

Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Report

Pre School

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| Name of Service: | Kiddies Kingdom |
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| Address of Service: | Mathews Cross, Kilmeaden, Co. Waterford |
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| Name of Registered Provider: | Bridget Whelan |
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| Service type: | Full Day, Part Time, Sessional |
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| Date 1 of Inspection: | 24/10/2023 |
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| Date 2 of Inspection: | 25/10/2023 |
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| No of pre-school children: | AM | 162 | PM | 128 |
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| Address of the Early Years Inspectorate: | Community Care Centre, HSE Building, Cork Road, Waterford. |
| Inspection undertaken by: | M.Ryan. and C.Ryan. |
| 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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| Conditions if applicable | N/A |
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Description of service

Kiddies Kingdom is located approximately one kilometer from Kilmeaden village in east county Waterford. Kiddies Kingdom is a full day care service with part time and pre-school places, the age range catered for in the service is 6 months to 6 years of age. The service operates from 2 separate buildings with a total of 12 childcare rooms, 4 sleep rooms, a catering kitchen, and kitchenette. There are nappy changing and sanitary areas adjacent to each of the childcare rooms. Additionally, there are storage rooms for toys and equipment, a separate room for chemicals and cleaning agents and a laundry room. Kiddies Kingdom has five play gardens located in the outdoor grounds of the premises.

The service participates in the Early Childhood Care and Education Scheme, (ECCE) the Community Childcare Subvention Scheme, (CCSS) the Training Employment Childcare Programme and the Universal Scheme. The opening hours are from 07:30 to 18:00 hours, Monday to Friday. Kiddies Kingdom also offers a school age programme and a pickup service from local primary schools.

Staffing

Kiddies Kingdom is a family-owned and managed full day care service. The service has 42 childcare staff available to work directly with the children. There is a chef and a further four support staff for the kitchen, maintenance and office administration.

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 the child/ and premises and facilities.

The inspection focused on an examination of compliance under:

Regulation-9 Management and recruitment.

Regulation-11 Staffing levels.

Regulation-19 Health, welfare and development of child.

Regulation-22 Food and drink.

Regulation-23 Safety.

Regulation-29 Premises.

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

The service had two conditions attached to their registration on the 6 June 2023 following the last inspection dated 8 and 9 December 2022. This inspection was carried out to assess adherence with these conditions and the conditions are in place for 6 months.

The first condition required the registered provider to ensure that each child's development and well-being was met, with particular emphasis on ensuring daily opportunities to an outdoor space and play was facilitated.

The second condition required that the registered provider ensure that the nutritional requirements were met for each child attending the service in line with the Nutrition Standards for early Learning and Care Services.

On inspection it was found that the first condition had been met, with the second condition partially met. The National Registration and Enforcement Panel proposed to attach a new condition. The service made

representations in response to this proposed condition alongside as part of their CAPA submission demonstrating work that had been progressed on a review of policies and practices. Following a review of the aforementioned CAPA, the panel deemed the representations adequate and the condition was not attached.

Acknowledgments

The inspectors wish to acknowledge the cooperation of the registered provider, person in charge, staff and children who were present on the day of the inspection.

Part III – Management and Staff

Regulation 9 – Management and recruitment

(1) A registered provider shall ensure that-

- (a) the service has a designated person in charge and a named person who is able to deputise as required,*
- (b) at all times during the period when the pre-school service is being carried on, the designated person in charge or the named person referred to in subparagraph (a) is on the premises, and*
- (c) there is a clear management structure in the service that identifies the lines of authority and accountability in the service and the specific roles and responsibilities of each employee and unpaid worker.*

(2) A registered provider shall ensure that each employee, unpaid worker and contractor is suitable and competent taking into consideration the nature of the needs of children, including by-

- (a) consideration of references from the person's past employers, if any, and in particular the most recent employer, if any,*
- (b) consideration of references from reputable sources in the case of a person who has no past employers,*
- (c) consideration of the vetting disclosure received from the National Vetting Bureau of the Garda Síochána in accordance with the Act of 2012 in respect of the person, and*
- (d) ensuring, insofar as is practicable, that where a person has lived in a state other than the State for a period of longer than 6 consecutive months, he or she provides police vetting from the police authorities in that state.*

(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.

