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TUSLA Identifier:	TU2015LS041
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Name of Service:	Jelly Tots Community Creche and Playschool
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Address of Service:	Fr. Breen Park, Abbeyleix, Co. Laois
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Name of Registered Provider:	Mary White
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Service type:	Full Day, Part Time, Sessional
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Date of Inspection:	27/04/2026
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No of pre-school children:	AM	38	PM	28
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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).

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Description of service

The service operates as a full day care service and is registered to accommodate up to 50 children. This community service is operated by Abbeylax Women's Development Group.

The full day care service operates from 08:00 to 18:00 Monday to Thursday and from 08:00 to 13:00 on a Friday.

An afterschool service is also provided.

The service is located in an adapted community building and consists of three pre-school rooms namely the crèche, pre-school room 1 and pre-school room 2 an office, kitchen and a large community hall are available.

An outdoor play area is located to the rear of the service. The service is located rurally in the town of Abbeylax, County Laois.

Staffing

The service employs twenty staff. The person in charge and fifteen adults were working directly with the children on the 27 April 2026. A cook and student were also present in the service. The registered provider does not work with the children. The person in charge facilitated the inspection and attended the closing meeting.

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

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Regulation 11 -Staffing levels - (1)(2)(8)(c)

Regulation 16- Record of a pre-school service – (1)

Regulation 17- Information for parents

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

Regulation 20 – Rest and Play facilities (1)(a)(b) (3)

Regulation 23- Safeguarding health, safety and welfare of child

Regulation 24- Checking in and out and record of attendance (1)(3)(a)(b)(4)

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

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

Regulation 28 – Insurance

However, on inspection additional non-compliance which posed a risk was identified under;

Regulation 8 - Change in circumstance – (1)

Regulation 29 – Premises (d) (e)

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.

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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 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 a change in circumstance to inform TUSLA that the operating hours of the service and the mobile telephone number of the registered provider had changed.

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 circumstances application was submitted and subsequently approved by Tusla on 29/04/26 to change the operational hours of the service and the mobile phone number of the registered provider. A change checklist has been established to prevent reoccurrence and all changes will be recorded and a change in circumstances will be submitted to Tusla before any changes will be made. (Approval email 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 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 person in charge and a named person to deputise were available as required.

(b)

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

Twenty-one staff files including the file of the registered provider were reviewed. The following was noted.

(2)(a)(b)

Two written validated references were available in respect of the staff members and the registered provider from previous employers and a source other than a past employer with the exception of the non-compliance outlined below.

(c)

A Garda Vetting disclosure was available in respect of the registered provider and staff members.

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The service demonstrated compliance with the Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Notice requiring services to renew Garda vetting every three years.

(d)
Police vetting was available for three staff members who had lived outside the state for a period of longer than six consecutive months.

(4)
The staff members working directly with children attending the service and held a major award in Early Childhood Care and Education at levels 5 to 8 on the National Framework of Qualifications or a letter of eligibility.

Non-Compliance Information

(2)(a)(b)
The two references available in respect of one staff member were deemed not appropriate as both references were not from a reputable source.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective and Preventive Action

(2)(a)(b)
The person in charge stated in the response that two additional appropriate references have been obtained in respect of the staff member, reviewed and validated.
An induction form will be used to ensure all references are on file and checked as being from reputable sources.
(Two references and new induction form 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 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)

The minimum ratio of adults to children was exceeded during the inspection.

(2)

There were thirty-eight children attending the service supervised directly by fifteen adults in the morning.

There were twenty-eight children attending the service supervised directly by seven adults in the afternoon.

(8)(a)

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

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;*
- (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

(1)

The service kept and maintained written records of information in relation to the service in accordance with Regulation 16 (1) (a)(b)(c)(d)(e)(f)(h)(i).

(j)

Six administration of medication forms with signed parental consent were available and reviewed.

(k)

Twelve accident and incident records were reviewed. Each accident and incident record included details of the accident or incident and were signed by the children's parents or guardians.

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Part IV – Information and Records

Regulation 17 – Information for parents

A registered provider shall ensure that a parent or guardian of a child proposing to attend the service is provided with the information referred to in subparagraphs (a) to (g) of Regulation 16(1).

Compliance Information

A parent handbook was available for review which detailed the information of 16(1)(a) to (g). The person in charge stated the policies and procedures are shared with parents electronically at the start of the pre-school term.

Part V - Care of Child in Pre-school Service

Regulation 19 - Health, welfare and development of child

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

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

Compliance Information

(1)(a)

The children were supported to be self-caring, suitable to their age and stage of development. Adults were observed to be positive towards children evidenced by individual names used, eye contact and praise for children on completion of activities. The children were encouraged to be independent and their choices were supported. Staff were observed to offer praise to each child for their involvement in activities. Staff were familiar with each child and their personalities. Access and inclusion plans were available and reviewed in respect of any children requiring additional support.

