

Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Report

Pre School

TUSLA Identifier:	TU2015LS053
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Name of Service:	Darling Buds Montessori & Daycare
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Address of Service:	8 The Garden Village, Portlaoise, Co. Laois
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Name of Registered Provider:	Niamh Walshe
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Service type:	Full Day, Part Time, Sessional
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Date of Inspection:	17/02/2025
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No of pre-school children:	AM	33	PM	26
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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 and 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 full day care service operates on a Monday to Friday basis from 08:00 – 18:00. An Early Education and Care service is provided from 09:00 to 12:00. The age range of children in attendance is from 0 to 6 years.

This full day care service is part of a multiple.

This early years' service is located in an adapted domestic two storey premises. The baby room, wobbler room, toddler room, two sleep rooms and a kitchen are located on the ground floor. The ECCE room 1 and 2 and an office are located on the first floor of the service. An outdoor play area is located to the rear of the service. The early years' service is located in a residential area in the town of Portlaoise, Co. Laois.

Staffing

The designated person in charge, deputy designated in charge and nine adults were working directly with the children on the 17 February 2025. The registered provider does not work with children and was not present in the service.

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.

The inspection focused on an examination of compliance under regulations;

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

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

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 28 – Insurance

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

Regulation 29 – Premises – (c)

Inspection findings are documented in the inspection report which is first issued in draft format to the service with an opportunity to respond to any findings. Where statutory requirements are identified as not being met, the registered provider must demonstrate how they have rectified the non-compliance and will prevent any non-compliance from re occurring. The Corrective Action and Preventive Action plan (CAPA) will be used to inform decisions about compliance with regulatory requirements. Where the registered provider fails to meet the statutory requirements an escalation process may be commenced.

The inspectorate reserves the right to edit responses received for reasons including clarity, completeness and compliance with administrative and legal processes.

The contents of the report are compiled by the inspectorate body.

Additional Information

An immediate action notice in respect of Regulation 23 Safeguarding Health, Safety and Welfare of Child (General Safety) was issued to the designated person in charge for the attention of the registered provider on site on 17 February 2025.

The responses submitted by the registered provider on the 18 February 2025 were accepted by Tusla.

Acknowledgments

The inspectors wish to acknowledge the co-operation of the person in charge, staff and children who were present on the day of the inspection.

Part III – Management and Staff

Regulation 9 – Management and recruitment

(1) A registered provider shall ensure that-

- (a) the service has a designated person in charge and a named person who is able to deputise as required,*
- (b) at all times during the period when the pre-school service is being carried on, the designated person in charge or the named person referred to in subparagraph (a) is on the premises*

(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 designated person in charge and deputy designated person in charge were available in the service.

(b)

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

Thirteen staff files including the registered provider were reviewed and the following was noted:

(2)(a)(b)

The required number of written validated references were available for twelve staff members from past employers and from a source other than a past employer. Two written references were available in respect of the registered provider.

(c)

A Garda Vetting disclosure was available in respect of the thirteen files reviewed. 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 in respect of three staff members who had lived outside the state for a period of longer than six consecutive months. Police vetting was translated into English as required.

(4)

Staff members working directly with children attending the service held a major award in Early Childhood Care and Education at Levels 5 to 8 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)

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

(2)

There were thirty-three children attending the service supervised directly by eleven adults in the morning.

Twenty-six children were present in the afternoon supervised by eight adults.

(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) and (k).

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)

A menu plan was available for review. Parents provided the mid-morning snacks for the children. The main meal was prepared on site and served to the children. The meal consisted of cottage pie with vegetables and potato with water to drink. Children's clothes were protected as they wore bibs at mealtimes. Regular nappy changing was carried out on a need's basis. Good communication was observed between the staff members and the children. Young children slept on an individual need's basis in the baby and wobbler sleep rooms.

Older children were encouraged to be independent in caring for their belongings and putting on their coats.

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

A staff biography was displayed in the service. The staff were familiar with each child and their personality. Staff members were observed to be positive towards children evidenced by individual names used, eye contact and soft language tones. Children settling into the baby room were given hugs and cuddles to reassure them.

The pre-school rooms were bright and colourful and laid out to meet the developmental needs of children attending the service. Low level tables, chairs and low-level shelving with equipment and materials were accessible to the children. Children's artwork and photographs were displayed.

A daily routine for children was noted in the baby, wobbler and toddler room. Communication diaries were in place for younger children to inform parents of the child's daily activities including sleep times, food intake and nappy changes.

The child's learning recorded depicting the child play and work activities were available for review and shared with parents at the end of their stay 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 and outdoors which included toys and equipment for construction, tabletop activities, arts and crafts, sensory play and home corners.

(b)

Rest areas were noted in the pre-school rooms.

