

Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Report

Pre School

TUSLA Identifier:	TU2015WH066			
Name of Service:	Kids Kottage			
Address of Service:	Main Street, Tyrrellspass, Co. Westmeath			
Eircode:	N91 WV8F			
Name of Registered Provider:	Deirdre Raleigh			
Service type:	Full Day, Part Time, Sessional			
Date of Inspection:	07/08/2024			
No of pre-school children:	AM	53	PM	50
Address of the Early Years Inspectorate:	Early Years Inspectorate, Tusla, Child and Family Agency, SAP Office, St. Loman's Campus, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath.			
Inspection undertaken by:	C. O' Connor Hughes & K. Murphy			
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			

Description of service

The service is registered to offer sessional, part time and full day care places to fifty-three children. The age range of children enrolled in the service is 0 to 6 years of age. The service is currently operating from 08:00 to 17:30.

The Early Years' Service is located in a two storey adapted premises and provides four pre-school rooms. The "burrow", "hive" and "coop" a sleep room, a kitchen and an office are located on the ground floor. The "nest" room is located on the first floor.

A second sleep room was built since the last inspection on 23 October 2023. Since the 6 August 2024 this room has been assigned as a pre-school room to provide temporary accommodation for pre-school children from the "den", a room previously located in the outdoor play area. The service is located in the village of Tyrellspass, Co. Westmeath.

Staffing

Nine staff members including the designated person in charge were working directly with children on the 7 August 2024. A cook and two administration staff were present in the service. The registered provider arrived at the service after the inspector's arrival and stayed on site for the duration of the inspection and the closing meeting. The registered provider works directly with children.

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 scope of the inspection included:

The Burrow room (aged 2-3 years)

The Hive room (3- 4 years)

The Coop room (1-1.5 years)

The Den room (1-2 years)

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

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 was referred to the TUSLA registration office on the 15 August 2024.

Acknowledgments

The inspectors wish to acknowledge the co-operation of the registered provider, 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

(3) Where a registered provider has been unable for good and proper reason to notify the Agency within the time specified in paragraph (1) or (2), as the case may be, of a 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), the registered provider shall notify the Agency in writing of the change as soon as possible thereafter.

Non-Compliance Information

(3)

As part of the CAPA response to address a non-compliance identified on the last inspection 10 October 2023 under Regulation 20(1)(b) a second sleep room was built for the service.

Since 06 August 2024 this newly constructed sleep room has not been used for its originally intended purpose as an additional sleep room but has been used to accommodate pre-school children as part of the maximum registered capacity for the service and operationally known as the “den” room. See Regulation 30.

It is acknowledged that when the issue was raised, the registered provider took a corrective action and submitted a change in circumstances to the Tusla registration office.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective and Preventive Action

8(3)

The registered provider has made an application to Tusla registration office for a change in circumstances for the new additional sleep room to accommodate children from the room named ‘the Den’.

This room has been demolished to allow for the construction of a new building two purpose-built classrooms, a staff room and four additional toilets. This building is currently under construction and according to the programme will be completed by the end of October. This room will revert back to additional sleep room at that time.

Significant investment in a new building will ensure that rooms will be used for their original purpose, there will be adequate rooms and there will be no requirement to repurpose rooms.

Supporting documentation submitted

Change in circumstance form.

Summary Comment

This non compliance remains outstanding. It is currently in progress with the TUSLA registration office.

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*

(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 a named person to deputise were available as required.

(b)

The designated person in charge and a named person to deputise were present for the duration of the inspection.

Twenty-one files were reviewed including the registered provider. The following was noted:

(2)(a)(b)

The required number of written validated references were available from past employers and from a source other than a past employer in respect of the files reviewed.

(c)

A Garda Vetting disclosure was available in respect of the staff 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 one staff member who had lived outside the state for a period of longer than six consecutive months.

(4)

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.

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.

(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

(8)(a)

The staff roster indicated that two adults are on the premises at all times.

