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Ainm na Seirbhíse:	Naíonra Scoil Mhuire
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Seoladh na Seirbhíse:	Scoil Mhuire, Corr na Móna, Co.na Gaillimhe
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Ainm an tSoláthraí Chláraithe:	Ray Mac Pháidín
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Cineál na Seirbhíse	Seisiúnach
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Seoladh na Cigireachta Luathbhlianta:	Cigireacht na Luathbhlianta, An Stiúrthóireacht um Dhearbhú Cáilíochta, Foirgneamh Cliniciúil agus Riaracháin, Bloc A- (1ú Urlár-Conair Ghlas), Páirc Mherline, Gaillimh.
Cigireacht arna déanamh ag:	F Nic Dhonnacha
Teideal :	Cigire na Luathbhlianta

Údarás chun cigireacht a dhéanamh

Déanann Cigireacht na Luathbhlianta, Tusla cigireacht ar Sheirbhísí Luathbhlianta faoi Alt 58(J) den Acht um Chúram Leanaí, 1991 (arna chur isteach le hAlt 92 den Acht fán nGníomhaireacht um Leanaí agus an Teaghlach, 2013).

Coinníollacha, má bhaineann le hábhar	Neamhbhainteach
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Tuarascáil Rialála Chigireacht na Luathbhlianta Réamhscoil

Cur síos ar an tseirbhís

Tá an tseirbhís sheisiúnach seo lonnaithe i seomra ranga i scoil náisiúnta Scoil Mhuire, Cór na Móna, Co. na Gaillimhe. Cuireann an réamhscoil Cúram agus Oideachas na Luath-Óige (ECCE) agus cláir chúraim seisiúin ar fáil ó 9.00hrs go 12.00hrs Luan go hAoine ar feadh 38 seachtaine den bhliain. Is éard atá sa tseirbhís seomra súgartha amháin le háiseanna sláintíochta. Cuirtear an tseirbhís ar fáil trí mheán na Gaeilge agus tá sí faoi rialú Comhar Naíonraí na Gaeltachta. Tá limistéar scíthe ciúin ar fáil do na páistí sa seomra súgartha. Tá limistéar súgartha ainmnithe lasmuigh le limistéar foscadh uile-aimsire ar chúl agus limistéir súgartha eile chun tosaigh an áitribh, a roinneann an tseirbhís ag sliotáin ama leithdháilte leis na páistí in aois scoile. Cuireann an réamhscoil curaclam réamhscoile bunaithe ar leasanna an pháiste atá ag teacht chun cinn.

Soláthar foirne

Tá an soláthraí cláraithe neamh uimhriúil agus ní sa áitreabh ar bhonn laethúil. Bhí an duine ainmnithe i gceannas ar an láthair le linn na cigireachta. Bhí duine fásta breise ann a sholáthraíonn tacaíocht tríd an tsamhail rochtana agus cuimsithe cúraim. Tá duine teagmhála éigeandála sa scoil náisiúnta más gá. Tá beirt bhall foirne san iomlán, seachas an soláthraí cláraithe, ag obair san áitreabh faoi láthair le Cáilíocht agus Cáilíochtaí Éireann (QQI) ag Leibhéal 5 go Leibhéal 6 ar a laghad i gCúram agus Oideachas na Luath-Óige. Tá fianaise dhoiciméadach ag an bhfoireann maidir le hoiliúint agus oideachas leanúnach.

Modheolaíocht

Is í Cigireacht na Luathbhlianta, Tusla, rialtóir reachtúil neamhspleách ar sheirbhísí luathbhlianta in Éirinn. Sainmhínítear i Rialacháin an Achta um Chúram Leanaí 1991 (Seirbhísí Luathbhlianta) 2016 dualgas an tsoláthraí chláráithe sábháilteacht agus folláine leanaí a chinntiú agus cloí leis na riachtanais seo. Tugann an tAcht seo údarás do Tusla measúnú a dhéanamh ar chomhlíonadh leis na rialacháin. Is é is aidhm le rialáil maidir le seirbhísí óige ná a chinntiú go seastar le cúram, sábháilteacht, agus folláine na leanaí a fhreastalaíonn ar na seirbhísí seo. Pleanáiltear cigireachtaí ar sheirbhísí luathbhlianta bunaithe ar na pointí seo a leanas:

- Stair chigireachta na seirbhíse
- Eolas ar bith a fhaightear maidir leis an tseirbhís
- Tá torthaí na cigireachta bunaithe ar:
 - Eolas a fhaightear trí dhoiciméid a imscrúdú
 - Breathnú díreach
 - Plé le baill foirne ábhartha

Ba chigireacht neamhfhóbartha é seo, agus díródh ar rialachas, sláinte, folláine agus forbairt an linbh, sábháilteacht, áitreabh agus saoráidí lena linn. Féadfaidh cigireacht díriú ar réimsí eile chomh maith, de réir mar is gá.

Mar sin féin, ar iniúchadh, sainaitníodh neamhchomhlíonadh breise a bhí ina riosca faoi Rialachán 23, 27 agus faoi Rialachán 29. Tá na torthaí seo leagtha amach sna rialacháin ábhartha sa tuarascáil seo.

Baineadh úsáid as próiseas samplála chun measúnú a dhéanamh ar chomhlíonadh faoi Rialachán 16 Taifead i ndáil le seirbhís réamhscoile.

Leagtar amach torthaí na cigireachta sa tuarascáil maidir leis an gcigireacht a eisítear mar dhréacht-tuarascáil ar dtús chuig an tseirbhís, agus bíonn deis ag an tseirbhís freagra a thabhairt ar thorthaí ar bith a luaitear inti. I gcás go sainaitnítear nach bhfuil ceanglais reachtúla á gcomhlíonadh, ní mór don soláthraí cláráithe léiriú a thabhairt ar an mbealach a réitíodh an neamhchomhlíonadh agus mar a chuirfear cosc ar an neamhchomhlíonadh amach anseo. Úsáidfean an plean um Gníomh Ceartaitheach agus Gníomh Coisctheach (CAPA) chun bonn eolais a chur le cinntí maidir le comhlíonadh le ceanglais rialála. I gcás nach n-éiríonn leis an soláthraí cláráithe na ceanglais reachtúla a chomhlíonadh, féadfar próiseas géaraithe a thosú.

Forchoimeádaí an Chigireacht an ceart chun eagarthóireacht a dhéanamh ar fhreagraí a fhaightear ar chúiseanna éagsúla lena n-áirítear soiléireacht; iomláine; agus chun próisis riaracháin agus dlíthiúla a chomhlíonadh.

Is í an Chigireacht a thiomasaíonn ábhar na tuarascála.