A cook is employed to freshly prepare a regular schedule of snacks and meals for the children with the exception of the mid-morning snack which is provided by parents for all children regardless of the length of stay in the service.

The main meal was served at approximately 12:30 and consisted of a chickpea and vegetable pasta with an option for grated cheese. A choice of milk and water to drink were served.

Nappy changes were carried out at regular scheduled intervals and on an individual need's basis.

All children were observed to enjoy free play, choosing their own activity to participate in and playing in the main outdoor play area supervised by staff.

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In the pre-school rooms low level tables and chairs were in place. Low-level shelving with equipment and materials were accessible to the children. Artwork and seasonally themed decorations were noted.

A verbal handover was observed to parents at collection time. The service worked in partnership with parents and used a daily record book to share information with parents regarding children's sleep times, food intake, nappy changes and general activities during the day.

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 and adequate play and work equipment were provided indoors which incorporated areas with toys and equipment for arts and crafts, home corners, interest areas and tabletop activities.

(b)

A separate sleep room was located adjacent to the creche and equipped with six cots. Each cot had a safety mattress, fitted sheet and cellular blanket. Eight low level beds were available for children over the age of two who required rest or sleep. Soft furnishings provided the rest facilities in the pre-school rooms.

(3)(a)

A large outdoor play area was located to the rear of the service and available for children. The perimeter was secured by a high-level metal fence. Children from pre-school room 1 had direct access to the outdoor play area. A grass surface area was in place and equipped with a variety of stationary play equipment.

Non-Compliance Information

(1)(b)

The following safety hazards were noted in the sleep room:

1. Waterproof mattresses were not in place in the six cots in the sleep room.
2. Potential footholds were observed in cots two and three due to the inappropriate fit of the elasticated sheets.
3. A conduit was not in place to secure the lead from the low-level compact disc player.
4. Curtains were in place on the fire exit doors from the sleep room which may impede a prompt evacuation from the sleep room or act as a combustible material in the event of a fire in the premises.

(3)(a)

1. In the main outdoor play area located to the rear of the premises horizontal fixtures were not in place on the wooden pieces surrounding the raised platform of the climb and slide unit to prevent a potential entrapment risk.
2. A separate play area which could be accessed directly from the crèche was not available for use by the children due to its lack of suitability. The following was observed:
 - The artificial grass surface area was uneven and worn in sections.
 - A plastic “tortoise” shaped container was full of stagnant sand and water.
 - An unsecured water hose was trailing a section of the surface area.
 - Wooden planter boxes were left broken and with overgrown foliage.
 - The door of the wooden storage shed was broken and separating from the main body of the shed.
3. A small outdoor area adjacent to and accessible from the main outdoor play area was not available for use by the children due to its lack of suitability. The following was observed:
 - Broken equipment and play materials located throughout the area.
 - Broken trikes and furniture stacked on top of covered sensory trays.
 - A broken toy kitchen area with a glass mirror.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective and Preventive Action

(1)(b)

The person in charge stated in the response that:

1. Waterproof mattresses are now in place in the six cots in the sleep room. A check for waterproof mattress covers has been added to the daily health and safety checklist for the sleep room. (Photographs of waterproof mattresses and the health and safety sleep room checklist included).

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2. The incorrect fitting sheets were disposed of and new sheets were purchased to fit each of the cots. Extra new sheets have been provided so that spares will be available. (Photograph included).
3. The CD player has been removed and replaced with a wireless speaker above the child's level. (Photograph included).
4. The curtains have been removed. (Photograph included).
The blackout curtains will be replaced by fitted door blinds have been ordered for the sleep room fire doors. (Quotation included).

(3)(a)

The person in charge stated in the response that:

1. As an interim measure there is increased supervision with one staff member allocated to the climbing frame at all times and a limited number of children during use. A check to confirm the horizontal fixtures are in place and have not been compromised has been added to the daily garden health and safety checklist. (Garden health and safety checklist included).
Horizontal fixtures will be fitted around the edge of the climbing frame to prevent a potential entrapment risk. These fixtures will be fitted on 19/06/2026. (Quotation included).
2. Play area which could be accessed directly from the crèche:
 - The artificial grass surface requires remedial work and will be completed by 17th August 2026 in the interim period the garden will remain out of use until all repairs are completed. (Daily garden checklist included).
 - The sand box has been emptied and sanitised and placed in storage until the garden is functional. (Photograph included).
 - The hose has been placed away in storage. (Photograph included).
 - The creche garden needs the removal of broken planter boxes which will be completed by 17th August 2026 before the commencement of the new term. The garden will remain out of use until all repairs are completed.
 - The shed door requires repair which will be completed by 17th August 2026 before the commencement of the new term. The garden will remain out of use until all repairs are completed.
3. Small outdoor area adjacent to and accessible from the main outdoor play area:
 - All broken equipment will be removed from the unused play area.
 - The sensory trays have been cleaned and sterilised and put in storage for use.
 - The glass mirror has been removed for safety.