(6A) is inserted by S.I. No.632 of 2016 CHILDCARE ACT 1991 (EARLY YEARS SERVICES) (AMENDMENT)

REGULATIONS 2016 which states; Regulation 9 of the Child Care Act 1991 (Early

Years Services) Regulations (S.I. No. 221 of 2016) is amended - in paragraph (4), by the substitution of “paragraphs (5), (6) and (6A)” for “paragraphs (5) and (6)”, and (b) by the insertion of the following paragraph after paragraph (6):

(6A) Paragraph (4) shall not apply to an employee of a registered provider where - (a) the registered provider receives funding for the employment of the employee pursuant to a scheme funded by the Minister and known as the Access and Inclusion Model, and (b) the employment of the employee is for the purpose of providing support, pursuant to the scheme referred to in subparagraph (a), for a child attending the service to enable the child to participate in the programme known as the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) funding Programme.”

Compliance Information

(1)(a)

On the day of the inspection the registered provider was the designated person in charge for the service. The service also has a named person who is able to deputise as required.

(b)

The registered provider was on the premises for the duration of the inspection.

(c)

There was documentation that demonstrated the management structure for the service which identified the lines of authority and accountability in the service.

(2)(a)

Written validated references from past employers were available in respect of the 12 members who had commenced working for the service since the last inspection in December 2022. These were reviewed as part of the inspection process.

(b)

Not applicable as all written references for the 12 staff members were from past employers.

(c)

There was evidence that all of the 12 staff members employed to work with the children in the service had their Garda vetting disclosures.

(d)

A Police vetting certificates were available as required for two of the three staff members who had lived and worked outside of the jurisdiction for a period of more than six months.

(4)

There was evidence that all staff employed in the service held at least a major award in Early Childhood Care and Education at Level 5 or equivalent on the National Qualifications Framework.

(6A)

The registered provider had recently received funding for the employment of one staff member to work under the Access and Inclusion Model Scheme AIMS.

Non-Compliance Information

(2)(d)

A Police vetting certificate was not available on file as required for one staff member who had lived and worked outside of the jurisdiction for a period of more than six months. Failure to assess police vetting may compromise the registered provider's ability to assess the suitability of staff to work in the setting.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective and Preventive Action

The registered provider stated in the CAPA response returned on the 22 November 2023 that police clearance will be obtained when the person in question returns to their home country for Christmas holidays. The registered provider stated that it is now their understanding that different protocols in relation to obtaining police clearance are required in the jurisdiction in question and each candidate must present themselves in person at their local police station as this cannot be done online.

The registered provider stated in the CAPA response that going forward all candidates will have police clearance before starting employment. The manager confirmed in a telephone call on the 28 November 2023 that the clearance in question will be forwarded to the office of the inspectorate as soon as it is made available.

Summary Comment

The response by the registered provider submitted will address the non-compliance regarding police vetting once completed and the outcome will be reviewed on the next inspection.

Part III – Management and Staff

Regulation 11 - Staffing levels

(1) Subject to this Regulation, a registered provider shall ensure that there is at all times an adequate number of adults working directly with the children attending the pre-school service.

(2) Subject to paragraphs (4) and (5), a registered provider of a full day care service or a part-time day care service shall ensure that at all times the minimum ratio of adults to children specified in column (3) of Part 1 of Schedule 6 opposite a particular reference number specified in column (1) of that Part in respect of the age range of the children specified in column (2) thereof at that reference number is satisfied.