Buíochas

Is mian leis an gCigireacht buíochas a ghabháil leis an duine i gceannas agus leis na leanaí a bhí i láthair ar lá na cigireachta as a gcomhoibriú ar fad.

Cuid III – Bainistíocht agus Foireann

Rialachán 9 – Bainistíocht agus earcaíocht

(1) Cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe-

(a) go mbeidh sa tseirbhís duine i bhfeighil ainmnithe agus duine arna ainmniú nó arna hainmniú a bheidh ábalta gníomhú mar ionadaí de réir mar is gá,

(b) go mbeidh an duine i bhfeighil ainmnithe nó an duine arna ainmniú nó arna hainmniú dá dtagraítear i bhfomhír (a) san áitreabh gach tráth le linn na tréimhse ina mbeidh an tseirbhís réamhscoile á seoladh.

(2) Cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe gur duine oiriúnach inniúil gach fostaí, gach oibrí nach n-íoctar agus gach conraitheoir, agus cineál na riachtanas a bhíonn ar leanaí á chur san áireamh, lena n-áirítear trí na nithe seo a leanas a dhéanamh–

(a) breithniú ar theistiméireacht ó fhostóirí an duine san am a caitheadh, más ann, agus go háirithe ar theistiméireacht ón bhfostóir is déanaí, más ann,

(b) breithniú ar theistiméireachtaí ó fhoinsí iontaofa i gcás duine nach raibh aon fhostóirí air nó uirthi san am a caitheadh,

(c) breithniú ar an nochtadh grinnfhiosrúcháin a fuarthas ó Bhiúró Náisiúnta Grinnfhiosrúcháin an Gharda Síochána de réir Acht 2012 i leith an duine, agus

d) a chinntiú, a mhéid is indéanta, go soláthróidh duine, i gcás go raibh cónaí ar an duine i stát seachas an Stát ar feadh tréimhse ab fhaide ná 6 mhí as a chéile, grinnfhiosrúchán ag póilíní ó na húdaráis phóilíneachta sa stát sin.

(4) Cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe, gan dochar do ghinearáltacht mhír (2) agus faoi réir mhíreanna (5) agus (6), go sealbhaíonn gach fostaí a bhíonn ag obair go díreach le leanaí a fhreastalaíonn ar an tseirbhís, mórdhámhachtain i gCúram agus Oideachas Luath-Óige ar Leibhéal 5 ar an gCreat Náisiúnta Cáilíochtaí nó cáilíocht a mheasfaidh an tAire a bheith coibhéiseach léi sin, ar a laghad.

(6A) Ní bhainfidh mír (4) le fostaí soláthraí cláraithe más rud é - (a) go bhfaigheann an soláthraí cláraithe maoiniú chun an fostaí sin a fhostú de bhun scéime arna maoiniú ag an Aire ar a dtugtar an Múnla um Rochtain agus Cuimsitheacht, agus (b) go bhfostaítear an fostaí ar mhaithe le tacaíocht a chur ar fáil, de bhun na scéime dá dtagraítear i bhfomhír (a), do leanbh a fhreastalaíonn ar an tseirbhís chun páirt a ghlacadh sa chlár ar a dtugtar Clár cistiúcháin um Chúram agus Oideachas na Luathóige (ECCE)”.

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:

(1)(a) Tá soláthraí cláraithe ann atá neamh uimhriúil agus nach bhfuil ar an láthair, tá duine ainmnithe i gceannas a bhí ar fáil de réir mar ba gá.

(b) Bhí an duine ainmnithe i gceannas ar fáil le linn na cigireachta.

Bhí ceathrar chomhad foirne ar fáil maidir leis an soláthraí cláraithe, an duine atá i gceannas, an duine tacaíochta aidhmeanna agus an duine teagmhála éigeandála.

I measc na dtorthaí bhí an méid seo a leanas:

(2)(a) Fuarthas cuigear thagairt ó iar fhostóirí agus bailíochtaíodh iad.

(b) I gcás nach raibh theistiméireachtaí fostóra roimhe seo ar fáil, fuarthas triúr thagairt ó fhoinsé seachas iarfhostóir agus rinneadh iad a bhailíochtú.

(c) Fuarthas nochtadh grinnfhiosrúcháin an Gharda Síochána do na dhuine fásta. Léirigh an tseirbhís freisin comhlíonadh Fhógra Rialála na Cigireachta Luathbhlianta lena gceanglaítear ar sheirbhísí grinnfhiosrúcháin an Gharda Síochána a athnuachan gach trí bliana.

(d) Ní raibh grinnfhiosrúchán póilíní idir náisiúnta ag teastáil, toisc nach raibh aon bhall foirne ina gcónaí i stát eile ar feadh tréimhse níos faide ná se mhí mar dhuine fásta.

(4) Bhí cáilíochtaí Cúraim agus Oideachais Luath-Óige ag an bhfoireann a bhí ag obair go díreach leis na leanaí ó Leibhéal 5 go Leibhéal 6 ar an gCreat Náisiúnta Cáilíochtaí.

(6A) Fostaíodh duine fásta amháin faoin tsamhail rochtana agus cuimsithe cúraim chun tacaíochtaí breise a thabhairt.

Cuid III – Bainistíocht agus Foireann

Rialachán 11 - Leibhéal Foirne

(1) *Faoi réir an Rialacháin seo, áiritheoidh soláthraí cláraithe go mbeidh líon leordhóthanach daoine fásta ag obair go díreach leis na leanaí atá ag freastal ar an tseirbhís réamhscoile i gcónaí*

(3) *Faoi réir mhír (5), cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe seirbhíse réamhscoile seisiúnach go gcomhlíonfar i gcónaí an cóimheas íosta idir aosaigh agus leanaí a shonraítear i gcolún (3) de Chuid 2 de Sceideal 6 os coinne uimhreacha tagartha áirithe a shonraítear i gcolún (1) den Chuid sin i leith raon aoise na leanaí a shonraítear i gcolún (2) dá bhrí sin ag an uimhir thagartha sin.*

(8) *Gan dochar do mhíreanna (2) go (7)-*

(c) áiritheoidh soláthraí cláraithe seirbhíse réamhscoile seisiúnach go mbeidh, i gcás ina n-oibríonn an duine i gceannas an tseirbhís ina aonar, go mbeidh an dara duine a bhfuil cur amach aige ar oibriú na seirbhíse agus atá in ann cúnamh a sholáthar don duine atá i gceannas i bhfeidhmiú na seirbhíse i gcónaí laistigh d'achar gar don tseirbhís agus go mbeidh sé ar fáil chun freastal ar an tseirbhís chun cabhrú leis an duine atá i gceannas i gcás éigeandála.

