

Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Report

Pre School

TUSLA Identifier:	TU2015LS011
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Name of Service:	The Village Creche
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Address of Service:	Bog Road, Ballyroan, Co. Laois
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Name of Registered Provider:	Edith O'Sullivan
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Service type:	Full Day, Part Time, Sessional
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Date of Inspection:	25/02/2026
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No of pre-school children:	AM	52	PM	41
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Address of the Early Years Inspectorate:	Early Years Inspectorate, Tusla, Child and Family Agency, Primary Care Centre, Church Avenue, Tullamore, Co. Offaly.
Inspection undertaken by:	K. Murphy & C. O'Connor Hughes
Title:	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).

Conditions if applicable	Not applicable.
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Description of service

This service is registered as a full day care service to accommodate children aged 0 to 6 years of age. The service is registered to operate between the hours of 08:00 and 18:00 on a Monday to Friday basis.

Six pre-school rooms identified as Beetle, Caterpillar, Butterfly, Ladybird, Dragonfly and Busy Bee, two sleep rooms, a kitchen, a sensory room and an office are provided. The Dragonfly room was not in operation during the inspection and enrolled children were incorporated into the Butterfly room. Outdoor play areas are attached to the rear and side of the premises. The service is located in a rural area in the village of Ballyroan, County Laois.

Staffing

The registered provider employs eighteen adults in the service including a cook and an administrator. The deputy person in charge and ten adults were working with the children on the 25 February 2025. The registered provider does not work with children 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/ health, welfare and development of child/ safety/ premises and facilities. The inspection may also focus on other areas as required.

Regulation 8 - Notification of Change in Circumstances

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Regulation 9- Management and recruitment - (1)(a)(b) (2)(a)(b)(c)(d) (4)

Regulation 11 -Staffing levels - (1) (3) (8)(a)

Regulation 16- Record of a pre-school service – (1) (c)(h)(i)(k)

Regulation 19- Health, welfare and development of child - (1)(a)

Regulation 20 – Facilities for Rest and Play - (1)(a)(b) (3)(a)

Regulation 23- Safeguarding health, safety and welfare of child

Regulation 25- First aid - (1) (2)(a)(b)

Regulation 26 -Fire safety measures - (1)(a)(b) (4)

Regulation 27- Supervision

Regulation 28 – Insurance

Regulation 29 – Premises (e)

A sampling process was used to assess compliance under regulation:

Regulation 19- Health, welfare and development of child - (1)(a)

Regulation 23- Safeguarding health, safety and welfare of child

Regulation 27- Supervision

As a result, the scope of the inspection included the following rooms, Busy Bee (aged 1 to 2 years), Caterpillar (aged 2 to 3 years) Beetle (aged 3-4 years) and Purple Ants (aged 3-5 years).

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.

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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 in respect of Regulation 23 - Safeguarding health, safety and welfare of child was issued to the registered provider on 26 February 2026. The response submitted by the registered provider on the 27 February 2026 was accepted by Tusla.

Acknowledgments

The inspectors wish to acknowledge the cooperation of the deputy person in charge, 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 did not submit the required notification of proposed change in circumstances to notify Tusla in advance of changes being made to the person in charge and the email address for the service.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective and Preventive Action

(1)
The person in charge stated in the response that a change in circumstance was submitted to Tusla in respect of a change to the person in charge. (Acknowledgment included).
The registered provider has decided to keep the original service email address.

Summary Comment

In respect of the corrective actions taken documentary evidence was submitted to the office of the Early Years Inspectorate, reviewed by the Early Years Inspector and deemed to meet the regulatory requirement.

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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*

(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 deputy person in charge and other named persons were available in the service.

(b)

The deputy person in charge was present for the duration of the inspection.

Following a review of previous inspection information, information available on inspection and discussion with the person in charge it was determined that seven staff members had commenced in the service since the last inspection on the 07 July 2025. The staff files were reviewed, and the following was noted.

(2)(a)(b)

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Two written validated references were available from past employers or sources other than a previous employer in respect of the seven new staff members.