Compliance Information

(1)

On day 1 of inspection, there was an adequate number of staff working directly with the early years children.

During the morning, there were 162 children in the care of 37 staff members.

During the afternoon there were 128 children in the care of 30 staff members.

On day 2 of there was an adequate number of staff working directly with the early years children.

During the morning, there were 153 children in the care of 40 staff members.

During the afternoon there were 120 children in the care of 28 staff members.

(2)

The service had 12 care rooms.

Day One during the morning:

- **Pre walker room:** There were 5 babies in the care of 2 staff. (3 aged between 0-1 years and 2 aged between 1 and 2 years).
- **Baby room:** There were 5 babies in the care of 3 staff. (4 aged between 0-1 years and 1 aged between 1 and 2 years).
- **Wobbler room one:** There were 12 children in the care of 3 staff. (All aged between 1 and 2 years).
- **Wobbler room two:** There were 12 children in the care of 3 staff. (All aged between 1 and 2 years).
- **Toddler room one:** There were 19 children in the care of 5 staff. (7 aged between 1 and 2 years and 12 aged between 2 and 3 years).

- **Toddler room two:** There were 18 children in the care of 4 staff. (All aged between 2 and 3 years).
- **Pre-Montessori room one:** There were 18 children in the care of 3 staff. (All aged between 2 and 3 years and six months).
- **Pre-Montessori room two:** There were 15 children in the care of 3 staff. (All aged between 2 and 3 years and 6months).
- **Pre-Montessori three:** There were 12 children in the care of 2 staff. (All aged between 2 years and 3 years and six months).
- **Montessori room one:** There were 14 children in the care of 4 staff. (All aged between 3 and 4 years).
- **Montessori room two:** There were 17 children in the care of 3 staff. (All aged between 3 and 4 years).
- **Montessori room three:** There were 15 children in the care of 2 staff. (All aged between 3 and 4 years).

Day one during the afternoon:

- **Pre walker room:** There were 5 babies in the care of 2 staff. (3 aged between 0-1 years and 2 aged between 1 and 2 years).
- **Baby room:** There were 4 babies in the care of 3 staff. (3 aged between 0-1 years and 1 aged between 1 and 2 years).
- **Wobbler room one:** There were 12 children in the care of 3 staff. (All aged between 1 and 2 years).
- **Wobbler room two:** There were 12 children in the care of 3 staff. (All aged between 1 and 2 years).
- **Toddler room one:** There were 14 children in the care of 4 staff. (7 aged between 1 and 2 years and 7 aged between 2 and 3 years).
- **Toddler room two:** There were 18 children in the care of 4 staff. (All aged between 2 and 3 years).
- **Pre-Montessori room one:** There were 17 children in the care of 3 staff. (All aged between 2 and 3 years and six months).
- **Pre-Montessori room two:** There were 15 children in the care of 2 staff. (All aged between 3 years and 3 years 6months).
- **Pre-Montessori three:** There were no early years children present.
- **Montessori room one:** There were 14 children in the care of 3 staff. (All aged between 3 and 4 years).
- **Montessori room two:** There were 17 children in the care of 3 staff. (All aged between 3 and 4 years).
- **Montessori room three:** There were no early years children present.

Day Two during the morning:

