

Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Report

Pre School

TUSLA Identifier:	TU2016GY003
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Name of Service:	First Steps
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Address of Service:	Creggs Road, Glenamaddy, Co. Galway
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Name of Registered Provider:	Marilyn Divilly
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Service type:	Full Day
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Date of Inspection:	10/09/2025
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No of pre-school children:	AM	36	PM	30
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Address of the Early Years Inspectorate:	Quality and Regulation Directorate, Clinical & Administration Building, Block A - (1st Floor- Green Corridor), Merlin Park Hospital, Galway.
Inspection undertaken by:	E. Friel
Title:	Early Years Inspector

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

First Steps is an early years care and education establishment providing a range of services including sessional, part time and full day care. While registered for children aged 0-6 years of age, children currently attending are aged from 6 months to 6 years old. Opening hours are from 08:00 to 18:00, Monday to Friday for 49 weeks of the year.

First Steps is located in the rural village of Glenamaddy in north east Galway. There are 4 care rooms currently in operation namely: Wobblers, Toddlers and ECCE operating from within the main building and the Playschool building located on the grounds of the service. In addition, there is a kitchen in which the cook prepares food daily, adult and child sanitary facilities and a dedicated sleep room is available adjacent to the Toddler care room. There are 2 play areas located at the rear of the service and the Playschool and Toddler care rooms each have direct access to outdoor play areas.

Staffing

The service currently employs 11 adults including the registered provider, a cook and an adult employed in school age care. In addition, a student was on placement.

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.

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.

Acknowledgments

The inspector wishes 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.

(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 register provider was the designated person in charge and a named person was available to deputise, as required.

(b) Both the registered provider and the deputy were observed working in the service while the early years children were present.

(2) The recruitment files of all 12 adults were reviewed:

(a) Evidence was available that the registered provider had validated 17 references obtained from previous employers.

(b) Evidence was available that the registered provider had validated 7 references from sources other than a past employer.

(c) Garda vetting disclosures were available for 10 adults; the cook did not have direct access to or contact with

the children and the student did not require garda vetting. The service did not adhere to the re-vetting timeframes as outlined in the Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Notice, requiring services to renew garda vetting every 3 years. Please refer to the information outlined under regulation 23 of this report.

- (d) Curricula vitae on file indicated that no overseas police vetting was required as none of the adults in the service had lived outside the state for 6 months or longer as an adult.
- (4) Staff files viewed on the day indicated that 8 adults working directly with the children had obtained a major award in Early Childhood Care and Education at Level 5 or above, on the National Framework of Qualifications. In addition, 1 adult had a letter of qualification recognition from the department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth. Three adults did not require childcare qualification.

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) An adequate number of adults were working with the children on inspection. There were 8 adults and 1 student working directly with 36 children in the morning and 30 children in the afternoon.
- (2) The adult/child ratios were maintained while the early years children were present in the service.
- (8)
- (a) The staff roster indicated that there were 2 adults on the premises while the early years children were present in the service.

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, and

Compliance Information

Basic needs:

- Rest areas visible in each of the care rooms were furnished with suitable soft furnishings including vinyl chairs and vinyl circular cushions.
- Children in the Wobbler room were observed wearing bibs to protect their clothing.
- Children in the Playschool care room were observed accessing the toilet area independently and assistance was provided from adults nearby, as required.
- Nappy changing in the care rooms was observed to be carried out regularly and as required. Children who were wet from outdoor play were changed into dry clothes in the Wobbler care room.

Supporting children's relationships:

- Staff members demonstrated warmth and sensitivity in their interactions with the children. Examples included a staff member in the Playschool care room was heard providing verbal reassurance to a child who was asking for their mummy stating that their mummy would be back soon while getting down to the child's level. In addition, staff were observed communicating positively while changing children in the nappy changing areas of both the Wobbler and Toddler care rooms.
- Staff stated that various methods of communication were in use with parents including a messaging application in which photographs and messages are sent to the parents/guardians. The inspector observed staff greeting parents/guardians at the entrance to the service where they were heard discussing the wellbeing of the individual children.
- Minutes of a staff meeting were available which included topics such as cleaning procedures, staff breaks and curriculum planning.
- Communication books were in use in the Wobbler care room which were furnished to the inspector. These detailed the sleep, eating, toileting and activities of each individual child which were sent home daily to keep parents/guardians informed.