Non-Compliance Information

(1)

There were fifty-three children attending the service supervised directly by ten adults. The minimum ratio of adults to children was not maintained during the inspection.

(2)

1. There was an insufficient number of adults caring for children in the “hive” room. A third adult was required to care for the fifteen children aged 3-6 years and the three children aged 2-3 years attending on a part time/ full day care basis.
2. There was an insufficient number of adults caring for children in the “nest” room. A third adult was required to care for the fourteen children aged 3-6 years attending on a part time/ full day care basis and the five school aged children.
3. An adult was required to maintain the correct adult to child ratios when the second adult left the “den” room to carry out nappy changing.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective and Preventive Action

11(1)

The registered provider has secured additional staff to cover in the event of sickness during the summer period. Staff have all agreed to provide cover when required out of the term.

11(2)

All additional staff member has been allocated on a full-time basis to the “hive” room, there are now three early Years Practitioners in the room at all times.

Rostering additional staff members to each room and ensuring that cover is available at short notice.

Supporting documentation submitted

Staff rosters provided.

Summary Comment

The non compliance will be addressed if the corrective action stated by the Registered Provider is adhered to. The practice stated will be reviewed on the next TUSLA inspection.

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:

- (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) (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)

Rooms - Burrow, Hive, Coop and Den

All meals and snacks were prepared on site by a cook. A menu plan was in place and dietary needs and preferences were catered for. Potable water was available to the children to self-serve during the inspection. Children were encouraged to be independent as they washed their hands before snacks and mealtimes. Younger children were observed to explore their environment and crawl and play on the soft matting provided. Children attending the "coop" room slept on a need's basis in a separate sleep room. The children were physically checked every ten minutes by staff. Regular nappy changes were carried out as required for children. Good communication was observed between the staff member and child during nappy changing.

The staff were positive towards children and were familiar with each child, their personalities and their daily routines. Children were happy and content with their carers in the rooms. Staff used children's individual names, maintained eye contact and conversed with the children during play activities, nappy changing, toileting and mealtimes. Good teamwork was observed amongst staff.

The pre-school rooms were bright and colourful. Age and stage appropriate toys were accessible to children on low level shelving. Children were observed to relax in the cosy rest areas established in the rooms. A comfortable chair was available to support the comfort and nurturing of the young children in the "coop" room.

The service works in partnership with parents and guardians. Communication between parents and the service was shared via an electronic application depicting the child's daily routine, play activities and child development observations.

Non-Compliance Information

1(a)

The layout of the "den" room in operation since 6 August 2024 required further development of the physical and material environment to allow for child led, imaginative and sensory play.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective and Preventive Action

19(1)(a)

Areas of interest have been defined in the room, a cosy area has been created, a birthday and family area has been created.

Consideration will be given to areas of interest, children's stage of development and expression to their identity and belonging will be displayed.

Supporting documentation submitted

Photographic evidence.

Summary Comment

The non compliance has been addressed.

Part V - Care of Child in Pre-school Service

Regulation 20 – Facilities for rest and play

(1) Subject to this regulation, a registered provider shall ensure that-

(a) having regard to the number of pre-school children attending the service, their respective ages and the amount of time they spend on the premises, there are adequate and suitable facilities for each child 19 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)

Play equipment was provided indoors and outdoors which included toys, equipment and tabletop activities.

(b)

One sleep room was provided adjacent to “the coop” and equipped with four cots.

Children were observed to sleep on floor mattresses in the “burrow” and “den” rooms.

Relaxation mats were provided for children attending the “hive” room to rest and relax.

Soft furnishings were provided in the pre-school rooms for children to rest and relax.

(3)(a)

The outdoor play is currently limited due to impending construction to the rear of the existing premises.

A section of outdoor play for use by children has been secured by high level wire fence and netting. An artificial surface was noted. Toys and equipment included a selection of plastic bricks, bicycles and scooters.

Non-Compliance Information

(1)(b)

1. The cots in the sleep room adjacent to the “coop” room were not placed the required 50 cm apart from each other. This non-compliance was noted on the last inspection on the 23 October 2023.