(c)

A Garda Vetting disclosure was available in respect of the seven staff members.

The service demonstrated compliance with the Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Notice requiring services to renew Garda vetting every three years. An in date garda vetting disclosure was available for three staff members which required renewal since the last inspection on the 07 July 2025.

(d)

No new staff members had lived outside the state for a period of longer than six consecutive months.

(4)

The new staff members of which four were working directly with children attending the service held a major award in Early Childhood Care and Education at level 5 or 6 on the National Framework of Qualifications.

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)

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The minimum ratio of adults to children was maintained during the inspection in the two junior pre-school rooms Ladybird and Beetle and the two senior pre-school rooms Butterfly and Purple Ants. The Dragonfly room was not in operation during the inspection and assigned children were accommodated in the Butterfly room.

(2)

There were fifty-two children attending the service supervised directly by eleven adults in the morning. There were forty-one children present in the afternoon supervised by ten adults.

(8)(a)

The staff roster reviewed indicated that two adults are on the premises during the hours of operation.

Non-Compliance Information

(2)

1. It was observed by the inspectors at 10:30 during the initial walk about of the service that the minimum ratio of adults to children was not maintained in the wobbler room (Busy Bee). One adult was present with six children aged 1-2 years attending on a part time or full day care basis. Two adults were required.
2. It was observed by the inspectors at 10:35 during the initial walk about of the service that the minimum ratio of adults to children was not maintained in the toddler room (Caterpillar). One adult was present with seven children aged 2-3 years attending on a part time or full day care basis. Two adults were required.

It is acknowledged that once identified by the inspectors the deputy person in charge took an immediate corrective action and reallocated staff to meet the minimum adult to child ratio requirements in the Busy bee and Caterpillar rooms.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective and Preventive Action

(1)(2)

The person in charge stated in the response that the movement of children between rooms has rectified the adult: child ratio. (Room allocation and ratios included).

Summary Comment

In respect of the corrective actions taken documentary evidence was submitted to the office of the Early Years Inspectorate, reviewed by the Early Years Inspector and deemed to meet the regulatory requirement. The practices as stated will be reviewed on the next inspection.

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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:

(c) details of the adult: child ratios in the service;

(h) details of attendance by each pre-school child on a daily basis;

(i) details of staff rosters on a daily basis;

(k) details of any accident, injury or incident involving a pre-school child attending the service.

Compliance Information

(1)(c)

Details of the adult: child ratios were documented and reviewed for the pre-school rooms.

(h)

Details of children's daily attendance in the service was documented in the child attendance record in the service.

(i)

A staff roster was available for review with details of staff attendance and staff break cover in the pre-school rooms.

(k)

Further to the corrective action stated from the previous inspection on the 7 July 2025 twelve incident and accident forms in respect of children were reviewed and signed by parents.

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Part V - Care of Child in Pre-school Service

Regulation 19 - Health, welfare and development of child

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

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

Compliance Information

(1)(a)

Busy Bee and Caterpillar rooms

The children were happily engaged in free play activities in the indoor and outdoor environments supported by staff members. Children enjoyed freedom of movement as they explored the various play opportunities. The younger children slept in a in a restful atmosphere in the adjacent sleep room. Regular nappy changes were carried out for children attending both rooms. Good communication between the child and staff member was observed. Children were encouraged to be independent as they washed their hands before dinner supervised by staff members. Younger children's clothes were protected as they wore bibs while eating their main meal. The dinner consisted of beef curry, vegetables and rice with milk and water to drink. Children were encouraged to feed themselves and were assisted as required. Babies sat in highchairs and staff sat with them while feeding encouraging positive interactions and conversations. The staff were positive towards children and were familiar with each child, their personalities and their daily routines. Staff used children's individual names, maintained eye contact and conversed with the children during play activities and at mealtimes. Hugs and cuddles were given to children requiring support and reassurance. Both rooms were bright and colourful with children's artwork and posters displayed including "our family tree" and "welcome to the jungle". Low level tables and chairs were in place. Age and stage appropriate toys and materials were accessible to children on low level shelving.