Planning of activities:

- Curriculum planning was available including the long, medium and short terms plans of the care rooms. These were furnished to the inspector and included topics in the month of August such as all about me, and emotions and feelings.
- Children’s language development in the Playschool care room was supported through one to one and group discussion, songs and storytelling which were observed throughout the inspection. Staff could be heard singing various songs to the children during the morning including welcome songs mentioning each child’s name, counting songs and “If you are happy and you know it clap your hands.” Books including topics such as emotions were read with staff observed asking questions and discussing a character in the story who was sad, happy, calm and nervous.

Non-Compliance Information

Programme of activities:

- Contrary to the service’s sleep policy there were no alternative activities on offer in the Toddler care room for 3 of the 11 children observed awake, while children were resting. In conversation, staff stated that activities are offered but none were observed on the day.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective and Preventive Action

The following statement was received from the registered provider.

- All children are offered alternative activities if they cannot sleep or do not need a sleep. Table top activities or an alternative room is available if they do not wish to rest.

Supporting documentation submitted

- The statement from the registered provider has been accepted.

Summary Comment

The non-compliance identified under Regulation 19 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 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.

Compliance Information

1.

(a) The care rooms and the outdoor play areas were furnished with resources and equipment which were suitable for the various age groups of children attending the service. They provided opportunities to enhance the learning needs of all children across all areas of development.

- Examples included children in the Wobbler care room, aged 14– 21 months, who were observed to have access to rugs under foot preventing impact injuries for children practicing their walking skills who were unbalanced and push and pull toys helping the children to learn the concept of cause and effect.
- Older children had access to clearly defined areas including well resourced home corners, dressing up areas and vanity units for imaginary play, puzzles and construction materials providing opportunities for cognitive development and arts and crafts resources for creative development while fostering children’s imagination.
- Age and stage appropriate play equipment was available in each outdoor play area. Children in the Wobbler/Toddler rooms covered outdoor play area had access to ride-ons, cars and rockers all providing opportunities to practice gross motor skills of pushing, steering and balancing. While older children had opportunities for swinging on the nest swing, sliding on the slides and balancing on the seesaw and balance bikes. A separate grass area was available where children could run around.

(b) Adequate and suitable facilities were available in each care room for the children to rest or sit quietly. The following rest/sleep areas were observed during the inspection, with children under 2 years of age having access to a standard cot:

Designated Wobbler sleep room – The inspector observed 9 cots available for use in the sleep room. Four children aged from 14 months to were 21 months were observed sleeping at 13:15. Each cot was supplied with

a waterproof mattress cover, fitted sheet and cellular blanket. The cots were placed 50 centimetres apart. The sleep room temperature was recorded as 22°C, within the required 18°C – 22°C for children over 12 months. Children were observed being put down to sleep after lunch at 12:30 with staff remaining in the sleep room rubbing the children’s backs until the children fell asleep.

Toddler sleep room – The inspector observed 11 stackable beds in use after lunch in the Toddler care room at 12:50. Each bed was equipped with a fitted sheet and cellular blanket. Soft music was playing in the background and ambient lighting was available enabling staff and children to see each other in the care room. Three adults remained in the sleep room while the children slept/rested.

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

A menu plan was visible in the reception area of the service for parents/guardians to view. Healthy meals and snacks were observed being served at regular times throughout the day. The hot meal served at lunch time was prepared on the premises by the cook.

- Staff stated breakfast of oat and wheat-based cereals was available from 07:30 to 09:00. Children attending on a sessional basis ate snack prepared by parents/guardians. Those availing of full day care were provided with snack by the service. Snack was observed being served in the Playschool care room at 10.30 and consisted of bite sized pieces of fruit, yogurt and filled sandwiches.
- A hot lunch of bacon, potatoes and turnip was observed being served to children in the Wobbler care room at 12:10, where the children had access to bowls and spoons and two handled cups for drinking water. Adults were observed assisting where necessary and the children were observed being given the opportunity to feed themselves.
- Staff stated an additional snack was offered at 15:30 with fruit available later in the evening should children still be hungry.
- Water was available from jugs in each of the care rooms and children had access to appropriate cutlery and crockery while eating.