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This area is scheduled to be power washed to clean all surfaces over the summertime and ready for use by 17/08/2026 for the new term. The garden will remain out of use until all repairs are completed. (Daily garden checklist included).

Summary Comment

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

The proposed actions in respect of (3)(a) the play area which could be accessed directly from the crèche and the small outdoor area adjacent to and accessible from the main outdoor play area will meet the regulatory requirement upon completion of identified actions but remains outstanding until the evidence of works completed is submitted by August 21st 2026.

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 entrance to the service was secure. The service met the necessary safety requirements in respect of the indoor environment, toys and equipment and the safe storage of cleaning agents. The inspectors signed the visitor log on arrival.

Infection Control:

Supplies of paper hand towel and liquid soap were available in the sanitary accommodation. Warm water was noted at the wash hand basins in the sanitary accommodation. The sanitary accommodation and nappy changing areas were ventilated by natural or mechanical ventilation.

Administration of Medication:

Temperature reducing medication was clearly labelled and stored out of the reach of children.

Safe Sleep:

An assigned staff member monitored sleeping children in the sleep room and on low level beds in the creche room. The colour, position and breathing of the sleeping children was recorded in a sleep log every ten minutes.

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Fire Safety:

Fire evacuation routes were identifiable throughout the premises and a fire assembly point was noted to the front of the premises.

Outing:

Checklists and risk assessments were in place in respect of outings conducted from the service to the local area and the annual school tour.

Non-Compliance Information

General Safety:

1. The fire evacuation door in pre-school room two opened directly onto the rear of the premises into the grounds of the community pitch facility. The door was not alarmed therefore no notice could be given in the event of a child opening the door, exiting pre-school room two and gaining access to an unsecured area.
2. It was observed that children were dropped and collected from the fire evacuation door in pre-school room two. The door was a solid structure and there was no means to verify the identity of any individual knocking on the door prior to opening the door and potentially providing access to the service and children within.
3. An unsafe practice was observed when the children accompanied by staff from pre-school room two were observed to leave the main outdoor play area through a gate which opening onto an unsecured space at the rear of the premises to return to their pre-school room through the fire evacuation door into pre-school room two. A risk assessment was not in place detailing the control measures to minimise the potential risk of a child accessing an unauthorised area within the community grounds.
4. An unsafe practice was observed when the children accompanied by staff from the crèche were observed to leave the main outdoor play area through a gate which opening onto an unsecured space at the rear of the premises to return to the crèche room by walking along the side of the building to return to the premises by the main entrance door to the service. A risk assessment was not in place detailing the control measures to minimise the potential risk of a child accessing an unauthorised area within the community grounds.
5. There was an absence of documented training and demonstrated competency in medical tasks undertaken by staff members including the provision of nutritional support for a child with a defined medical condition.

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6. A broken cupboard was noted in an area adjacent to the crèche room. The door was no longer attached leaving exposed sharp edges and a potential injury risk.
7. A lamp in the crèche room was not secure and posed a potential injury risk if pulled by a child.

Infection Control:

1. The nappy changing procedure displayed was inadequate for infection control purposes:
 - There was no reference to handwashing after nappy changing for the adult or the child.
 - There was no reference to the removal of the gloves and apron prior to the redress of the child.
2. The nappy changing practice observed was inadequate for infection control purposes as the staff did not remove the gloves or apron prior to redressing the child.

Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective & Preventive Action

General Safety:

The person in charge stated in the response that:

1. The fire alarm company for the service inspected the door on 20/05/26 and have ordered the alarm needed. It will be fitted by 01/07/2026. Staff will always supervise the door area to ensure the push bar is not used by children. (Confirmation email and work docket submitted).
2. The use of the fire door to drop and collect children has been stopped. Children will be dropped and collect through the main door or back door which has glass panels to verify the identity of any individual. Parents have been made aware of the change and have agree to use alternative doors for safety. Staff have acknowledged and implemented the change. (Digital platform message to parents and notice to staff included).
3. A risk assessment has been put in place to cover the space between the garden gate and the back door. It was also explained to staff about using the entry door within our premises to enter and exit the garden where possible. It was explained to each staff member to use the door located in preschool 1 to enter and exit the garden from the building. (Risk assessment and notice to staff included).
4. A risk assessment has been put in place for using the footpath outside the building. It was also explained to staff about using the entry door within our premises to enter and exit the garden when in the garden. It was explained to each staff member to use the door located in preschool 1 to enter and exit the garden from the building. (Risk assessment and notice to staff included).