The corrective and preventive actions response from the registered provider stated the following

“The construction of an additional sleep room is nearing completion. This room will accommodate a further 6 cots with the recommended 50cm between each cot. Timeframe 6 January 2024. A full review of facilities for rest and play to be reviewed with staff and management to ensure full compliance with changes to the regulations.”

The practice stated was not adhered to by the registered provider.

2. The floor mattresses in the “den” room were not suitable to meet the needs of the children aged 1 -2 years in attendance.
 - The depth of the mattress provided was measured at 4.5cm which did not meet the minimum depth standard of between 6 and 15 cm.
 - Floor beds fitted with a mattress in or on the bed frame were not available for use by the children aged 1-2 years.

(3)(a)

1. The protective cover on the metal handles of one scooter were worn away. Exposed sharp edges were noted which posed a potential risk of injury to a child.
2. The wooden gate to the side of the outdoor area was worn with exposed wood and splintering evident which posed a potential risk of injury to a child.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective and Preventive Action

20(1)(b)1

The cots in the sleep rooms have been re arranged to maximise the space between them, between three of the cots there is now the required 50cm and fourth cot is 46cm, the repurposing of our additional sleep room will accommodate the fourth cot from the baby room and also provide five additional cots for the children in the Den.

Bringing the additional sleep room into use when the construction phase is complete will provide additional space for cots allowing for the 50cm distance between each cot. The commencement of the new building has been seriously delayed by the need to relocate one of our pre-school rooms to a new location. The process was started 18 months ago and encountered huge delays due to the lack of fire certificates and compliance to fire regulations in the new location. Management were forced to engage an engineer and builders to carry out remedial works in order to comply with fire regulations. This delayed starting the new building by a full 18 months. The building has commenced just at the children's return after the summer break which required the repurpose of the new sleep room to accommodate them.

20(1)(b) 2

Six maxi pack contour cocoon mattresses have been purchased for the one to two year old children. Management will ensure our materials and equipment are in line with regulatory changes.

20(3)(a) -1

The scooter has been removed from the garden.

Management will carry out a weekly review of materials to ensure safe for children's use.

20(3)(a) -2

The wooden gate has been replaced.

Management will carry out a monthly review of all outside appliances to ensure safe and in good working order

Supporting documentation submitted

Photographic evidence.

Summary Comment

20(1)(a)b) 1&2

The non compliance remains outstanding until the newly built sleep room, currently a care room has been repurposed as a sleep room only. The registered provider shall inform the Early Years Inspectorate when the change in use from care room to sleep room takes place.

20(3)(a) 1& 2

The non compliance has been addressed.

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 gate to the service was secure to ensure the safety of the children within the service. The service is accessed through a bell and intercom system to the reception area or directly to the pre-school rooms.

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 visitors book on arrival.

Infection Control:

The premises were visually clean. All toys and materials were easily cleanable. Cleaning schedules were available. Warm water, paper hand towel and liquid soap was available in the sanitary accommodation. The water temperature recorded at the wash hand basins was 35 degrees Celsius.

Children were observed to wash their hands before snacks and after using the toilet. The nappy changing procedure observed was carried out as per the services' nappy changing procedure.

Foot operated pedal bins were available in the sanitary accommodation and in the pre-school rooms for the hygienic disposal of waste.

Natural ventilation was available through openable windows in the pre-school rooms and in the sanitary accommodation and nappy changing room.

Administration of Medication:

Temperature reducing medication was available in the service if a child presented with a high temperature and stored safely in the service. Medication was stored correctly in the service. The medication documentation was available and reviewed.

Safe Sleep:

A record of the colour, position and breathing of sleeping children was noted in an electronic sleep log. A staff member was observed to physically check sleeping children every ten minutes in the sleep room adjacent to the “coop” room. The environmental temperature recorded was 19 degrees Celsius. A staff member was present in the “den” “hive” and “burrow” rooms to observe the children when sleeping.