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:

- All doors were appropriately secured to ensure that unauthorised adults could not enter or that children could not leave unsupervised. The main entrance doors was secured with a buzzer from which the adult could contact the care rooms.
- Highchairs observed in use in the Wobbler care room were fitted with five-point harnesses to prevent the children from exiting from the chairs and were positioned facing the adults away from hazards.
- A secure storage area was available for bins in the outdoor area of the Wobbler care room.
- Cleaning agents in the Wobbler care rooms were stored on a high shelf above the sink area, out of reach of the children.
- The pedal operated bin in the Wobbler care room was located in a cupboard out of reach of children.
- The television cable in the Playschool room was placed out of reach of the children.
- The perimeters of all the outdoor play areas were secure. The outdoor play area of the Wobbler care room was fitted with safety matting helping to absorb impact and reduce injury of a fall to the children observed playing in the area throughout the day. The perimeter was secured with high concrete walls, high wooden fencing and a wooden gate with a sliding bolt preventing children from leaving the area unsupervised. In addition, steel poles were fitted with flexible foam padding preventing injury to the children playing in the area. While the perimeter of the large play area at the rear was secured with high concrete walls and high metal fencing.

Infection Control:

- Perishable food in the Playschool care room was observed to be stored in the fridge preventing the food from spoiling. In addition, a bottle of milk sent in by parents/guardians in the Wobbler care room was observed to be stored in the fridge in the care room. In conversation, staff in the Wobbler care room were aware of the requirement to discard any milk which had been left out for more than 2 hours.
- Wash hand basins in use by the adults and children were fitted with thermostatically controlled hot water, under 43°C, dispensing soap, blue paper roll for drying hands and pedal operated bins were in use for the disposal of paper waste.

- Children’s coats and belongings were observed to be stored off the floor area- on trollies in the Playschool care room and on hooks in the Wobbler care room.
- Cleaning checklists were available and were noted to be up to date in the Playschool care room, ensuring frequently used areas and equipment were cleaned regularly preventing the spread of infection.

Administration of Medication:

- No medication was observed being administered on the day of inspection.
- Temperature reducing medication was available in the event of an emergency, it was stored in its original container and the expiry date was recorded as 10/2027.

Fire Safety:

- Fire exit doors were observed to be unobstructed and fitted with thumb twist locks ensuring the quick evacuation of children and adults in the event of an emergency.
- Fire extinguishers were observed to be secured on brackets on the walls of the service.
- The fire assembly points were visible at the front and in the rear play areas.

Non-Compliance Information

General Safety:

1. Garda vetting was available for 10 adults; however, 1 vetting disclosure was not dated within the previous 3 years in adherence with the Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Notice ‘EYI-RN12.3 Renewal of Garda Vetting’.
2. A bait box was visible and accessible to the children in the Playschool care room, posing a safety risk to the children playing in the area.
3. Two adult sized dolls houses in the ECCE Room and Playschool care rooms were not anchored posing a tipping/falling risk to the children playing in the area.
4. There was no nappy bin for the disposal of used nappies and no aprons available in the changing area of the Playschool sanitary area. Contrary to the service’s infection control policy which stated that “all equipment should be nearby” a staff member stated that aprons are brought from the Toddler room in the event a child requires changing.
5. Due to a poorly positioned safety catch cleaning agents under the counter in the Playschool were accessible to the children, posing a safety risk.
6. The inspector observed that there was a shape sorter with a wide crack accessible to children in the Wobbler care room, posing a pinching risk should a child catch their finger on it.

7. Talcum powder, nappy sacks and individual children's creams were observed to be within reach of children during nappy changing in the Wobbler changing area, posing a safety risk.
8. There was a crack on the top of the blue slide in the outside area, posing a risk to the children from the sharp edges.
9. There was no handrail offering support and safety to children climbing the gradient to the outdoor play areas at the rear of the service, posing a safety risk.
10. Hazards were observed on the outdoor walls of the building within the courtyard which were accessible to the children. There was a white cable hanging in the walkway from the Playroom to the outdoor area, a piece of steel protruding from the wall alongside the cable and a cable coming from the window outside the yellow entrance door which was dangling down from the adjacent drain pipe, posing a safety risk to children moving around in the outdoor play areas.