- **Pre walker room:** There were 5 babies in the care of 2 staff. (5 aged between 0-1 years).
- **Baby room:** There were 5 babies in the care of 3 staff. (4 aged between 0-1 years and 3 aged between 1 and 2 years).
- **Wobbler room one:** There were 10 children in the care of 3 staff. (All aged between 1 and 2 years).
- **Wobbler room two:** There were 10 children in the care of 3 staff. (All aged between 1 and 2 years).
- **Toddler room one:** There were 17 children in the care of 5 staff. (7 aged between 1 and 2 years and 10 aged between 2 and 3 years).
- **Toddler room two:** There were 17 children in the care of 5 staff. (All aged between 2 and 3 years).
- **Pre-Montessori room one:** There were 17 children in the care of 3 staff. (All aged between 2 and 3 years and six months).
- **Pre-Montessori room two:** There were 14 children in the care of 2 staff. (2 aged between 2 and 3 years and 12 aged between 3 and 4 years).
- **Pre-Montessori three:** There were 14 children in the care of 3 staff. (2 aged between 2 and 3 years and 12 between 3 and 4 years).
- **Montessori room one:** There were 14 children in the care of 4 staff. (All aged between 3 and 4 years).
- **Montessori room two:** There were 16 children in the care of 4 staff. (All aged between 3 and 4 years).
- **Montessori room three:** There were 12 children in the care of 3 staff. (All aged between 3 and 4 years).

Day two during the afternoon:

- **Pre walker room:** There were 5 babies in the care of 2 staff. (5 aged between 0-1 years).
- **Baby room:** There were 7 babies in the care of 2 staff. (4 aged between 0-1 years and 1 aged between 1 and 2 years).

The baby room and pre walker room worked together as a pod in the afternoon.

- **Wobbler room one:** There were 8 children in the care of 3 staff. (All aged between 1 and 2 years).
- **Wobbler room two:** There were 10 children in the care of 3 staff. (All aged between 1 and 2 years).
- **Toddler room one:** There were 14 children in the care of 4 staff. (5 aged between 1 and 2 years and 9 aged between 2 and 3 years).

- **Toddler room two:** There were 16 children in the care of 3 staff. (All aged between 2 and 3 years).
- **Pre-Montessori room one:** There were 17 children in the care of 3 staff. (All aged between 2 and 3 years and six months).
- **Pre-Montessori room two:** There were 12 children in the care of 2 staff. (All aged between 2 and 3 years and 6 months).
- **Pre-Montessori three:** There were no early years children present in the afternoon.
- **Montessori room one:** There were 17 children in the care of 3 staff. (All aged between 3 and 4 years).
- **Montessori room two:** There were 14 children in the care of 3 staff. (All aged between 3 and 4 years).
- **Montessori room three:** There were no early years children present in the afternoon.

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-

(b) appropriate and suitable care practices are in place in the pre-school service, having regard to the number of children attending the service and the nature of their needs.

Compliance Information

(1)(b)

Regulation 19 was assessed through direct observation, review of documentation and discussion with staff. The following was observed in relation to the provision and implementation of outdoor play and supporting relationships of parents for the wellbeing of children attending the service.

Outdoor play.

Kiddies Kingdom childcare service catered for early years children, aged from 6 months to 6 years over 12 rooms throughout two buildings. The service had a total of five all weather surfaced outdoor play areas (called outdoor gardens). These outdoor gardens were colour coded by name, all on the grounds of the service and some were adjacent to various care rooms off each building.

Since the last inspection a new play policy was developed, this included colour coded timetables to ensure that all children attending were provided with an opportunity for outdoor playtime in each childcare room. The implementation of this policy and timetables over the two days of the inspection were observed to be working

well. The children in all rooms availed of their assigned times. For example, in toddler room 1 on the 24 and 25 October 2023 the purple garden was used from 09:30-11:00 and in the afternoon the red garden was used from 15:30-16:00. In Montessori room 2 on the 24 and 25 October 2023 the green garden was used from 11:00-12:00 and in the afternoon the yellow garden was used from 15:30-16:00.

The play gardens were fully utilised throughout the two days of inspection. The sessional and early childhood care and education programme (ECCE) used the play spaces at least once in the morning. The children attending for full day care used the gardens twice and some of the older children got a third opportunity to join in with the afterschool children.

The babies and younger children were provided with the opportunity to get outdoors with the use of strollers. The service had invested in two double strollers and two single strollers for this purpose. Regardless of the weather outdoor play was availed of, all children were appropriately dressed for these occasions with rain gear, jumpsuits and wellington boots.

