (b) safe and secure,*
- (c) kept adequately lit, heated and ventilated*
- (e) equipped with adequate and suitable sanitary facilities.*

Compliance Information

- (a) The manager stated that the service was of sound and stable structure.
- (b) New entrance doors with a buzzer system had been installed and the outdoor perimeter was secured with high metal fencing, wooden panelling and bolted gates.
- (c) The care rooms were well lit with both artificial and natural light, heated, and open windows and clean air vents were visible which provided adequate ventilation.
- (e) The ongoing issue of the lack of adult and children's sanitary facilities, which had temporarily been resolved with the installation of a portacabin with the required adult and child sanitary facilities following a regulatory compliance meeting held on 17 June 2022, has been resolved. Three additional children's toilets and two adult toilets with corresponding wash hand basins have been permanently installed since the last inspection on 21 February 2023.