(3)(a)

The outdoor play areas were located to the rear and side of the premises. The perimeter was secured by a high-level concrete wall. Segregated areas were noted to have a variety of toys and play equipment for use by older and younger children. A combination of natural and artificial grass and paving surface areas were noted. These areas were equipped with a selection of bikes and trikes, tables and chairs, wall mounted chalk boards outdoor play kitchens and some slide units.

Non-Compliance Information

(1)(b)

1. The rest areas in pre-school rooms required further development for children to rest or relax.
2. The sleep rooms were not adequate or suitable due to the following:

Wobbler sleep room

1. The five cot mattresses in use did not conform to a recognised safety standard.
2. A foothold was noted in one cot which posed a potential risk of entrapment to a young child.
3. The five cot mattresses were heavily stained and required replacement.
4. The waterproof mattress covers in use were not fit for purpose as they were congealed and torn.
5. The blue blind covering the window could not be opened and required replacement.
6. A fitted cot sheet was not in place on one cot. The sheet was too big and did not fit the mattress correctly.

Baby sleep room

7. Two cot mattresses in use did not conform to a recognised safety standard.
8. A foothold was noted in one cot which could cause an entrapment to a young child.
9. Two cot mattresses were stained and required replacement. The service 's cot cleaning record indicated that the mattresses were cleaned daily and dated the 16.02.25 which was at variance with the findings on inspection.
10. The blue blind covering the window could not be opened and required replacement.

(3)(a)

The following hazards were noted in the outdoor play area:

1. The four absorbent tiles at the foot of the slide did not cover a sufficient radius to protect children in the drop zone if they fell from the elevated climb and slide unit.
2. Exposed wood and splintering were noted on the wooden gate which provided a segregation between the outdoor play area and the rear access to the kitchen area.
3. The side panel of the wooden "boat" was broken and lay on the ground which posed a potential trip hazard to the children.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective and Preventive Action

The registered provider stated the following in the response:

1(b) 1 – 2.

The service has made the sleep rooms more child friendly, relaxing and comfortable. The service has a new white noise machine which relaxes the children when falling asleep. The service will ensure that sleep and rest areas are child friendly, relaxing and comfortable always. (photograph included)

Wobbler Sleep Room

1. All mattresses were replaced with new industry grade branded sleep safety mattresses. (photograph included).
2. The mattress was replaced with one that fits the cot correctly with no foothold. (photograph included).
3. Five cot mattresses were replaced. (photograph included).
4. The new mattresses are all waterproof. (photograph included).
5. The blue blind was replaced and a new blind fitted. (photograph included).
6. All cot sheets were replaced and new ones that fit the mattresses correctly were purchased. (photograph included).

The service will ensure that all mattresses are assessed numerous times throughout the day by staff to ensure there are no stains, no footholds, and are up to sleep safety quality standards. We will also ensure the blinds are always in good working order.

Baby Sleep Room

7. All mattresses were replaced with new industry grade branded sleep safety mattresses. (photograph included).
8. The mattress was replaced with one that now fits the cot correctly with no foothold. (photograph included).
9. Stained cot mattresses were replaced. All staff spoken to and retrained regarding mattress hygiene standards. (photograph included).
10. The blue blind was replaced and a new blind fitted. (photograph included).

The service will ensure that all mattresses are assessed numerous times throughout the day by staff to ensure there are no stains, no footholds, and are up to sleep safety quality standards. We will also ensure the blinds are always in good working order. We will also ensure staff are up to date with cleaning rosters and hygienic measures.

(3)(a)

1. All Absorbent tiles have now been replaced and extra tiles added for the children's safety to protect children in the drop zone. (photograph included).
2. The wooden gate is now replaced with a new gate. (photograph included).
3. The side panel is now replaced with a new panel. (photograph included).

Summary Comment

In respect of the corrective action taken photographic 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 entrance door to the service was externally secure. The inspectors signed the visitors book on arrival.

Infection Control:

Soothers were stored in individual containers named for each child.

Mechanical ventilation and natural ventilation was available through openable windows in the pre-school rooms, in the sanitary accommodation and nappy changing areas.

All toys and materials were easily cleanable. Cleaning schedules were available and reviewed.

Administration of Medication:

Temperature reducing medication was available in the service if a child presented with a high temperature.

Medication was stored correctly in the service.

Safe Sleep:

A record of the colour, position and breathing of sleeping children was noted in sleep logs when children were physically checked every ten minutes.

Fire Safety:

Fire exit routes were unobstructed in the service. A fire assembly point was noted to the front of the premises.

