

Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Report

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TUSLA Identifier:	TU2017DY500
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Name of Service:	Blooming Lillies Early Education Centre Ltd
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Address of Service:	Saint Pauls School, Deanstown Avenue, Finglas West, Dublin 11.
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Name of Registered Provider:	Rita Mitchell
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Service type:	Full Day
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Date of Inspection:	19/05/2026
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No of pre-school children:	AM	60	PM	34
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Inspection undertaken by:	JA. McKimm and T. Nelson
Title:	Early Years Inspectors

Authority to Inspect

The Tusla Early Years Inspectorate carries out inspections of Early Years Services under Section 58(J) of the Child Care Act 1991 (as inserted by Section 92 of the Child and Family Agency Act 2013).

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Description of service

Blooming Lillies Early Education Centre is a privately owned service which operates from within the grounds of St Pauls School located in Dublin 11.

The service is registered to operate a full day care service, part-time and sessional to a maximum of 75 children aged 0-6 years old from 8:30am-2pm and 1pm-4pm, Monday to Friday. The service participates in the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Programme, the ECCE operates from 9:15am-12:15 pm. The service is also registered to provide school aged childcare in the afternoon.

There are four care rooms situated on the ground floor, namely, The Seedling Room which caters for children aged one-two years of age, The Sprite room which caters for children from two years to three years of age, the Flower room which caters for children aged three-five years of age and the Budding room which caters for children aged three-five years of age.

The ground floor premises also has a dedicated sleep room, a nappy changing area, two sanitary areas with associated nappy changing facilities, a sensory room, a kitchen, staff room and office.

A fully enclosed outdoor area is located adjacent to the service

Staffing

The registered provider who is also the person in charge employs 27 adults to work within the service. This includes a deputy person in charge, 23 early years practitioners who work directly with the children, two caretakers and a cook.

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

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- Discussion with relevant staff

This inspection was unannounced and focused on the area of governance and health, welfare and development of child and safety. 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 inspectors wish to acknowledge the cooperation of the registered provider, staff and children who were present on the day of the inspection.

Statutory Notices

Notice	Date Served	Detail
Improvement Notice IN0269	19/05/2026	Storage of and administration of emergency medication posed a significant risk by impeding the safe administration of same.
Status	Action was taken by the registered provider immediately following the service of the Notice and the provider submitted a detailed response with corrective and preventive actions which were accepted by the Inspectorate.	

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Part II - Registration and Register

Regulation 8 - Notification of change in circumstances

(1) A registered provider of a pre-school service other than a temporary pre-school service shall, subject to paragraph (3), notify the Agency in writing of any proposed change in the details in relation to the pre-school service contained in the register pursuant to section 58C(2) of the Act or Regulation 7(2) at least 60 days before it is proposed that the change would take effect.

Non-Compliance Information

(1) The service is registered to operate from 08:30am: 14:00pm and 13:00pm: 16:00pm. On the day of inspection, the registered provider informed the inspector that the service operates 08:30am:14:00pm and 13:00pm :16:30pm The registered provider did not furnish the agency in writing of any proposed changes to the operational hours of the sessional service.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective and Preventive Action

A change in circumstances has been submitted through the Tusla portal

Supporting documentation submitted

Photographic evidence submitted.

Summary Comment

The inspector has reviewed the corrective and preventive actions and evidence submitted. The non-compliance identified under regulation 8 has been addressed.

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,
- (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.

(3) The procedures specified in paragraph (2) shall be carried out prior to any person being appointed, assigned or allowed access to or contact with a child attending the pre-school service.

(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) A review of the roster showed either the person in charge or the deputy person in charge were rostered to be present during the operational hours of the service.
 - (b) The person in charge was present during the inspection.
 - (c) Staff were clear around their roles and responsibilities and reporting structures within the service.
- (2) A review of paperwork and discussion with management showed that there are currently twenty-seven adults employed by the registered provider to work within the service and that one new staff member has been employed since the last inspection. This staff file was reviewed and the staff files of two adults whose files

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that had not been reviewed on the last inspection. The garda vetting of the registered provider and five adults with expired garda vetting were also reviewed along with the early year's qualification requirement for one staff member who had changed roles within the service since the last inspection.

- (a) There were six written and validated references available from a past employer.
- (c) Garda vetting disclosures had been obtained for the registered provider and eight adults. The service also demonstrated compliance with the Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Notice requiring services to renew Garda vetting every three years.