Beetle and Purple Ants rooms

The children were supported to be self-caring, suitable to their age and stage of development including self-feeding, self-toileting and caring for their belongings. The children went to the dining area which was co-located within the kitchen area for their dinner. The main meal was freshly prepared on site and the children were offered water and milk to drink at this time.

Children enjoyed freedom of movement in the pre-school rooms and outdoors. The children were observed to engage in some seasonal craft activity including painting, cutting and sticking.

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Adults were observed to be positive towards children evidenced by individual names used, eye contact and praise for children on completion of activities. Play equipment and materials were accessible to children on low level shelving. Materials included paint, play dough, dolls, dolls houses, trucks and animals. Fine motor skill toys including puzzles, blocks, pegboards, jigsaws and shape sorters. Children's artwork was noted in the pre-school rooms.

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.

(3) A registered provider of a full day care service, a part-time day care service or a childminding service, other than such a service to which paragraph (2) applies, shall ensure that-

(a) a suitable, safe and secure outdoor space to which the pre-school children attending the service have access on a daily basis is provided on the premises.

Compliance Information

(1)(a)

Suitable play equipment was provided indoors which included toys and equipment for construction, tabletop activities, arts and crafts and home corners in the Beetle, Purple Ants, Caterpillar and Busy Bee rooms. In the outdoor play areas toys and equipment included trikes, bikes and small slides.

(b)

A separate sleep room was provided for the young children attending the Busy Bee room and equipped with seven cots. In the second sleep room sleep beds were provided for children attending the Caterpillar room to sleep. Cosy rest areas and soft furnishings were provided in the Caterpillar, Busy Bee, Purple Ants and Beetle rooms for children to rest or relax.

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Further to the corrective action stated from the previous inspection on the 7 July 2025 waterproof mattresses were in place on the seven mattresses in the Caterpillar sleep room.

(3)(a)

Further to the corrective action stated from the previous inspection on the 7 July 2025 the surface of the outdoor play area has now been replaced and a suitable outdoor play space is now provided on the premises.

Non-Compliance Information

(1)(b)

1. A fifty-centimetre space was not in place between the cots in the sleep room.

It is acknowledged that the deputy person in charge took a corrective action and removed two cots that were not in use to allow for a fifty-centimetre space between the remaining five cots in the sleep room.

This non-compliance was noted on the last inspection on the 7 July 2025.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective and Preventive Action

(1)(b)

The person in charge stated in the response that two cots that were not in use have been removed, leaving 50cm space between each cot. There are now 6 cots in the sleep room. (Photographs included).

Summary Comment

In respect of the corrective actions taken documentary evidence was submitted to the office of the Early Years Inspectorate, reviewed by the Early Years Inspector and deemed to meet the regulatory requirement.

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 inspectors signed the visitors book on arrival. Further to the corrective action stated from the previous inspection on the 7 July 2025 the following was observed.

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- Individual children were brought to the nappy changing area by the staff member from the Busy Bee and Caterpillar rooms.
- Fire safe restrictive opening devices were in place on the windows in the pre-school rooms and sleep rooms to the front of the service.
- Visibility strips were in place on the patio doors in the pre-school rooms for children to recognise glass.
- The chairs for children attending the Caterpillar(wobbler)room were an appropriate fit for the children.
- A walk in storage area on the main corridor had been secured with a high lock.
- The floor mats in the baby room had been replaced with non-slip mats.
- Limited manager safety checklists for the indoor and outdoor environments were in place in the service.

Infection Control:

- Children were observed to wash their hands before snacks and after using the toilet.
- Soothers were stored correctly in individual containers in the Busy Bee and Caterpillar rooms.
- Correct hygiene procedures were observed as staff were observed to clean children's noses and washed their hands after wiping.
- Toys and equipment were easily cleanable. Cleaning schedules were available for review.
- Windows were open to allow for natural ventilation in the pre-school rooms.
- Refrigerators were available for the storage of perishable goods.
- Further to the corrective action stated from the previous inspection on the 7 July 2025 children's clothes and wellington boots had been relocated from the sanitary accommodation.
- Further to the corrective action stated from the previous inspection on the 7 July 2025 appropriate nappy changing practice was observed with the exception of the non-compliance noted below.
- Further to the corrective action stated from the previous inspection on the 7 July 2025 one-foot operated pedal bin was in place in the sanitary accommodation adjacent to the Caterpillar and Butterfly rooms.