Non-Compliance Information

General Safety:

1. Thermostatically controlled water was not available at the wash hand basins in the pre-school rooms on the ground floor and the first floor of the service and in the sanitary accommodation. The temperatures recorded ranged from 52 – 53 degrees Celsius which presented a potential risk of a scald injury to children. The designated person in charge was notified of the findings by the early year’s inspectors immediately upon detection. As the risk was not able to be eliminated prior to the conclusion of the inspection an immediate action notice was issued to the designated person in charge on site in respect of Regulation 23 Safeguarding Health, Safety and Welfare of Child, General Safety.
2. Two window blind cords were unsecured in the wobbler sleep room posing a potential safety risk. As the risk was not able to be eliminated prior to the conclusion of the inspection an immediate action notice was issued to the designated person in charge on site in respect of Regulation 23 Safeguarding Health, Safety and Welfare of Child, General Safety.
3. Two out-of-date adrenaline auto injectors were noted in respect of a child present in the service. This posed a risk of harm to the child if the medication was required in an emergency. Upon the request of the inspector the parent was contacted and an in-date adrenaline auto injector was brought to the service by the parent.
4. Staff in the toddler room were unclear as to the necessary actions to be taken to administer the adrenaline auto injector.
5. Nonslip mats were not in place in the pre-school rooms which posed a potential risk of slip, trip of falls.
6. Visibility strips were not in place on the glazed panel of the patio door in the baby room and the glazed panel of the patio door leading to the outdoor play area for young children to recognise glass.
7. One highchair in the baby room did not have a three-point safety harness or a stable base to ensure the safety of the child when seated.
8. There was no method of sterilisation in place for mouthing toys for young children in the baby room.
9. A communication system was not in place for the staff members working on their own in the baby and wobbler room to alert relief staff when they required assistance with the children they were caring for.

10. Two children were observed wearing hooped earrings which posed a potential risk of injury to the children if these jewellery pieces were pulled or got caught.
11. The vinyl sofa in ECCE 1 located on the first floor was torn with exposed foam which posed a potential risk of harm to a child.
12. The side panel of the bathtub in the nappy changing area located on the first floor was cracked with broken edges noted which posed a potential injury risk to children.
13. Swing top bins needed to be replaced with foot operated bins in the premises for the hygienic disposal of waste.

Infection Control:

1. Prepared infant formula was made up in the service which was at variance with the Safe Food Safety Authority of Ireland guidelines.
2. A refrigerator was not available for the storage of perishable goods in the pre-school rooms.
3. The nappy changing practice observed was inadequate for infection control purposes due to the following:
 - The staff members did not wash their hands prior to the nappy changing procedure.
 - The staff members did not wash their hands or the child's hands after nappy changing and the staff member returned the child to the room without washing the child's hands.
4. The nappy changing bin located in the nappy changing area on the ground floor was not suitable as it was not foot operated, sealed and airtight.
5. Pillows for use by children attending ECCE 1 on the first floor during sleep were stored on top of each other which posed a potential infection control risk.
6. The seat of the adult chair in the baby room was stained and requiring cleaning or replacement.

Fire Safety:

1. There was no self-illuminated fire exit signage installed to indicate the fire exit routes from the baby, wobbler and toddler rooms on the ground floor in the event of a fire in the premises.
2. Fire safe restrictive opening devices were not in place on the window of the nappy changing area located on the first floor.

Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective & Preventive Action

General Safety:

The registered provider stated the following in the response:

1. New temperature valves were fitted to each wash hand basin. All water temperatures are now between 40 and 40.4 degrees Celsius. There are daily checks on water temperatures to ensure correct temperatures. (photograph included).
2. The blind cords are now secured in the wobbler sleep room and no longer pose a risk. Daily checks on all blind cords to ensure no safety risks are in place. (photograph included).
3. Out of date adrenaline auto injectors were removed from the toddler room and the parent replaced them on the day of inspection. Renewal date of adrenaline auto injectors is now placed on the front of the child's box containing their adrenaline auto injectors. (photograph included).
4. Adrenaline auto injectors administration training has now been provided to all staff members. Ongoing adrenaline auto injectors administration training will be given to all staff on a continuous basis. (photograph included).
5. The floor mats were removed from pre-school room and new nonslip mats replaced them. The service will ensure that all mats purchased are non-slip. (photograph included).
6. Visibility strips are now in placed on the baby room patio door and the glazed panel of patio door leading to the outdoor area. The service will replace visibility strips if needed on both doors. (photograph included).
7. The highchair was replaced in the baby room. The service will ensure that all highchairs have an appropriate safety harness. (photograph included).
8. Mouthing toy sterilisation buckets now in place in each room for the sterilisation of all toys. Staff training was provided to remind staff of the importance of infection control and sterilisation of all mouthing toys. (photograph included).
9. A doorbell communication system is now in place from the baby room to the floater of the service. The floater will now be more mindful to check in with baby room staff more often. (photograph included).
10. A letter was sent to all parents reminding them of the risk of harm that hooped earrings could cause if they caught or pulled. Attached to this letter was a liability declaration if a parent refuses to remove these earrings. Continuous assessment of children's jewellery will be done daily. (photograph included).
11. The vinyl sofa in ECCE 1 room has now been replaced with a new one. Daily checks on all soft furnishings will be completed by staff. (photograph included).
12. The side panel of the bathtub has now been replaced with a new one. Risk assessments daily to ensure no injury risk to children with broken or cracked materials. (photograph included).