- (3) Evidence was available to demonstrate that the procedures specified in paragraph (2) were carried out in relation to one adult before employment commenced.
- (4) Evidence was available to show that four adults whose files were reviewed held at least a major award in Early Childhood Care and Education at Level 5 or above on the National Framework of Qualifications or a qualification deemed eligible by the Department of Children, Disability, and Equality.

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.

(4) Subject to paragraph (5), where a registered provider contemporaneously provides-

- (a) a sessional pre-school service, and*
- (b) a full day care service or a part-time day care service, or both, the minimum ratio of adults to children applicable for the duration of the sessional pre-school service in respect of the children attending that service shall be the ratio specified in paragraph (3).*

Compliance Information

- (1) The registered provider ensured that staffing levels were adequate to respond to the individual needs of the children throughout the inspection. There were seventeen adults caring for sixty children on the morning of inspection and fourteen adults caring for thirty-four children in the afternoon.
- (4) The minimum ratio of adults to children was always maintained throughout the inspection. Staff were aware of the required ratios for the age range of children.

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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) Appropriate and suitable care practices were observed, as evidenced by the following:

- The staff interacted with the children in a respectful, warm and sensitive manner. They engaged children in conversations about home life, their interests and activities within the room supporting the development of relationships and a sense of belonging.
- Mealtimes were observed to be sociable events, with staff members sitting alongside the children, engaging in meaningful conversations and offering support and encouragement to the children.
- The children were observed having snack consisting of a variety of fruits at 10.00am and lunch consisting of mashed potatoes, sausage, gravy, carrots and broccoli served at 11.30am where the staff member sat with the children chatting and extending the children's learning. Different dietary requirements were catered for, and additional food was observed to be available. Children also bring snacks provided from home.
- Children's artwork, photographs, birthday charts and family walls were displayed throughout the care rooms, supporting the children's sense of identity and links between home and the service.
- Children were observed to move freely around the care rooms which were laid out in thematic areas selecting materials of their own interest to play with. Children used the tables and play areas for example the kitchen and construction areas as play spaces throughout the morning.
- There were cosy areas with a soft mat, cushions, cuddly toys and books available. This provided the children with a place to rest and relax throughout the morning. This area was observed to be used by the children during the inspection.
- Children were observed to play outdoors on the day of inspection. This supported their social, cognitive, and gross and fine motor development.
- Staff discussed how they support children to transition to school. For example, staff talked about the 'Transition to School' programme which includes colourful photographs of local school uniform, school bag and what is inside the classrooms. Staff spoke about the benefits of using this visual aid as a tool to help children to become familiar with their new school environment.

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Part V - Care of Child in Pre-school Service

Regulation 21 – Equipment and materials

A registered provider shall ensure that there is adequate and suitable furniture, play and work equipment and materials available on the premises of the pre-school service.

Compliance Information

The furniture provided in each care room was low level and appropriate for children attending, with toys, equipment and play materials easily accessible and visible to the children on low-level units which nurtured independence and facilitated choice. The rooms were well laid out with designated areas of interest to provide for distinct types of play and learning. There was an enclosed outdoor play area with a soft ground surface. A selection of outdoor play equipment which was well maintained was available including a playhouse and wooden train.

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 main entrance door which leads into the service was appropriately secured to prevent a child from exiting unsupervised and to prevent unauthorised access to the service.
- The care rooms opened into a corridor and were locked at all times during the inspection preventing children from absconding and the unauthorised access of people into the care rooms
- The enclosed outdoor play area was secured reducing the risk of unauthorised access. Children who were brought out to the outdoor play areas from indoors were observed to be supervised.
- Blind cords were secured on windows.
- The kitchen area was inaccessible to the children throughout the inspection.
- Cleaning agents were stored safely out of the reach to the children.
- There were no flexes or cables observed that were accessible to the children.

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Infection Control:

- Staff were observed to clean and disinfect tables following mealtimes.
- Individual bed linen was used for the sleeping children and staff were familiar with the washing schedule.
- Windows were open to provide adequate ventilation in the care rooms

Administration of Medication:

- No children were observed having medication administered on the day of inspection.

Safe Sleep:

- Staff discussed how they monitor sleeping children's breathing, position and colour every ten minutes by carrying out physical checks.
- Children under two years of age were provided with a cot for sleeping.

Fire Safety:

- Emergency and fire exits were signposted and unobstructed and staff were aware of the evacuation procedures and location of the assembly point.
- The children's attendance book was monitored to ensure staff knew how many children were present in the care rooms which facilitate the safe evacuation of the premises in the event of an emergency.