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5. I have followed up with the nurse that completed the training with the relevant staff member regarding documenting the training provided. I have also had the staff member involved complete another training. (Certificate and training policy included).
6. The door on the cupboard has been repaired to remove any risk to children or staff. Staff have been made aware of the importance of flagging broken materials and taking them from the floor until it can be repaired or disposed of. (Staff meeting notes and photograph included).
7. The lamp has been removed from the creche room to eliminate the risk of potential harm. (Photograph included).

Infection Control:

The person in charge stated in the response that:

1. The nappy changing procedure has been updated to reflect the removal of gloves and apron before redressing and handwashing after nappy changing has been completed. The updated procedure has been displayed and all staff have been made aware of the change. (Procedure and photograph included).
2. The nappy changing procedure has been updated and staff have been made aware of the change. The change was explained and documented in our staff meeting. (Policy acknowledgement and staff meeting notes included).

Summary Comment

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

The proposed actions in respect of door alarm installation will meet the regulatory requirement upon completion in respect of general safety - 1 but remains outstanding until the evidence of works completed is submitted by July 10th 2026.

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Part VI - Safety

Regulation 24 - Checking in and out and record of attendance

(1) A registered provider shall ensure that each pre-school child attending the service is checked in and out of the service by an employee or an unpaid worker.

(3) A registered provider shall ensure that-

(a) no person other than-

(i) pre-school child attending the service,

(ii) a person dropping or collecting such a child,

(iii) an employee, or

(iv) an unpaid worker, can enter the premises without his or her entry being approved by an employee, and

(b) a daily record in writing is kept of the entry on the premises of any such person.

(4) A registered provider shall ensure that a record in writing referred to in paragraph (3)(b) is retained for a period of one year from the date to which it relates.

Compliance Information

(1)

The records of arrival and departure reviewed verified that each child attending the service was checked in and out of the service by a staff member.

(3)(a)(b)

All entry to the service with the exception of (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv) was approved by a staff member.

(4)

A record in writing referred to in paragraph (3)(b) is retained for a period of one year by the service.

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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)

Seven adults were qualified in First Aid Response (FAR) and available on the premises during the hours of operation. Eight adults held a paediatric first aid training qualification.

(2)(a)

A fully equipped first aid box was located in the pre-school service.

(b)

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

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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)

A written record for the completed monthly fire drills was available on the premises. The last fire drill was recorded as taking place on the 31 March 2026.

(b)

The firefighting equipment and smoke alarms in the premises were serviced in August 2025 and in April 2026 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 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 2027.

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Part VII - Premises and Space Requirements

Regulation 29 - Premises

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

- (d) cleaned, maintained and repaired, as required, and*
- (e) equipped with adequate and suitable sanitary facilities.*

Non-Compliance Information

- (d)
- The floor covering in pre-school room one required replacement as sections of the floor covering were torn and stuck down with pieces of household tape as part of a temporary repair effort.
 - The floor covering in the sanitary accommodation adjacent to pre-school room two required replacement. Sections of the floor covering in the area around the toilet bowl were stained with dark spots and black marks ingrained in the material of the vinyl floor covering.
- (e)
- The room used for nappy changing adjacent to pre-school room two did not provide adequate or suitable sanitary facilities due to the following:
 - There was no ventilation provided in the room.
 - There was no wash hand basin provided in the room.
 - The floor of the room was cluttered with sweeping brushes, an extension lead and play equipment and materials.
 - The overhead shelving units in the room were cluttered with open and overflowing baskets filled with sundry items, Christmas decorations and the personal belongings of staff.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective and Preventive Action

- (d)
- The person in charge stated in the response that:
- A quotation for the replacement of the flooring covering has been received and funding has been applied for. The work will be completed by 14/08/26. Regular maintenance checks are to be completed as well as a list of upgrades as they are discovered. The list will be listed from most to least concerning. (Quotation and upgrade checklist included).
 - A quotation for the replacement of the flooring covering has been received and funding has been applied for. The work will be completed by 14/08/26. Regular maintenance checks are to be completed as well as

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a list of upgrades as they are discovered. The list will be listed from most to least concerning. (Quotation and upgrade checklist included).

(e)

The person in charge stated in the response that:

1. The area has been cleared of clutter and personal belongings.

A quote for ventilation and a hand basin has been received and funding is being sought to apply the changes. The timeline for this implementation is the 14/08/2026.

The relevant staff member will use the sink adjacent to the preschool room for hand washing while another staff member observes the child.

The area has been given a sanitary health and safety checklist to ensure the area remains tidy and clutter free. (Quotation and health and safety checklist included)

Summary Comment

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

The proposed actions in respect of floor covering, ventilation and wash hand basin installation will meet the regulatory requirement upon completion in respect of (c) and (e) but remains outstanding until the evidence of works completed is submitted by August 21st 2026.