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:

- (1) I gcónaí le linn thréimhse na cigireachta, chinntigh an duine atá i gceannas go raibh líon leordhóthanach foirne ag obair go díreach leis na leanaí.
- (3) Léirigh fianaise dhoiciméadach i bhfoirm taifid tinrimh leanaí agus uainchláir foirne gur cloíodh le cóimheasa leanaí agus daoine fásta.
- Ar maidin na cigireachta, bhí ochtar leanbh réamhscoile idir tri bliana dha mhí agus cuig bliana dha mhí d'aois.
- Bhí fhoireann amhain cúram leanaí ag obair go díreach leis na páistí ar lá na cigireachta.
- (8)(c) Oibrítear an réamhscoil ina haonar dhá lá sa tseachtain agus le tacaíocht bhreise faoin tsamhail cúraim rochtana agus cuimsithe trí lá sa tseachtain. Tá duine teagmhála éigeandála ar fáil sa scoil náisiúnta chun cúnamh breise a chur ar fáil don duine atá i gceannas i gcás éigeandála.

Cuid IV – Faisnéis agus Taifid

Rialachán 16 – Taifead i ndáil le seirbhís réamhscoile

(1) Cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe go gcoimeádfar taifead i scríbhinn ar an bhfaisnéis seo a leanas i ndáil leis an tseirbhís:

(g) na beartais, na nósanna imeachta agus na ráitis a cheanglaítear ar an tseirbhís a chothabháil de réir

Rialachán 10;

(h) mionsonraí i dtaobh freastal ag gach leanbh réamhscoile ar bhonn laethúil;

(i) mionsonraí i dtaobh uainchlár foirne ar bhonn laethúil;

(k) sonraí faoi aon tionóisc, díobháil nó teagmhas a bhaineann le leanbh réamhscoile a bhí ag freastal ar an tseirbhís.

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:

(1)(g) Bhí fillteán chrua ar fáil le beartais agus nósanna imeachta nua shonraithe uile na seirbhíse. Ina theannta sin bhí lámhleabhar ar fáil do thuismitheoirí le polasaithe, nósanna imeachta agus ráitis na seirbhíse.

(h) Rinneadh sonraí faoi fhreastal leanaí a thaifeadadh go cruinn.

(i) Bhí uainchlár foirne ar fáil ar an láthair.

(k) Taifeadadh sonraí faoi thimpistí agus teagmhais agus bhí fianaise ar fáil go raibh thuismitheoirí curtha ar an eolas tar éis timpiste nó teagmhas a bhaineann lena leanbh.

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Cuid V - Cúram Linbh i Seirbhís Réamhscoile

Rialachán 19 - Sláinte, leas agus forbairt linbh

(1) Cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe, le linn dó nó di a bheith ag soláthar seirbhís réamhscoile—

(a) go ndéanfar foghlaim, forbairt agus leas gach linbh a urasú laistigh de shaol laethúil na seirbhíse réamhscoile trí na gníomhaíochtaí cuí, an idirghníomhaíocht chuí, na hábhair chuí agus an trealamh cuí a sholáthar, ag féachaint d'aois agus do chéim forbartha an linbh, agus

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:

Riachtanais Bhunúsacha

(1)(a)

- Chuir na tuismitheoirí/caomhnóirí sneaiceanna/béilí na bpáistí ar fáil agus bhí cupáin líonta le huisce ag gach páiste a d'fhéadfaidís rochtain a fháil orthu i rith an tseisiúin. Chuir an tseirbhís bia sláintiúil chun cinn.
- Bhí a gcuid sneaiceanna/béile ag na páistí sa timpeallacht faoi dhíon agus an t-am seo á úsáid acu mar dheis chun idirghníomhaíochtaí sóisialta leis na páistí a fheabhsú. Bhí an sneaiceanna a breathnaíodh sláintiúil agus cothaitheach agus éagsúil, mar shampla, bhí ceapairí le liamhás nó cáis, fillteáin, crackers, iógart agus torthaí mionghearrtha ag roinnt páistí.
- Bhí rochtain ag na páistí ar éadaí cuí agus fearas báistí le buataisí dá gcuid ama sa timpeallacht lasmuigh. Bhí éadaí breise ar fáil má bhí athrú éadaí ag teastáil ó na páistí le linn an tseisiúin.
- Bhain na páistí úsáid as an limistéar sláintiúchta taobh istigh agus cuireadh cúnamh ar fáil má iarradh. Níor chaith aon leanbh clúidín ar lá na cigireachta.
- Bhí limistéar scíthe ar fáil sa seomra súgartha le tolg bog wipeable agus cathaoir in aice leis an limistéar léitheoireachta.
- Sa limistéar foscadh uile-aimsire taobh amuigh ar chúl an áitribh, bhí rochtain ag na páistí ar shuíocháin binse adhmaid suite.
- Breathnaíodh ar na páistí ag an tráidire tuff ina raibh uisce agus ciúbanna oighir, agus chonacthas roinnt páistí ag breathnú ar leabhair agus puzail sa seomra súgartha.

Ag Tacú le Caidrimh

- Chuaigh an duine i gceannas i dteagmháil leanúnach leis na leanaí ar lá na cigireachta, thug sé leideanna nuair ba ghá agus thairg sé suaimhneas de réir mar is gá.

- Bhí cead ag na páistí a gcuid gníomhaíochtaí féin a roghnú sa limistéar súgartha lasmuigh agus d'fhéadfaidís a gcuid gníomhaíochtaí a athrú más mian leo.
- De réir mar a tháinig na tuismitheoirí chun a gcuid páistí a bhailiú, phléigh an duine atá i gceannas lá an linbh agus aon cheisteanna suntasacha a d'fhéadfadh a bheith tagtha chun cinn le linn an tseisiúin.
- Bhí leabhar scríbhneoireachta ag gach páiste lena gcuid saothar ealaíne, smaointe agus téamaí curtha le chéile agus tuairimí ón bhfoireann san áireamh. Lónadh gach leabhar scrap i rith na bliana agus bronnadh é ar gach tuismitheoir/caomhnóir ag deireadh na scoil bhliana.
- Bhí go leor áiseanna foghlama amhairc sa timpeallacht faoi dhíon - póstaí oideachais, leideanna, grianghraif teaglaigh agus saothar ealaíne a rinne na páistí.
- Breathnaíodh ar na páistí ag súgradh sa limistéar súgartha amuigh faoin aer. Chonacthas na páistí ag imirt i bhfolach, ag súgradh le carranna bréagán agus gaineamh, ag súgradh le liathróidí agus leis an fonsa cispheile agus bhain roinnt páistí úsáid as na rothair cothromaíochta agus rinne siad cosán timpeall na mboinn agus iad ar na rothair.