Administration of Medication:

- A temperature reducing medication was available in the service and stored correctly.

Safe Sleep:

- A record of the colour, position and breathing of sleeping children was noted on a sleep log for children attending the Busy Bee room.
- Staff carried out a visual check every ten minutes on sleeping children. The sleep room temperature was recorded at 20.5 degrees Celsius. A thermometer was noted in the Caterpillar sleep room.

Fire Safety:

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- Fire exit routes were unobstructed in the service and a fire assembly point was in place to the front and to the rear of the building.

Non-Compliance Information

General Safety:

1. All access gates were unsecured creating the possibility of unauthorised entry and access to the outdoor play areas, the main premises building and to the three standalone buildings on the grounds of the service.
An immediate action notice in respect of Regulation 23 Safety was issued to the registered provider on 26 February 2026.
2. One of the fire evacuation doors in the Purple Ants room equipped with panic hardware and openable by means of a simple push of a horizontal bar and opened directly onto the rear driveway of the home of the registered provider. The door was not alarmed therefore no notice could be given in the event of a child opening the door, exiting the Purple Ants room and gaining access to the rear driveway of the home of the registered provider.
3. There was no physical barrier in place to prevent children from accessing the car park area located to the front of the premises at collection time. This presented a potential risk to children's safety due to the presence of moving vehicles in the car park.
4. In the sanitary accommodation adjacent to the Purple Ants room the sliding doors of the cubicles were not secure and could move forward and backward which posed a potential injury risk to children who used the toilet independent of an adult.
5. A long hanging cable from the listening monitor in the sleep room adjacent to the Busy Bee room was noted trailing over two electrical sockets and within reach of a child in a cot which posed a potential risk of harm.
6. The kitchen and the contents within were accessible to children at times during the inspection as the stairgate was not closed when the staff member left the kitchen which posed a potential risk of harm.
This non-compliance was noted on the last inspection on the 7 July 2025.
7. The office and the contents within were accessible to children at times during the inspection as the door was not closed which posed a potential risk of harm.
This non-compliance was noted on the last inspection on the 7 July 2025.
8. The newly developed manager safety checklists did not include sufficient detail to ensure that potential hazards were recognised and eliminated including but not limited to water temperature, radiator

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temperature, child safety cupboard locks, waste bins, operational ventilation in the sanitary accommodation, broken toys, exit doors and routes and building access.

Infection Control:

1. No handwashing was observed by both staff members prior to changing the children's nappies which posed a potential infection control risk.
This non-compliance was noted on the last inspection on the 7 July 2025.
2. The doors of the sanitary accommodation incorporating nappy changing remained open during the inspection which posed a potential infection control risk.
This non-compliance was noted on the last inspection on the 7 July 2025.
3. In the sanitary accommodation incorporating the nappy changing area cleaning solutions were decanted into a bottle without content label or instructions for use attached.
This non-compliance was noted on the last inspection on the 7 July 2025.
4. Waste was accessible to children in the sanitary accommodation adjacent to the Butterfly, Purple Ants and the Beetle rooms which posed a potential infection control risk.
This non-compliance was noted on the last inspection on the 7 July 2025.

Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective & Preventive Action

General Safety:

The person in charge stated in the response that:

1. On Thursday 26th February an immediate action was taken, the side gates were secured and all entry was through the front door only for all classes. The electrician has now fitted a permanent electromagnetic device with keypad to both gates, that will only be used by staff. Parents drop off and collection point is at front door. (Photographs included).
2. The fire door in Purple Ants room has been fitted with an alarm. (Photographs included).
3. The service had a health and safety assessment conducted to be sure any changes are in line with fire safety, ambulance and wheelchair access. A barrier was ordered to be made that meet this requirement and is due to be fitted which will be a permanent structure. (Sample type photograph included).
4. The sliding door has been secured and a stopper to prevent door from being derailed has been installed. (Photographs included).