Fire Safety:

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

Non-Compliance Information

Infection Control:

1. Cellular cot blankets were left to dry on radiators in the sanitary accommodation incorporating nappy changing after washing which posed a potential infection control risk.
2. A build-up of dust and physical debris was noted in the ventilation grid in the sanitary accommodation incorporating nappy changing underneath the staircase. This non-compliance was previously noted on the inspection of 23 October 2023.

Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective & Preventive Action

Infection Control:

1. Staff have been informed that no items are to be placed on the radiators for drying in sanitary accommodation. Tumble dryer is on site for bed clothes.
2. The vent has been thoroughly cleaned and cleaners have been reminded about cleaning of the same. Cleaning schedule to include cleaning of ventilation grids.

Supporting documentation submitted

Infection Control:

Photographic evidence.

Summary Comment

The non compliance has been addressed.

Part VI - Safety

Regulation 25 - First aid

(1) A registered provider shall ensure that a person trained in first aid for children is, at all times, immediately available to the children attending the pre-school service.

(2) A registered provider shall ensure that a suitably equipped first aid box for children-

(a) is safely stored in an easily accessible and conspicuous position on the premises, and

(b) is available to the children attending the pre-school service at all times.

Compliance Information

- (1)
Fifteen adults were qualified in First Aid response (FAR) and available on the premises during the hours of operation.
- (2)(a)
A First aid box was available in the main corridor.
- (b)
A first aid box was accessible to children in the pre-school service.

Part VI - Safety

Regulation 26 - Fire safety measures

- (1) A registered provider shall ensure that a record in writing is kept of-
- (a) any fire drill that takes place in the premises, and
 - (b) the number, type and maintenance record of firefighting equipment and smoke alarms in the premises.
- (4) A notice of the procedures to be followed in the event of fire shall be displayed in a conspicuous position in the premises.

Compliance Information

(1)(a)

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 23 July 2024.

(b)

A record was available demonstrating the number, type and maintenance of the firefighting equipment and smoke alarms on the premises. The smoke alarms in the premises were serviced on the 23 May 2024.

(4)

A notice of the procedures to be followed in the event of a fire was displayed in a conspicuous position in the pre-school rooms.

Non-Compliance Information

(1)(b)

The firefighting equipment was last serviced on the 6 June 2023. It is acknowledged that the registered provider took a corrective action and had the firefighting equipment serviced on 8 August 2024. The maintenance certificate was submitted to TUSLA Early Years inspectorate post inspection.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective and Preventive Action

(1)(b)

The firefighting equipment was serviced on the 8th of August 2024 and the certificate was submitted. A quarterly review of maintenance certificates to ensure servicing fully up to date.

Supporting documentation submitted

Maintenance certificate for fire extinguishers.

Summary Comment

The non compliance has been addressed.

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.

Part VII - Premises and Space Requirements

Regulation 29 - Premises

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

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

Compliance Information

- (a)
- The main premises which have been in existence for several years visually appear to be of sound and stable structure.
- (b)
- The entrance gate to the service was secure to ensure the safety of the children within the service. The service is accessed through a bell and intercom system to the reception area or directly to the pre-school rooms.

(c)
The light fittings were covered and fully operational to provide adequate artificial light to the pre-school rooms and the sanitary accommodation.
Fixed radiators were in place. An environmental temperature of approximately 22 degrees Celsius was recorded.

(d)
The floors and walls were in a good state of repair and maintenance. Waste and refuse are removed daily to externally located and secure closed bins. A contractor collects refuse from the premises on a scheduled basis.

Non-Compliance Information

(e)
Fifty-three pre-school and five school aged children were in attendance. A sufficient number of wash hand basins were not provided in the sanitary accommodation incorporating nappy changing. Four wash hand basins were provided. Five wash hand basins were required.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective and Preventive Action

(e)
A second wash hand basin has been ordered for our two toilets block. Plumber has been confirmed it will be fitted on Monday 9th of September.
Keeping abreast of regulations to ensure we have the correct number of wash basins for the number of children enrolled.