Infection Control:

11. While there was an up-to-date cleaning checklist furnished to the inspector for the toys in the Wobbler care room the inspector observed a soiled wire bead maze which staff stated had been brought in from the outdoor area in error, posing a risk of infection.
12. A staff member in the Wobbler care room was observed, on two occasions, lifting the lid of the nappy changing bin with their hands to dispose of used nappies, posing a risk of cross infection. In conversation, the staff member stated the lid did not always lift when operated by the pedal.
13. There was no steriliser in use in the Wobbler or Toddler care rooms for soothers observed in use throughout the day. While staff stated a sterilisation system was available and the infection control policy stated "soothers will be washed with hot water and placed in a microwavable steriliser" none was observed in use for soothers or mouthed toys.
14. Contrary to the service's infection control policy which stated that all equipment should be at hand there were no aprons available in the nappy changing area of the Playschool sanitary area. In conversation, staff stated that if aprons are required they are sourced from the Toddler care room.
15. The inspector observed a swing bin in use in the ECCE lobby area which contained a used nappy, posing a potential risk of infection to the children.

Safe Sleep:

16. Documented 10-minute physical sleep checks in the Toddler room reviewed by the inspector were not accurately recorded for each child. The number of recordings for room temperatures, breathing patterns and skin colours did not reflect the number of times the sleep checks were being carried out for individual children. Examples included 3-time checks for an individual child on the day of inspection carried out at 12:30, 12:40 and 12:50 however there were 4 temperature recordings, 4 breathing patterns and 4 skin colour changes recorded. On the previous day there were 12-time checks recorded for an individual child with 10 room temperatures, 11 breathing patterns and 12 skin colours recorded. Not keeping accurate sleeping records could potentially compromise the safety of the sleeping children.
17. The inspector observed a cot placed under a window in the Wobbler designated sleep room, posing a safety risk to the children.
18. Stackable beds in use in the Toddler care room after lunch were not placed 50 centimetres apart, posing a potential safety risk to children sleeping and resting.

Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective & Preventive Action

General Safety:

1. Renewed Garda vetting has not been reapplied for the adult as they are not currently working in the service. Management will ensure in future that all garda vetting is renewed in a timely manner.
2. The bait box has been removed to ensure the safety of the children in the Playschool care room. The registered provider will ensure that there are no bait boxes accessible to the children in the service.
3. The adult sized dolls houses in the ECCE and Playschool care rooms have been anchored to prevent them falling or tipping over. All heavy equipment or free-standing furniture will be secured or removed from the care rooms.
4. A new apron dispenser with aprons has been installed along with a pedal operated, lined, sealed and lidded nappy bin in the Playschool sanitary area.
5. A new shelf has been purchased and placed on the wall of the Playschool care room, out of reach of the children. In future all cleaning agents will be stored on a high shelf, inaccessible by the children.
6. The shape sorter with a wide crack accessible to children in the Wobbler care room was removed on the day of inspection. All toys will be risk assessed and removed if broken.

7. Talcum powder, nappy sacks and individual children's creams in the Toddler changing area have been removed and placed in drawers, out of the reach of children.
8. The blue slide has been removed from the outdoor play area and a replacement has been ordered. A daily risk assessment will be carried on the outdoor play area in the future.
9. A new handrail has been installed offering support and safety to children climbing the gradient to the outdoor play areas at the rear of the service.
10. The hazards on the outdoor walls of the building within the courtyard have all been removed. The outdoor area will risk assessed on a daily basis to ensure the safety of the children playing in the area.

Infection Control:

11. The wire bead maze was removed on the day of inspection. Daily risk assessments will be carried out to ensure that all of the toys and equipment are clean in the Toddler care room.
12. A new nappy changing bin which is pedal operated, lined, lidded and sealed is in place in the Toddler nappy changing area to prevent the spread of cross infection.
13. Microwave sterilisers are now available for the Wobbler and Toddler care rooms to prevent cross infection. Staff will ensure that soothers are sterilised throughout the day and as required.
14. A new apron dispenser and a supply of single use aprons have been installed in the nappy changing area of the Playschool sanitary area. Management will ensure that there are an adequate supply of aprons and gloves in each nappy changing area.
15. A new pedal operated, lidded, lined and sealed nappy changing bin is now in use in the ECCE sanitary area, helping to reduce the risk of cross infection.