Cuid VI - Sábháilteacht

Rialachán 23 - Sláinte, sábháilteacht agus leas linbh a chosaint

Cinntoidh soláthraí cláraithe go ndéanfar gach beart réasúnach chun sláinte, sábháilteacht agus leas linbh réamhscoile a fhreastalaíonn ar an tseirbhís a chosaint agus cinntoidh sé nó sí go mbeidh timpeallacht na seirbhíse sábháilte.

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:

Sábháilteacht Ghinearálta:

- Bhí an príomh bhealach isteach chuig an scoil daingnithe go cuí agus an doras isteach chuig an seomra súgartha daingnithe.
- Taifeadh teacht agus imeacht na bpáistí chuig an tseirbhís ar an leabhar rolla tinrimh leanaí. Ina theannta sin, tá feidhmchlár leictreonacha in úsáid ag an tseirbhís.
- Coinníodh na hábhair agus an trealamh súgartha sa seomra súgartha i riocht maith.
- Taifeadh teocht an tseomra súgartha faoi dhíon laistigh de ghnáth theorainneacha ag 17.8°C.

Rialú Ionfhabhtuith:

- Bhí soláthairtí glantacháin ar fáil agus ní raibh siad inrochtana do na páistí réamhscoile.
- Bhí an limistéar sláintíochta feistithe go cuí le huisce reatha te, gallúnach leachtach, tuáillí páipéir láimhe agus bosca bruscair coise ar fáil.

- Nígh na páistí agus na daoine fásta a lámha ag eatrainmh chúí tar éis gníomhaíochtaí, leithris agus roimh am béile.
- Stóráladh boscaí lóin na bpáistí sa chuisneoir seirbhíse sa seomra súgartha faoi dhíon.

Sábháilteacht Dóiteáin:

- Bhí na doras dóiteáin saor ó bhac.
- Bhí taispeántais shoiléire amhairc den nós imeachta aslonnaithe agus na céimeanna atá le leanúint i gcás tine.
- Bhí comhartha soiléir infheicthe ag aithint an phointe tionóil sa limistéar súgartha lasmuigh os comhair an áitribh.

Faisnéis maidir le Neamhchomhlíonadh

Sábháilteacht Ghinearálta

Bhí baol contúirte agus díobhála do na páistí réamhscoile ag stóráil míchuí míreanna sa limistéar foscadh uile-aimsire sa limistéar súgartha lasmuigh cúl.

1. Bhí plionta fada adhmaid liath a bhí trom cosúil le barr cuntair (thart ar 8-10 troigh ar fhad) ina luí ar dhá shean bhinse scoile adhmaid. Ag thart ar 10.45r.n chonacthas páiste amháin ag súgradh le carranna bréagán ar an gcuntar seo agus bhí páiste amháin eile i bhfolach faoi. Tar éis comhrá leis an duine a bhí i gceannas, dúirt sí gur leis an scoil é agus go raibh sí ag fanacht go dtógfaí as an áit é. Bhí baol tromchúiseach ann go dtitfeadh sé seo agus go ndéanfaí dochar do na páistí réamhscoile.
2. Stóráladh sean bhinse scoile adhmaid glas a bhí briste sa limistéar foscadh uile-aimsire. Ní raibh aon tacaíocht adhmaid ar chúl an mbinse seo, agus bhí dhá daingneán miotail ag seasamh suas. Bhí na páistí le feicéal ag súgradh sa cheantar seo, rud a bhí ina riosca tromchúiseach contúirte agus dochair.
3. Stóráladh sean bhinse scoile adhmaid dath gorm le cosa miotail a bhí meirgeacha sa limistéar foscadh uile aimsire a raibh na páistí le feiceáil ag imirt cluiche dul i bhfolach.
4. Bhí raca éadaí ard le pionnaí sa limistéar foscadh uile aimsire seo, bhí na páistí ag súgradh sa cheantar seo, agus bhí baol ann go dtitfeadh sé ar na páistí.
5. Bhí bord leadóige boird mór do dhaoine fásta le coirnéil pointeáilte suite sa limistéar foscadh uile aimsire, bhí na páistí ag imirt i bhfolach sa limistéar seo a bhí i mbaol díobhála mar go raibh airde an bhoird ag leibhéal na bpáistí agus go raibh baol contúirt agus díobhála ann.

Tuarascáil Rialála Chigireacht na Luathbhlianta Réamhscoil

Gníomh arna sheoladh isteach ag an Soláthraí Cláraithe

Ar an 16/01/2025 agus 13/02/2026 chuir an soláthraí cláraithe an méid seo a leanas in iúl.

Gníomh Ceartaitheach agus Gníomh Coisctheach

Sábháilteacht Ghinearálta

Baineadh na míreanna go léir atá liostaithe i bpointe 1-5 ag oibríthe pobail ó Cró na bhFear agus tá an limistéar foscúil uile aimsire súgartha lasmuigh sábháilte agus slán anois do na páistí réamhscoile chun spraoi.

Doiciméid Tacaíochta Curtha isteach

Sábháilteacht Ghinearálta

Cuireadh grianghraifeanna faoi bhráid oifig na cigireachta luathbhlianta ar an 16/01/2026 agus baineadh na míreanna atá liostaithe i bpointe 1-5 ón limistéar foscadh uile aimsire lasmuigh a bhí ainmnithe do na leanaí ar chúl an áitribh.

Nóta Tráchta Achomair

Rinne an cigire athbhreithniú ar na gníomhartha agus ar an bhfianaise a cuireadh isteach. Tugadh aghaidh leordhóthanach ar na neamhchomhlíonadh a sainithníodh faoi Rialachán 23 (Pointe Sábháilteachta Ginearálta 1-5).

Cuid VI - Sábháilteacht

Rialachán 25 - Garchabhair

- (1) Cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe go mbeidh duine atá oilte ar gharchabhair do leanaí ar fáil láithreach i gcónaí do na leanaí a fhreastalaíonn ar an tseirbhís réamhscoil.
- (2) Cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe go mbeidh bosca garchabhrach do leanaí a bhfuil an trealamh cuí ann—
- (a) stóráilte go sábháilte in áit fheiceálach san áitreabh ar féidir teacht air gan dua, agus
- (b) ar fáil i gcónaí do na leanaí a fhreastalaíonn ar an tseirbhís réamhscoile.

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:

- (1) Bhí oiliúint suas go dáta ag foireann amháin i gcúrsa garchabhrach FAR (Freagróir Garchabhrach) agus bhí fianaise ar fáil ón leabhar taifead tinrimh foirne chun a chur in iúl don chigire go raibh ball foirne oilte amháin ar a laghad ar fáil do na leanaí le linn uaireanta oibríochta na seirbhíse seisiúna má bhí gá.
- (2)(a) Stóráladh an bosca garchabhrach atá feistithe go cuí in áit fheiceálach sa seomra súgartha ar an bhfuinneog.
- (b) Bhí an bosca garchabhrach ar fáil sa seomra súgartha le húsáid ag na daoine fásta i gcás éigeandála.