Supporting documentation submitted

No evidence submitted.

Summary Comment

The non compliance has not been addressed. The registered provider shall submit evidence to the Early Years Inspectorate of the works carried out on completion.

Part VII - Premises and Space Requirements

Regulation 30 - Minimum space requirements

(1) Subject to paragraphs (2) to (6), a registered provider shall ensure that adequate clear floor space is available in the premises for the work, play and movement of children attending the pre-school service.

(2) A registered provider of a full day care service or a part-time day care service shall ensure that the minimum amount of clear floor space specified in column (3) of Schedule 7 opposite a particular reference number specified in column (1) of that Schedule in respect of the age range of children specified in column (2) thereof at that reference number is available for each child in that age range attending the service.

Compliance Information

(2)

The “coop” room with an area of approximately 26 m² ensured that the minimum amount of clear floor space was available in respect of the 6 children attending on a full day care basis.

The “burrow” room with an area of approximately 21 m² ensured that the minimum amount of clear floor space was available in respect of the 7 children attending on a full day care basis.

Non-Compliance Information

(1)

Adequate clear floor space was not available to provide the number of children present with an environment to work, play and move freely in the hive, den and nest pre-school rooms.

(2)

Measurements of the “hive”, “den” and “nest” pre-school rooms recorded and the number of children present on inspection indicated that there was insufficient space per child available in these rooms.

The Hive

Age of Child	Space Required	Total Space Required
2 – 3 years	3 Full Day Care/ Part-time (2.35m ²)	7.05 m ²
3 - 6 years	15 Full Day Care/Part time (2.3 m ²)	34.5 m ²

Total Space Required	41.55 m ²
Total Space Available	30.343 m ²

The Den

Age of Child	Space Required	Total Space Required
1 – 2 years	8 Full Day Care/ Part-time (2.8 m ²)	22.4 m ²
Total Space Required		22.4 m ²
Total Space Available		13.091 m ²

The Nest

Age of Child	Space Required	Total Space Required
3 – 6 years	14 Full Day Care/ Part-time (2.3 m ²)	32.2m ²
6 + years	5 school aged children	

Total Space Required	32.2 m2 + SAC space
Total Space Available	28.7 m2

This non-compliance was noted on the last inspection on the 23 October 2023 in the nest room.

The corrective and preventive response submitted by the registered provider stated the following;

“A review of the number of full day care children in attendance in the “nest” has since been assessed resulting in the re – allocation of days for afterschool children. Afterschool children have been restricted to Monday and Friday as the full day care numbers are reduced to five on each of those days.

Letter to afterschool parents advising them of the reduction in service until new building available.”

The practice stated was not adhered to by the registered provider.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective and Preventive Action

(1)

There was a restriction on the after-school children during the first term, however once again the demolition of the classrooms which started on the Thursday 1st of Aug reduced the space significantly. Management requested from parents of children leaving the service to start school and also the afterschool children to finish the children up as the service did not have sufficient room for them. This happened on week ending 9th and 16th of August. This reduced the numbers out in the building.

(2)

This situation arose because management demolished two rooms to allow the new building to commence. The two weeks following the inspection fourteen children finished with us as they were starting school. This allowed us to move children who were remaining in the service to their new rooms for the start of the new year and to comply with regulatory numbers of children in the hive, the den and the nest.

Management are operating a service at a new location for twenty two children to attend pre-school during the construction of our new classrooms, a fit for purpose inspection has been carried out on this building and it has received TUSLA registration. This new building will provide us with two additional classrooms providing adequate space.

Supporting documentation submitted

Floor plans for new building.

Summary Comment

The non compliance will be addressed for the hive, the den and the nest rooms if the corrective action stated by the registered provider is adhered to. The practice stated with will be assessed on the next TUSLA inspection. The registered provider will inform TUSLA Early Years Inspectorate when the new building is ready for a fit for purpose inspection.