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5. A shelf has been fitted in the sleep room and the monitor and cable are safely secured. (Photograph included).
6. In respect of the kitchen, signs have been placed on the gate and all staff have been made aware that the gate must be always closed. (Photograph included).
7. In respect of the office administrative and management staff have been made aware that the door must be always closed. (Photograph included).
8. Indoor and outdoor monthly checklists were completed following the July 2025 inspection by management and we have now introduced individual classroom checklists also. (Photograph included).

Infection Control:

The person in charge stated in the response that:

1. Visual reminders for handwashing have been placed in the nappy changing areas and all staff have been re-trained in procedures. We are happy to observe staff using correct steps. (Photograph included).
2. Staff have been made aware and signs have been placed on doors. (Photograph included).
3. Our industry supplier was contacted and we have appropriate labelled bottles and instructions for staff. (Photograph included).
4. All bins in sanitary accommodation are no longer accessible to children. (Photograph included).

Summary Comment

In respect of the corrective actions taken documentary evidence was submitted to the office of the Early Years Inspectorate, reviewed by the Early Years Inspector and deemed to meet the regulatory requirement with the exception of General Safety – number 3 which remains outstanding until the building works are completed. The practices as stated will be reviewed on the next inspection.

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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)

Four adults were qualified in First Aid response (FAR) and were available on the premises during some hours of operation.

(2)(a)

A fully equipped first aid box was readily available in the service.

(b)

A first aid box was accessible to the adults caring for the children in the pre-school service.

Non-Compliance Information

(1)

An adult qualified in First Aid response (FAR) was not rostered to be available on the premises between 08:00 - 08:30 on 25 February 2026.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective and Preventive Action

(1)

The person in charge stated in the response that on site FAR training has been arranged for 10 staff. This will provide the service with FAR cover in all eventualities. (Additional FAR certificate and group training confirmation included).

Summary Comment

In respect of the corrective actions taken documentary evidence was submitted to the office of the Early Years Inspectorate, reviewed by the Early Years Inspector and deemed to meet the regulatory requirement.

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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.*
- (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 record for the completed fire drills was available on the premises. The last fire drill was recorded as taking place on the 22 December 2025. Regular monthly fire drills were recorded for 2025.
- (b)
- A record was available demonstrating the number, type and maintenance of the firefighting equipment and smoke alarms on the premises. The firefighting equipment smoke alarms in the premises were serviced in July 2025 and December 2025 respectively.
- (4)
- A notice of the procedures to be followed in the event of a fire was displayed in a conspicuous position in the service.

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

Children were supervised by staff members during play activities in the pre-school rooms and in the outdoor play area during the inspection.

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Regulation 28 - Insurance

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

Compliance Information

There was evidence of current insurance cover for the number of children attending the service. The expiry date noted was 27 March 2026.

Part VII - Premises and Space Requirements

Regulation 29 - Premises

A registered provider shall ensure that the premises of the service are-
(e) equipped with adequate and suitable sanitary facilities.

Compliance Information

(e)
Further to the corrective action stated from the previous inspection on the 7 July 2025 remedial works had been carried out in the sanitary accommodation which was adequate and suitable accommodating the children who attend the Busy Bee, Caterpillar, Ladybird and Butterfly rooms.

Non-Compliance Information

(e)
1. In the sanitary accommodation adjacent to the Purple Ants and Beetle rooms the taps at the wash hand basins were not suitable. The "push tap" mechanism in place was difficult for the children to manage independently and the water pressure was insufficient to support good handwashing technique.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective and Preventive Action

(e)
1. The person in charge stated in the response that the taps were replaced with lever taps which improved the accessibility and water pressure. (Photograph included).

Summary Comment

In respect of the corrective actions taken documentary evidence was submitted to the office of the Early Years Inspectorate, reviewed by the Early Years Inspector and deemed to meet the regulatory requirement.
The practices as stated will be reviewed on the next inspection.