Cuid VI - Sábháilteacht

Rialachán 26 - Bearta maidir le sábháilteacht ó dhóiteán

- (1) Cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe go gcoimeádfar taifead i scríbhinn—
- (a) ar aon druil dóiteáin a dhéantar san áitreabh, agus
- (b) ar líon, cineál agus taifead cothabhála an trealaimh chun dóiteán a chomhrac agus na n-aláram deataigh san áitreabh.
- (4) Déanfar fógra i dtaobh na nósanna imeachta a bheidh le leanúint i gcás dóiteáin a chur ar taispeáint in áit fheiceálach san áitreabh.

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:

- (1) (a) Bhí taifid ar fáil chun a thaispeáint go ndearnadh druileanna dóiteáin míosúla sa tseirbhís.
- (b) Bhí taifead ar líon, cineál agus cothabháil an trealaimh chomhraicthe dóiteáin agus an chórais alárim deataigh ar fáil. Reáchtáladh an tseirbhís chothabhála trealaimh dóiteáin is déanaí ar an 10/09/2025. Reáchtáladh an tseirbhís chothabhála alárim dóiteáin is déanaí ar an 10/09/2025.
- (4) Taispeánadh fógraí gníomhaíochta dóiteáin a léiríonn na nósanna imeachta atá le leanúint i gcás dóiteáin ar clár na bhfógraí sa tseirbhís.

Tuarascáil Rialála Chigireacht na Luathbhlianta Réamhscoil

Cuid VI - Sábháilteacht

Rialachán 27 – Maoirseacht

Cinnteoídh soláthraí cláraithe go ndéanfar maoirseacht i gcónaí ar leanaí réamhscoile a fhreastalaíonn ar an tseirbhís.

Faisnéis maidir le Neamhchomhlíonadh

Ar thrí ócáid le linn uaireanta oibríochta na seirbhíse ar an 7/01/2026 ní raibh maoirseacht radharc ná fuaime ar na páistí réamhscoile.

1. Ar ócáid amháin b'éigean don duine a bhí i gceannas an seomra a fhágáil ag thart ar 10.30r.n chun dul go dtí an oifig chun eochair don seid stórála lasmuigh a fháil (le haghaidh bréagáin agus trealamh súgartha) le linn an ama seo fágadh na páistí gan mhaoirseacht.
2. Ar dhá ócáid i rith an ama a bhí na páistí sa limistéar súgartha lasmuigh ar chúl an áitreabh ag thart ar 10.40r.n agus 10.55r.n tugadh páiste chuig an leithreas sa seomra ranga taobh istigh. Fágadh na páistí eile gan mhaoirseacht radharc nó fuaim sa limistéar súgartha lasmuigh.

Gníomh Ceartaitheach & Gníomh Coisctheach arna seoladh isteach ag an Soláthraí Cláraithe

Ar an 19/01/2026 agus 13/02/2026 chuir an soláthraí cláraithe an méid seo a leanas in iúl.

Gníomh Ceartaitheach agus Gníomh Coisctheach

1. Tá sraith eochracha breise gearrtha don seid stórála sa limistéar súgartha lasmuigh ar chúl an áitribh. Tugadh na heochracha breise don duine atá i gceannas ar an seomra súgartha réamhscoile ar an 19/01/2026, anois ní bheidh aon ghá le dul go dtí an oifig le haghaidh eochracha amach anseo.
2. Bhí cruinniú ag an oifigeach forbartha le CNNG leis an fhoireann agus le príomhoide na scoile. Tá socrú déanta le príomhoide na scoile chun cúnamh a chur ar fáil le páistí réamhscoile a thabhairt ag an leithreas más gá agus nuair is gá fad is atá siad sa limistéar súgartha lasmuigh ar an dá lá a mbeidh an duine réamhscoile i gceannas leí féin. As seo amach cinnteoidh an fhoireann freisin go bhfreastalóidh na páistí ar an leithreas sula dtéann siad amach ag spraoi.

Doiciméid Tacaíochta Curtha isteach

- 1-2. Glacadh le ráitis ón soláthraí cláraithe.

Nóta Tráchtacha Achomair

- Tá athbheithniú déanta ag an gchigire ar na gníomhartha a cuireadh isteach. Tugadh aghaidh leordhóthanach ar an neamhchomhlíonadh a sainithníodh faoi Rialachán 27 pointe 1-2 .

Part VI - Safety

Regulation 28 - Insurance

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

Compliance Information

Bhí clúdach árachais leordhóthanach ag an tseirbhís réamhscoile do 11 leanbh a bhí ag freastal ar sheirbhís sheisiúnach le dáta éaga 27/03/2026.

Cuid VII - Ceanglais maidir le háitribh agus Spás

Rialachán 29 - Áitribh

Cinnteoídh soláthraí cláraithe maidir le háitreabh na seirbhíse—

- (b) go mbeidh sé slán sábháilte,*
- (c) go mbeidh soilsiú, téamh agus aeráil leordhóthanach ann,*
- (d) go ndéanfar é a ghlanadh, a chothabháil agus a dheisiú, de réir mar is gá, agus*
- (e) go mbeidh saoráidí sláintíochta atá leordhóthanach agus oiriúnach feistithe ann.*

Faisnéis maidir le Neamhchomhlíonadh

- (b) Ní raibh córas slán leordhóthanach ag an dá gheata adhmaid sa limistéar súgartha lasmuigh ar chúl an áitribh nach raibh inrochtana do na páistí réamhscoile. Aithníodh go raibh bolta ar an dá gheata ach bhí siad inrochtana do na páistí réamhscoile agus do dhaoine fásta gan mhaoirseacht. Tá baol ann go dtiocfaidh strainséirí isteach agus go rachaidh leanbh réamhscoile amach.
- (c) Bhí boladh an-láidir mí thaitneamhach cosúil le séarachais sa seomra súgartha ar an 7/1/2026 in ainneoin trí fhuinneog oscailte sa seomra súgartha, níor chuir sé deireadh leis an mboladh. Bhí baol ann go ndéanfaí droch chothabháil agus go ndéanfaí dochar do na leanaí agus don fhoireann.
- (d) Bhí an limistéar súgartha lasmuigh ar chúl an áitribh gan chothabháil agus ní raibh cothabháil leordhóthanach air. Bhí baol ann go ndéanfaí tinneas nó dochar do na páistí a bhí ag imirt sa cheantar seo.
 1. Bhí na ballaí teorann daite dubh le múnla agus bhí gá le glanadh, píobáin chumhachta agus péintéail.
 2. Bhí dromchla na talún coincréite gan choinneáil agus é sleamhain le caonach in áiteacha, ina theannta sin, bhí limistéar draenála ann le carnadh puiteach, bhí glanadh agus cothabháil ag teastáil ón gceantar seo.
 3. Ní raibh na ballaí sa limistéar foscadh uile aimsire in aice leis an gclár dubh á gcothabháil go leordhóthanach agus ní raibh aon phéint ar cuid den balla agus bhí marcanna meirge le feiceáil.
 4. Bhí fiailí le feiceáil in aice leis an bhalla teorann agus bhí eidhneán ag teacht anuas ón mballa, bhí slacht agus cothabháil ag teastáil ón gceantar seo.