Safe Sleep:

16. New sleep record books are now in use for each child. The registered provider will ensure that all required elements are completed for each of the 10-minute physical sleep checks recorded for each child to ensure the safety of the children while sleeping.
17. The cot has been removed from under the window. Management will ensure that no cots are placed under a window.
18. Staff have removed large items of toys to ensure that there is sufficient room for the stackable beds. All stackable beds are now placed 50 centimetres apart to ensure the safety of the children and for supervision reasons.

Supporting documentation submitted

The following documents, photographs, statements and receipts were received in the office of the inspectorate;

General Safety:

1. The statement from the registered provider has been accepted.
2. A photograph of the Playschool care room with no bait box visible.
3. Photographs of the secured doll's houses in the ECCE Room and Playschool care rooms
4. Photographs of the new apron dispensers and the new pedal operated, lined, sealed and lidded nappy bins.
5. A photograph of the shelving with the cleaning agents placed out of reach of the children.
- 6 and 7. The statements from the registered provider have been accepted.
8. A receipt for the new slide.
9. A photograph of the newly installed handrail on the outdoor walkway.
10. Photographs of the outdoor walls of the building with the hazards removed.

Infection Control:

11. The statement from the registered provider has been accepted.
12. A photograph of the new nappy changing bin.

Safe Sleep:

13. The statement from the registered provider has been accepted.
14. A photograph of the new apron dispenser with aprons.
15. A photograph of the new nappy bin in the ECCE sanitary area.
16. Photographs of the children's individual sleep record books recording each child's 10-minute physical sleep check and the required elements recorded for each one.
17. The statement from the registered provider has been accepted.
18. A photograph of the Toddler room with the beds placed 50 centimetres apart and a table prepared for alternative activities.

Summary Comment

The inspector has reviewed the actions and evidence submitted. The non-compliances identified under Regulation 23 have been adequately 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) Certificates were on file to evidence that 5 staff members were trained as First Aid Responders (FAR) and 1 staff member was trained in paediatric first aid. The staff roster indicated there was at least 1 staff member trained as a FAR available while the early years children were present in the service.
- (2)
- (a) The well stocked first aid boxes were available in each of the care rooms and were easily accessible by the adults in each care room.
 - (b) The first aid supplies were accessible to the adults while the early years children were on the premises.

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.*
- (2) *The record referred to in paragraph (1) shall be open to inspection by-*
- (c) *an authorised person.*
- (4) *A notice of the procedures to be followed in the event of fire shall be displayed in a conspicuous position in the premises.*

Compliance Information

- (1)
- (a) Written records of the fire drills that took place in the service were furnished to the inspector. The last date recorded was noted as 11 August 2025 with the previous monthly drills recorded on 18 July 2025 and 16 June 2025.
 - (b) Written records were available of the servicing of the firefighting equipment and the smoke alarms. Both

certificates were dated 19 May 2025.

(2)

(c) The records referred to in paragraph (1) were available on the premises for review by the inspector.

(4) The notice of the procedures to be followed in the event of a fire were displayed in the service.

Part VI - Safety

Regulation 28 - Insurance

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

Compliance Information

The service was insured. Written records were furnished to the inspector which included the following details:

- The name, address and contact details of the insurance company
- The name and address of the service
- The number of children for whom the service is insured: 60
- The type of service: Full Day Care
- Expiry date: 27 March 2026.

Part VII - Premises and Space Requirements

Regulation 29 - Premises

A registered provider shall ensure that the premises of the service are-
(d) cleaned, maintained and repaired, as required.

Compliance Information

(d) The inspector observed that 11 trees had recently been cut in the outdoor play area at the rear of the service. In conversation a staff member stated that this was to ensure that the area was maintained in a good state of repair as a tree had fallen down recently.

Non-Compliance Information

- (d)
1. Patches of dampness and areas of flaking paint were visible inside the entrance door of the Playschool care room.
 2. Areas of peeling paint were visible in the sanitary area of the ECCE sanitary area below the hand dryer.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective and Preventive Action

The following statement was received from the manager;

1. and 2. The painter is scheduled to commence work on the weekend of 17/10/2025 in the Playschool care room and the ECCE sanitary area. The registered provider will conduct regular maintenance to ensure the service is maintained and repaired.

Supporting documentation submitted

- 1 and 2. The statement from the manager has been accepted and will be reviewed on the next inspection.

Summary Comment

The non-compliances identified under Regulation 29 (d) (1) and (2) have been addressed.