The pink, red and purple play gardens were observed to be appropriately used for the younger children under two years of age and had soft play surfaces with some ride on toys, small slides, crawl tunnels and child sized seating.

The purple garden could not be used as a play area when children were being dropped off and collected from the service by parents and guardians.

The main outdoor play space was one area that extended the full length of the main building. This area was subdivided and called the yellow and the green gardens. These gardens were well resourced with outdoor play equipment such as swings, slides, a mud kitchen and wheel along toys. All outdoor play equipment was anchored securely. Synthetic matting with colourful cut out child friendly themes covered the hard cement walls to provide a safe surface.

Supporting Relationships.

Since the last inspection there was a change in the policy of restricted access to the childcare premises. Parents were accessing both buildings and children were being dropped and collected at the doors of the care rooms.

The inspectors observed parents/guardians being greeted and welcomed when they handed over and collected their children. This allowed parents/guardians the opportunity to observe their child's play environment and to receive feedback in an unhurried manner.

A new parent handbook was compiled for parents and guardians since the last inspection. The registered provider informed the inspectors that a copy was made available electronically to all parents who had enrolled children in the service.

Part V - Care of Child in Pre-school Service

Regulation 22 – Food and drink

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

Compliance Information

Since the last inspection the service had recruited and employed a chef to prepare the main meal of the day and was observed to be a positive attribute to the service for the provision of the main meal in the setting.

A two-week menu plan was devised with three meals and documented as served at the following times, breakfast 07:30hrs -09:00hrs, dinner served between 12:00hrs -14:30hrs and tea from 15:00hrs-15:30hrs. The menu plan referenced food allergies for each meal.

On the 24 October 2023: The dinner consisted of bacon, cabbage and mashed potato. Tea at 15:00 pm was observed to be rice pudding.

On the 25 October 2023: The dinner consisted of beef stir fry with noodles and vegetables. The tea served was vanilla custard.

Drinking water was available in all the rooms, which was accessible and offered to the children throughout both days.

Non-Compliance Information

While progress had been made with the recruitment of a chef, meal provision observed over the two days of inspection was at times not in keeping with the Nutrition Standards for early Learning and Care Services.

1. There were inconsistencies and differing practices for timing of meals and provision of snacks observed in different rooms during the inspection. The provision of food requires oversight and planning to ensure that children's nutritional needs are met at all times. Some children received different numbers of snacks depending on the room attended and the timing of meals was very close together in some areas of the service. Examples observed on the day of inspection were:

- The timing of meals was quite close together in some rooms and food practices varied between rooms leading to some inconsistency in the food offering for children depending on what room they attended. The healthy eating policy was not clear on the service's provision of food and parental requirement to supply snacks. In discussion with staff in one of the rooms it was confirmed that a snack was available to the children however this was not offered to them. Children were required to request their snack if they wanted to eat it. In other rooms staff made snacks available to the children.
- In the Wobbler room one on day one, all children arrived before 09:00hrs and were provided with breakfast. The dinner was served at 11:00hrs. The parents supply the snacks for the afternoon. There was no mid-morning snack provided.
- On the second day, babies were served a snack provided by parents at 10:00hrs and dinner was then served at 11:00hrs, which was very close together.
- In toddler room 1, children were served the afternoon snack from the service at the same time as their snack from home on both afternoons.
- In the pre-Montessori room 1, children arrived between 08:30hrs and 09:00hrs and were given breakfast. No mid-morning snack was given. Dinner provided by the service was served at 12:00hrs. The afternoon snack was given at 15:00hrs was supplied by parents. In Montessori room 2 parents supply the morning and afternoon snacks and dinner is provided by the service.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective and Preventive Actions

The registered provider submitted their first capa response on the 28 November 2023. The response included the following:

The registered provider stated in this response that all rooms will have a mid-morning snack.