5. Bhí duilleoga agus duilliúr ar dhromchla na talún sa limistéar foscadh uile aimsire a raibh scuabadh agus cothabháil ginearálta ag teastáil uaidh.
- (e) Ní raibh aon limistéar athraithe clúidíní ainmnithe le báisín láimhe ainmnithe, nó aon bhosca bruscair chlúidíní aerdhíonach ar fáil sa tseirbhís réamhscoile.
- Mar sin féin, tugadh faoi deara go raibh aonad mór athraithe clúidíní stóráilte go míchuí sa limistéar sláintíochta laistigh den seomra súgartha réamhscoile. Tar éis comhrá leis an duine I gceannas agus athbhreithniú a dhéanamh ar leabhar nótaí athraithe clúidíní, is léir gur baineadh úsáid as an aonad athraithe seo i rith na bliana go dtí an iontráil dheireanach i mí na Samhna 2025. Moltar go dteastaíonn báisín láimhe amháin agus limistéar athraithe clúidíní ainmnithe amháin in aghaidh gach 11 leanbh i gclúidín.

Gníomh Ceartaitheach & Gníomh Coisctheach arna seoladh isteach ag an Soláthraí Cláraithe

Ar an 16/01/2026, 19/01/2026 agus 13/02/2026 chuir an soláthraí cláraithe an méid seo a leanas in iúl.

Gníomh Ceartaitheach agus Gníomh Coisctheach

- (a) Tá na geataí daingnithe le córas dúbailte nua agus glas le eochair bhreise don fhoireann chun sábháilteacht na bpáistí a choinneáil agus na páistí ag súgradh sa limistéar súgartha lasmuigh.
- (c) Tá imscrúdú déanta ag duine inniúil ar an gcóras pluiméireachta sa seomra súgartha réamhscoile agus sláintíochta limistéar. Tá tuilleadh imscrúduithe sceidealta le linn na laethanta saoire scoile. -Ina theannta sin, glanadh an córas umar seipteach ar an 12/02/2026.
- (d) Pointe 1-5. Rinneadh teagmháil le duine cothabhála agus rinneadh an glanadh, an píobán cumhachta agus an chothabháil an limistéar súgartha lasmuigh ar chúil an áitribh a chur i gcrích.
- Tá na mballaí le peintéail san Earrach nuair a bhéas feabhais ar an aimsir.
- (e) Tá an t-aonad athraithe clúidíní bainte amach as an seomra sláintíochta, agus níl aon leanbh ag caitheamh clúidín sa tseirbhís faoi láthair.

Doiciméid Tacaíochta Curtha isteach

- (b) Grianghraif den chóras slán ar na geataí sa limistéar súgartha lasmuigh ainmnithe ar chúil an t-áitreabh.
- (c) Tá tuairisc scríofa curtha isteach ó pluiméir inniúil/cáilithe ina leagtar amach an obair a déanadh go dtí seo agus an obair atá beartaithe le haghaidh briseadh meán téarma.
- (d) Pointe 1-5. Cuireadh grianghraif den obair a déanadh sa limistéar súgartha lasmuigh.

(e) Cuireadh grianghraf isteach ar an 10/01/2026 de limistéar sláintíochta na leanaí réamhscoile leis an aonad bainte amach as.

Nóta Tráchtacha Achomair

- Tugann na gníomhartha a rinne an soláthraí cláraithe aghaidh ar cuid de na neamhchomhlíonadh a sainaitníodh. Tá na torthaí a dhoiciméadaítear ag pointe (c) agus (d) pointe 1 agus 3 fós gan chomhlánú.
- Tá sé tugtha le fios ag an soláthraí cláraithe go bhfuil tuilleadh oibreacha le déanamh ag an pluiméir le linn na laethanta saoire.
- Ina theannta sin, beidh na ballaí sa limistéar súgartha lasmuigh le peintéail nuair a thiodfaidh feabhais ar an aimsir. Déanfar athbhreithniú ar na torthaí seo ar an gcéad iniúchadh eile.

Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Report

Pre School

TUSLA Identifier:	TU2023GY006
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Name of Service:	Naíonra Scoil Mhuire
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Address of Service:	Scoil Mhuire, Corr na Móna, Co. Galway
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Eircode:	F12 WV77
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Name of Registered Provider:	Ray Mac Pháidín
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Service type:	Sessional
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Date of Inspection:	07/01/2026
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No of pre-school children:	AM	8	PM	No.
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Address of the Early Years Inspectorate:	Early Years Inspectorate, Quality Assurance Directorate, Clinical & Administration Building, Block A- (1st Floor-Green Corridor), Merlin Park, Galway.
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Inspection undertaken by:	F Nic Dhonnacha
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Title:	Early Years Inspector
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Authority to Inspect

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

Conditions if applicable	Not applicable
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Description of service

This sessional service is in a classroom in Scoil Mhuire national school, Cór na Móna, county Galway. The preschool offers an Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) and sessional care programmes from 09.00 to 12.00, Monday to Friday for 38 weeks of the year. The service consists of one playroom with sanitary facilities. The service is delivered through the medium of Irish and is under the governance of Comhar Naíonraí na Gaeltachta. There is a quiet rest area available for the children in the playroom. There is a designated outdoor play area with an all-weather sheltered area to the rear and further play areas to the front of the premises, which the service shares at allocated time slots with the school-aged children. The preschool offers a child based preschool curriculum based on the childrens emerging interests.

Staffing

The registered provider is supernumerary and not on the premises on a daily basis. The designated person in charge was onsite throughout the inspection. There was an additional adult who provides support through the access and inclusion model of care. There is an emergency contact person within the national school if required. There are a total of two staff excluding the registered provider currently working on the premises, with a Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI) at a minimum of a Level 5 to Level 6 in Early Childhood Care and Education. The staff have documentary evidence of on-going training and education.

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.