13. Swing top bins are now replaced with foot operated bins. All bins that will be purchased for the service will be foot operated. (photograph included).

Infection Control:

The registered provider stated the following in the response:

1. As per the service infection control policy the service will not make up infant formula on the premises and staff have been reminded of this policy. (photograph included).
2. Refrigerators are now in place in the pre-school rooms for the storage of perishable goods. Staff will now ensure that all perishable foods will be placed in refrigerators daily. (photograph included).
3. Staff training given to all staff members regarding the nappy changing procedure. staff training will be provided on a more regular basis. (photograph included).
4. Foot operated nappy bins are now in place and all new nappy bins purchased will be foot operated going forward. (photograph included).
5. Pillows used by preschool rooms are now in individual bags. (photograph included).
6. The seat in the baby room was cleaned and sterilised. The seat in the baby room will be assessed daily and cleaned when required. (photograph included).

Fire Safety:

The registered provider stated the following in the response:

1. Self- illuminated fire exit signage is now installed in all rooms. Staff will ensure that all self-illuminated exit signs are always working in each room. (photograph included).
2. A fire safe restrictive opening device is now in place on the window of the nappy changing area on the first floor. Daily checks will be done on all opening devices on all windows of the service. (photograph included).

Summary Comment

In respect of the corrective action taken photographic 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 by the registered provider will be reviewed on the next inspection.

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) were available on the premises during the hours of operation.

(2)(a)

Two first aid boxes were available on the ground and first floor of the service.

(b)

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

Non-Compliance Information

(2)(a)

The first aid boxes were not stocked in line with TUSLA requirements as outlined in the Quality Regulatory Framework document. On the first floor the first aid box checklist located adjacent to the first aid box was last completed on 12 July 2023.

The first aid box on the first floor did not contain the following required items:

- Individually wrapped sterile unmedicated wound dressings of assorted sizes.
- Sterile eye pads
- Water based burns dressings
- Crepe bandage

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective and Preventive Action

(2)(a)

The registered provider stated the following in the response:

All first Aid boxes were replaced with industry grade first aid boxes. All first aid checklists will now be completed at the required date. Regular checks on all first aid boxes and checklists will be completed at required dates. (photograph included).

Summary Comment

In respect of the corrective action taken photographic 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 26 - Fire safety measures

(1) A registered provider shall ensure that a record in writing is kept of-

(a) any fire drill that takes place in the premises, and

(b) the number, type and maintenance record of fire fighting equipment and smoke alarms in the premises.

(4) A notice of the procedures to be followed in the event of fire shall be displayed in a conspicuous position in the premises.

Compliance Information

(1)(a)

A written record for the completed monthly fire drills was available on the premises. The last fire drill was recorded as taking place on the 05 February 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 in the premises were serviced in January 2025.

The smoke alarms in the premises were serviced in September 2024.

(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 2025.

Additional Regulation inspected

Part VII - Premises and Space Requirements

Regulation 29 - Premises

A registered provider shall ensure that the premises of the service are-
(c) kept adequately lit, heated and ventilated

Non-Compliance Information

- (c)
- At 10:45 the temperature of the wobbler sleep room was recorded at 12.1 degrees Celsius which was too cold and at variance with best practice of 18 to 22 degrees Celsius.
 - At 11.45 the temperature of the baby sleep room was recorded at 14.9 degrees Celsius which was too cold and at variance with best practice of 16 to 20 degrees Celsius.
 - The service 's sleep area risk assessment record indicated that the temperature of the sleep was to be maintained in between 16 and 18 degrees Celsius at all times and was dated and signed on the 17 February 2025.

It is acknowledged that the designated person in charge and the deputy designated person in charge put an electric heater in both sleep rooms and contacted the plumber who attended the service during the inspection.
 - At 11:30 the temperature of the wobbler room was recorded at 14.7 degrees Celsius which was too cold and at variance with the required room occupancy temperature of 18 to 22 degrees Celsius.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective and Preventive Action

(c) 1-4

The registered provider stated the following in the response:

New temperature valves were placed onto the radiators so staff can now control the temperatures of these rooms and risk assessment forms for these rooms are now updated. Staff will do daily checks to ensure temperatures of the sleep room are of the correct temperatures and risk assessment forms will be kept updated. (photograph included).

Summary Comment

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