The registered provider stated in this response that service has a breakdown of mealtimes in the Healthy Eating Policy, and of meals that Kiddies Kingdom provide and what Parents/Guardians provide.

The registered provider stated that the management will ensure all mealtimes are followed by all rooms.

The registered provider submitted their second capa response on the 22 December 2023. The response include the following:

That the service had met with Waterford County Childcare Committee in relation to their Healthy Eating Policy and practices.

The registered provider further stated in this response that the management and staff had read both the Nutrition Standards for Early Learning and Care Services along with Safe Food Healthy Eating Policies and Food pyramid, and that the services policies had been up dated based on these documents. The services had included links directly to these documents for both parents and staff to view them.

The registered provider also stated in the CAPA response that “We have also given definitions of what a snack is and some examples for parents. We have made it very clear in our policies the number of snacks that parents must send in based on their children’s attendance and their age groups. “

The registered provider informed that following the inspectors feedback the service had put the babies and wobblers dinner and snack back by 30 minutes to allow more time between the morning snack and dinner. The service has rescheduled meals and snack times and that all children would be offered meals and snacks at the newly allocated times.

The registered provider stated that the updated polices now included:

- A sample menu
- Definitions of what a snack is and examples of same
- Links to the Nutritional Standards for Early Learning and Care Services and also Food Safety and the Food Pyramid.

A meeting had taken place with the chef and all our childcare staff in each of the rooms on the implementation of the updated policy and the importance of serving the meals and snacks at the allocated times. Staff will give the children 10 minutes notice before they intend to serve the meals/snacks. All staff have read the updated policies and procedures.

The management have committed to ensuring that the service practices reflect the policies, and that a hard copy of these polices are available in the service and a copy is uploaded to the parents app.

Supporting documentation submitted:

The registered provider submitted the service's updated Healthy Eating Policy, including a menu plan and links to relevant documents. A copy of the updated parents' handbook.

Summary Comment

The healthy eating policy with the CAPA 28 November 2023 returned to the inspectorate did not provide adequate reassurance to the Inspectorate that children would receive food and snacks in line with best practice. The information in the healthy eating policy contradicted information provided in the CAPA. For example, the policy stated for those children who arrive between 8.30am and 9.00am and receive breakfast, are not offered a mid-morning snack. The CAPA states that "all rooms will have a mid-morning snack". The policy did not provide a sample menu or define what constitutes a snack.

The second capa was submitted to the office of the inspectors on the 22 December 2023. This response was reviewed and is satisfactory. The practice around food provision in the service will be reviewed on the next inspection.

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

Infection Control:

Regular and consistent handwashing was observed during the inspection period. Warm water, liquid soap and paper hand towels were available throughout the service.

All formula bottles were brought to the service prepared by parents and stored in the fridges in the individual rooms. The staff in the baby and pre-walker rooms had a system in place that to ensure that formula bottles once taken from the fridges for feeding, were discarded after two hours. The service had developed a policy around the safe preparation, transport and storage of formula bottles which was emailed to parents.

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

(e) equipped with adequate and suitable sanitary facilities.

Compliance Information

(c)

On the previous inspection on 8 and 9 December 2022 there was a malodour detected in the nappy changing rooms in wobbler room 1 and toddler rooms 2 and 3. Since that inspection the registered provider had increased the ventilation capacity of each of these rooms, with additional passive ventilation and cleaning and servicing the present mechanical systems. On both days of this inspection all three nappy changing areas were fresh and no malodour was present. Staff emptied nappy bins twice daily.

(e)

There was sufficient sanitary accommodation to meet the numbers and needs of children attending. There were toilet and nappy changing rooms located adjacent to each care room.

On the last inspection in December 2022 the nappy changing area, adjacent to Montessori room 6 was not ventilated and the lobby door between this nappy changing area and the care room had been removed. On this inspection this nappy changing arrangement had been completely removed and therefore no longer posed an infection risk.