On inspection additional non-compliances which posed a risk were identified under Regulation 23, 27 and 29. These findings are outlined within the relevant regulations within this report.

A sampling process was used to assess compliance under Regulation 16 Record in Relation to Pre-School service.

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 person in charge 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.

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

Compliance Information

(1)(a) There is a registered provider who is supernumerary and not onsite. There is a designated person in charge who was available as required.

(b) The designated person in charge was available throughout the inspection.

Four staff files were available in respect of the registered provider, the person in charge, and an additional support person who is employed under the access and inclusion model (AIMS) and the emergency contact person.

The findings included the following:

- (2)(a) Five references were sourced from past employers and validated.
- (b) Where past employer references were not available, three references were obtained from a source other than a past employer and validated.
- (c) Garda vetting disclosures had been obtained for all five adults. The service also demonstrated compliance with the Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Notice requiring services to renew garda vetting every three years.
- (d) International police vetting was not required, as no member of staff had lived in another state for a period longer than six months as an adult.
- (4) The staff working directly with the children held Early Childhood Care and Education qualifications ranging from Level 5 to 6 on the National Framework of Qualifications.
- (6A) One adult was employed under the access and inclusion model of care who provides additional support.

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*
- (3) Subject to paragraph (5), a registered provider of a sessional pre-school service shall ensure that at all times the minimum ratio of adults to children specified in column (3) of Part 2 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) therefore at that reference number is satisfied.*
- (8) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) to (7)-*
- (c) a registered provider of a sessional pre-school service shall ensure that, where the person in charge operates the service single-handedly, a second person familiar with the operation of the service and in a position to provide assistance to the person in charge in operating the service is, at all times, within close distance of the service and available to attend the service to assist the person in charge in the event of an emergency.*

Compliance Information

- (1) At all times during the period of the inspection, the person in charge ensured that an adequate number of staff were working directly with the children.
- (3) Documentary evidence in the form of child attendance records and staff rosters indicated that adult child ratios were adhered to.
- On the morning of the inspection, there were eight pre-school children aged between three years two months and five years two months old.
- There was one childcare staff working directly with the children on the day of inspection.
- (8)(c) The preschool is operated single handedly two days of the week with additional support under the access and inclusion model of care three days a week. An emergency contact person is available in the national school to provide additional assistance to the person in charge in the event of an emergency.

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: (g) the policies, procedures and statements the service is required to maintain in accordance with Regulation 10; (h) details of attendance by each pre-school child on a daily basis;

(i) details of staff rosters on a daily basis;

(k) details of any accident, injury or incident involving a pre-school child attending the service.

Compliance Information

- (1)(g) A hard back folder was available with all the service updated policies and procedures, additionally, a handbook was available for parents with the policies, procedures and statements of the service.
- (h) Details of children’s attendance was accurately recorded.
- (i) A staff roster was available onsite.
- (k) Details of accidents and incidents were recorded and there was evidence available that parents were informed following an accident or incident involving their child.

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

Basic Needs

- (1)(a)
- The parents/guardians provided the children’s snacks/meals and each child had a sippy cup filled with water they could access throughout the session. Healthy eating was promoted by the service.
 - The children had their snack/meal in the indoor environment while using this time as an opportunity to enhance social interactions with the children. The snack observed was healthy and nutritious and varied for example, some children had sandwiches with ham or cheese, wraps, crackers, yogurts and chopped fruit.

- The children had access to outdoor clothing and rain gear with wellington boots for their time in the outdoor environment. Spare clothes were available if the children required a change of clothing during the session.
- The children used the sanitary area indoors and assistance was provided if requested. No child wore a nappy on the day of inspection.
- A rest area was available in the playroom with a soft wipeable couch and armchair adjacent to the reading area.
- In the all-weather sheltered area outside to the rear of the premises, the children had access to mounted wooden bench seating.
- The children were observed at the tuff tray which had water and ice cubes and some children were observed looking at books and puzzles in the playroom.

Supporting Relationships

- The person in charge continuously communicated with the children on the day of inspection, provided prompts when necessary and offered reassurance as required.
- The children were allowed to choose their own activities in the outdoor play area and could change their activities if they wished. They had access to balance bikes and balls which were stored in the storage shed.
- As the parents arrived to collect their children the person in charge would discuss the Childs day and any significant issues that may have risen during the session.
- Each child had a scrapbook with their artwork, ideas and themes collated together and observations by the staff included. Each scrapbook was filled over the course of the year and was presented to each parent/guardian at the end of the school year.
- The indoor environment had many visual learning aids- educational posters, prompts, family photographs and artwork carried out by the children.
- The children were observed playing in the outdoor play area. The children were observed playing hide and seek, playing with toy cars and sand, playing with balls and the basketball hoop and some children used the balance bikes and made a path around the tyres while on the bikes.

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 to the school was appropriately secured and the entrance door to the playroom was secured.
- The childrens arrival and departure to the service was recorded on the child attendance roll book. Additionally, an electronic application is in use by the service.
- The materials and play equipment in the playroom were maintained in good condition.
- The indoor playroom temperature was recorded within normal limits at 17.8°C.

Infection Control:

- Cleaning supplies were available and inaccessible to the preschool children.
- The sanitary area was appropriately equipped with warm running water, liquid soap, hand paper towels and a foot pedal operated bin was available.
- Both the children and the adults washed their hands at appropriate intervals after activities, toileting and before mealtimes.
- The children's lunch boxes were stored in the service fridge in the indoor playroom.

Fire Safety:

- The fire exit door was free from obstruction.
- There were clear visual displays of the evacuation procedure and the steps to follow in the event of a fire.
- There was a clear visible sign identifying the assembly point in the outdoor play area to the front of the premises.

Non-Compliance Information

General Safety:

Inappropriate storage of items in the all-weather sheltered area in the rear outdoor play area posed a potential risk of harm to the children.

1. A long heavy grey plinth of wood similar to a countertop (approx. 8- 10 feet long) was resting on two old wooden school benches. At approx. 10.45 one child was observed playing with toy cars on this countertop and one child was hiding under it. Following discussion with the person in charge she stated it belonged to

the school and was waiting for it to be removed. This posed a serious risk of falling on to and causing harm to the preschool children.

2. An old broken green wooden school bench was stored in the all-weather sheltered area. This bench had no wooden back support and two metal fixtures were sticking up. The children were observed to play in this area which posed a serious risk of danger and harm.
3. An old blue wooden school desk with flaking rusted metal legs was stored in the sheltered play area where the children were observed playing hide and seek this posed a potential risk of danger to the children.
4. A tall clothes rack with pegs was in the sheltered outdoor play area. The children were observed playing in this area. The clothes rack posed a potential risk of danger if it fell on the children.
5. A large adult size table tennis table with pointed corners was situated in the sheltered outdoor play area, the children were observed to play hide and seek in this area which posed a risk of harm as the height of the table was at the Childrens level posing a risk of injury and harm.