Non-Compliance Information

General Safety:

1. A window restrictor in the Flower room was broken; this posed a risk to children's safety.
2. There was uneven paving in outdoor play area which could potentially be a trip hazard.

Infection Control:

3. The sanitary basin designated for children washing their hands in the Flower room was found to be defective. A build-up of water was evidenced on the day of inspection which posed a risk of infection.
4. A bait box was accessible to children in the outdoor area of the service. This posed a potential risk of infection to children.
5. There was a build-up of dirt, dust and debris in the outdoor play area which posed a risk of cross contamination.
6. A foot operated pedal bin in one of the sanitary areas was broken which posed a risk of infection.
7. Children's and staff hands were not washed prior or after the nappy changing procedures. This posed a risk to cross contamination of harmful bacteria.

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8. There was an accumulation of dirt along the skirting boards, and the wall of the nappy changing unit and dirt was present under the nappy changing mat in one of the sanitary areas which posed a potential risk of infection to children.

Administration of Medication:

9. See Statutory Notice section in relation to Improvement Notice IN0269 served.

Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective & Preventive Action

General Safety:

1. Window restrictor in place. Daily risk assessment forms have been updated to ensure that any broken items notified to management are fixed immediately. This has been discussed with staff and will be included in the staff induction for the beginning of each year for new and old staff.
2. All trip hazards in outdoor area were spray painted yellow to make more visible in the short term. The garden will be dug up this summer to level this space.

Infection Control:

3. A tap restrictor has been put in place to secure tap and prevent usage in the short term. Piping will be fixed in the summer.
4. Bait box has been moved to an area inaccessible to children. The pest company have been contacted to ensure that going forward boxes are placed in areas that are inaccessible to children.
5. Outdoor area has been cleaned and power hosed. New cleaning schedule has been implemented and staff informed of this.
6. Broken bin removed and replaced with new bin. Regular bathroom checks have been implemented, and this has been incorporated in daily risk assessments.
7. Staff training has taken place on handwashing and nappy changing procedures. Staff training will be provided each year on the yearly induction to ensure all staff are up to date and informed of policies and procedures. Management also plan to do mock inspections to help staff become more comfortable around inspections.
8. Area was thoroughly cleaned. Regular checks have been incorporated into cleaning/risk assessment and staff have taken place regarding hygiene and infection control.

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Supporting documentation submitted

General Safety:

1. Evidence submitted.
2. Photographic evidence submitted.

Infection Control:

3. Photographic evidence submitted.
4. No evidence submitted.
5. Evidence submitted.
6. Photographic evidence submitted.
7. Evidence submitted.
8. Photographic evidence submitted.

Summary Comment

The registered provider has addressed the non-compliances identified under Regulation 23. The practices outlined in the corrective and preventative actions will be reviewed on the next inspection.

Part VI - Safety

Regulation 25 - First aid

- (1) A registered provider shall ensure that a person trained in first aid for children is, at all times, immediately available to the children attending the pre-school service.*
- (2) A registered provider shall ensure that a suitably equipped first aid box for children-*
- (a) is safely stored in an easily accessible and conspicuous position on the premises, and*
 - (b) is available to the children attending the pre-school service at all times.*

Compliance Information

- (1) There was documentary evidence to show that ten adults held certification in First Aid Response training and that at least one adult was rostered to on the premises at all times.
- (2) (a)(b) Suitably equipped first aid boxes were available to the adults caring for the children and were safely stored in an easily accessible and conspicuous position in the care room.

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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-
- (a) a parent or guardian of a pre-school child attending or proposing to attend the pre-school service,
 - (b) an employee, and
 - (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) The registered provider ensured that a record was kept in writing of fire drills within the service. The last recorded fire drill was dated the 21 April 2026.
 - (b) A record was available indicating the number, type and maintenance of firefighting equipment with records demonstrating it was last serviced in March 2026, and the number type and maintenance of the mains powered smoke alarms throughout the service, these were last serviced in February 2026.
- (2)
- (c) The registered provider ensured that the fire drill and maintenance records were available for review by the Inspector.
- (4) A notice of procedures was displayed throughout the service indicating the procedure to be followed in the event of a fire.

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Part VI - Safety

Regulation 28 - Insurance

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

Compliance Information

The registered provider had a valid certificate of insurance for a sessional service for 75 children, expiring on 27 March 2027.