Action submitted by the Registered Provider

On the 16/01/2025 the registered provider advised of the following.

Corrective & Preventive Action

General Safety:

All the items listed in point 1-5 have been removed by community workers from the Men's Shed and the sheltered outdoor play area is now safe and secure for the preschool children to play.

Supporting documentation submitted

General Safety:

1.-5. Photographs were submitted to the office of the early years inspectorate on 16/01/2026 with the items listed in point 1-5 removed from the children's designated outdoor sheltered area to the rear of the premises.

Summary Comment

- The inspector has reviewed the actions and the evidence submitted. The non-compliances identified under Regulation 23 General Safety Point 1-5 has 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) One staff had up to date training in FAR (First Aid Responder) first aid course and evidence was available from the staff attendance record book to inform the inspector that at least one trained staff member was available to the children during the hours of operation of the sessional service if required.
- (2)(a) A suitably equipped first aid box was stored in a conspicuous area in the playroom.
- (b) The first aid box was available in the playroom for use by the adults in the event of an emergency.

Part VI - Safety

Regulation 26 - Fire safety measures

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

Compliance Information

- (1) (a) Records were available to demonstrate that monthly fire drills were carried out in the service.
- (b) A record of the number, type and maintenance for the firefighting equipment and the smoke alarm system were available. The most recent firefighting equipment maintenance service took place on the 10/09/2025.
- The most recent fire alarm maintenance service took place on the 10/09/2025.
- (4) Fire action notices demonstrating the procedures to be followed in the event of a fire were displayed on the notice board in the service.

Part VI - Safety

Regulation 27 — Supervision

A registered provider will ensure that pre-school children attending the service are supervised at all times.

Non-Compliance Information

On three occasions during the operation hours of the service on the 7/01/2026 the preschool children were not supervised by sight or sound.

1. On one occasion the person in charge had to leave the room at approximately 10.30 to go to the office to get the keys for the outdoor storage shed (to access toys and play equipment) during this time the children were left unsupervised.
2. On two occasions during the time the children were in the rear outdoor play area at approximately 10.40 and 10.55 two children were brought to the toilet while the remaining children were left unsupervised by sight or sound.

Corrective Action & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

On the 19/01/2026 the registered provider advised of the following.

Corrective Action and Preventive Action

1. A set of spare keys have been cut for the storage shed in the outdoor play area to the rear of the premises. The spare keys were given to the person in charge of the pre-school playroom on the 19/01/2026, now there will be no need to go to the office for keys in the future.
2. The oifigeach forbartha with CNNG had a meeting with the staff and principal of the school. An arrangement has been made with the principal of the school who will provide assistance with toileting of the preschool children if required while they are in the outdoor play area on the two days the preschool person in charge is on her own. The staff will also ensure the children attend the toilet before they go outside to play in the future.

Supporting Documents Submitted

- 1-2. Statements from the registered provider have been accepted.

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- The inspector has reviewed the actions submitted. The non-compliance identified under Regulation 27 point 1-2 has been adequately addressed.

Part VI - Safety

Regulation 28 - Insurance

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

Compliance Information

The preschool service had adequate insurance cover for 11 children attending a sessional service with an expiry date of 27/03/2026.

Part VII - Premises and Space Requirements

Regulation 29 - Premises

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

- (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.*

Non-Compliance Information

- (b) The 2 wooden gates in the outdoor play area to the rear of the premises did not have an adequate secure system that was inaccessible to the preschool children. It was acknowledged that the 2 gates had a bolt but were accessible to the preschool children and to unsupervised adults. The present system posed a potential risk of entry by strangers and egress of a preschool child.
- (c) There was a very strong unpleasant sewage-like smell in the playroom on the 7/1/2026 despite 3 open windows in the playroom the smell persisted. This posed a potential risk of poor maintenance and a risk of harm to the children and staff.
- (d) The outdoor play area to the rear of the premises was unkept and not adequately maintained. There was a potential risk of illness or harm to the children playing in this area.
 1. The boundary walls were stained black with mould and in need of power hose cleaning and painting.
 2. The concrete ground surface was unkept and slippery with moss, additionally, there was a drainage area with a build-up of mud, the area needed cleaning and maintenance.
 3. The walls in the sheltered area beside the black board were not adequately maintained with areas of no paint and rust marks were visible. This area needed painting and maintenance.

4. Weeds were visible along the boundary wall and trailing ivy was overhanging from the wall, this area needed a tidy up and maintenance
 5. The sheltered area had leaves and foliage on the ground surface that required sweeping and maintenance.
- (e) There was no designated nappy changing area with a designated wash hand basin or any airtight foot pedalled nappy bin available in the preschool service.
- However, it was noted that a large nappy changing unit was inappropriately stored in the sanitary area within the preschool playroom. Following discussion and review of a nappy changing notebook, this changing unit has been used throughout the year until the last entry was noted in November 2025. It is recommended that for every 11 children in a nappy one wash hand basin and one designated nappy changing area is required.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

On the 16/01/2026, 19/01/2026 and 13/02/2026 the registered provider advised of the following.

Corrective and Preventive Action

- (b) The gates have been secured with a new double system and an extra lock and key for the staff to maintain safety of the children while the children are playing in the outdoor play area.
- (c) A competent person has investigated the plumbing system in the preschool playroom and sanitary area. Further investigations are scheduled during the school holidays.
-Additionally, the septic tank system has been cleaned on the 12/02/2026.
- (d) Point 1-5. A maintenance person was contacted and the cleaning, power hosing and maintenance of the outdoor play area to the rear of the premises was carried out.
Painting of the walls is scheduled for the Springtime when the weather improves.
- (e) The nappy changing unit has been removed and no child is wearing a nappy in the service at present.

Supporting documentation submitted

- (b) Photographs of the secure system on the gates in the designated outdoor play area to the rear of the premises.
- (c) A written report from a competent/qualified plumber has been submitted outlining the work carried out to date and the proposed work that is planned for mid-term break.
- (d) Point 1-5. Photographs were submitted of the outdoor play area and the work that has been carried out.
- (e) A photograph was submitted on the 10/01/2026 of the preschool childrens sanitary area with the nappy changing unit removed.

Summary Comment

- The actions taken by the registered provider addressed some of the non-compliances identified. The findings documented at (c) and (d) points 1 & 3 remain outstanding.
- The registered provider has advised that further work is to be carried out by the plumber during the holidays.
- Additionally, the walls in the outdoor play area will be painted when the weather improves. These findings will be reviewed on next inspection.