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Name of Service:	First Steps Creche
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Address of Service:	Tir Cluain, Knockgriffin, Midleton, Co Cork
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Name of Registered Service Provider:	Ms. Rosaleen Cotter
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Type of Service Registered:	Full Day Care ü
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Date(s) of Inspection:	0	2	1	2	2	0	2	1
Regulatory Compliance Meeting:	2	2	0	2	2	0	2	2

No of Pre-School Children present during Inspection:	AM	49	PM	35
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Inspection undertaken by:	Ms. M O' Reilly and Ms. E. Friel
Title:	Early Years Inspectors

Areas which were the subject of this Inspection		
Governance	Health Welfare and Development of Child	Safety

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

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Conditions If Applicable

3rd June 2022

Part III, Article (9) & Part VI, (23) Child Care Act 1991 Early Years Regulations 2016

These conditions are in place for 6 months.

Description of Service

First Steps Crèche is a registered privately operated early years' service in operation since 2009. This service provides education and care to preschool children from 0 to 6 years offering a choice of sessional, part time or full day care service and the children attending the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) scheme. A school age service is also provided. The current opening hours are from 07:15 to 18:15 hours each day Monday to Friday.

Premises

First Steps Crèche operates from a purpose-built childcare facility located on the entrance to a residential estate in the outskirts of Midleton town, Co Cork. There were five playrooms located on the ground floor in operation on day of inspection: a baby, a wobbler, a toddler, a Montessori, and preschool room. The school aged care room was in operation from 1:30pm each day.

None of the playrooms on the first floor were in operation on day of inspection. The service has one separate sleep room. There were adequate children's and adult toilet facilities and nappy changing facilities. The baby, wobbler and toddler rooms have a separate designated outdoor play area to the preschool and Montessori rooms who have their own designated outdoor play areas.

Staffing

The service currently employs 12 staff in the service, and this includes the registered provider who is service based. There were three files of new staff since the last inspection dated the 5th March 2021 and the Inspectorate concentrated on the vetting of new staff on this inspection. The three new adults working directly with the children all hold a major award in Early Childhood Care and Education ranging from Level 6 to Level 7.

Methodology

Tusla's Early Years Inspectorate (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.

The findings on inspection are based on;

- Information obtained through examination of documentation
- Direct observation
- Discussion with relevant staff

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	This inspection was unannounced and focused on areas of Governance, Health, Welfare and Development of Child and Safety. Inspections may also focus on other areas as required. The inspection process has been amended to minimise the amount of time that inspectors spend in the service. The Inspectorate reserves the right to edit responses received for reasons including clarity, completeness and compliance with administrative and legal processes. The contents of the report are compiled by the inspectorate body.
Additional Information	This inspection was carried out to follow up a previous inspection carried out on the 5th March 2021, to review the findings and ensure issues were adequately addressed. There were many non-compliances outlined in this inspection outcome report. Some of the non-compliances that were identified in the previous inspection on 5th March 2021 had still not been addressed on day of this inspection. The written response (CAPA) received from the registered provider/person in charge on the 2nd February 2022 did not adequately address many of the issues outlined in the report as being non-compliant. As a result, a Regulatory Compliance Meeting was held on the 22nd February 2022. At the Regulatory Compliance Meeting the benefits that Better Start (National Early Years Quality Development) could provide to the service were discussed and a referral was sent to Better Start. This service was considered at the National Conditions Panel. Conditions have been placed on the registration of this service under Part III, Article (9) & Part VI, (23) Child Care Act 1991 Early Years Regulations 2016 The Registered Provider must • ensure an effective management structure is in place at all times and all staff are aware of this structure. • ensure that there is an up to date recruitment policy in place and checklist for each new staff member is completed to ensure all staff members have completed all requirements for employment prior to having access to children in the service. • must implement a risk assessment system outlining the process of risk identification, staff roles and responsibilities, the controls/ mitigation of identified risks in a timely manner. The risk assessments must be reviewed regularly and updated as required. • the premises is regularly assessed for all repair and maintenance works required and all required works are carried out in a timely manner. The above conditions are to remain in place for a period of 6 months (November 2022).
Acknowledgements	The Inspectors wish to acknowledge the cooperation of the Registered Provider/Person in Charge, staff and children who were present on the day of the inspection.

GOVERNANCE

Part III - Management and Staff

Regulation 9 - Management and Recruitment

- (1) A registered provider shall ensure that—
- (a) the service has a designated person in charge and a named person who is able to deputise as required,
 - (b) at all times during the period when the pre-school service is being carried on, the designated person in charge or the named person referred to in subparagraph (a) is on the premises, and
- (2) A registered provider shall ensure that each employee, unpaid worker and contractor is suitable and competent taking into consideration the nature of the needs of children, including by—
- (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:	There were new members of staff employed at the service since the last inspection carried out at the service on the 5th March 2021. The inspector focussed on this sample of files during the inspection. (2) (c) Garda vetting disclosures were available for the three adults. (4) Each of the three adults that worked directly with the children held at least a major award in Early Childhood Care and Education ranging from a level 5 to a level 7 qualification in childcare.
Non-Compliance Information:	(1) (b) When the Inspectors arrived at the service on the 2nd of December 2021, the person in charge and the deputy were not on the premise. The Person in Charge arrived at the service mid-morning time and stayed on the premise for the remainder of the inspection. (2) (d) There were no completed police vetting record for one of the new adults in the service that had lived outside the jurisdiction for a period of longer than six consecutive months.
Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider	In the written response the registered provider has stated the following: <u>CORRECTIVE ACTION</u> (1) (b) On day of inspection due to staff shortage, the person in charge was based in the sister company and the deputy had contacted her earlier that morning to state she was sick and was unable to attend work that day.

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	The registered provider stated that these room leaders are now the deputies on the premises when the person in charge is absent: Montessori Preschool Toddlers (2)(d) A copy of the completed processed police vetting record was not obtained in the written response received from the registered provider dated 15th February 2022. No evidence was provided to show the application process had been begun. <u>PREVENTIVE ACTION</u> (1)(b) none received (2)(d) none received <u>EVIDENCE SUBMITTED</u> (1)(b) There was no record submitted of the named deputies in charge when the person in charge was absent from the service, or evidence of this displayed in the service (2)(b) None received
Summary Comment:	(1)(b) A record clearly naming the person in charge, the name of the deputy and if both are not on duty, the named relief deputy has not been provided. (2)(d) Not addressed (1)(b) and (2)(d) remain non-compliant. These will be reviewed at the next inspection.

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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) The person in charge ensured that there were an adequate number of adults working directly with the children. (2) On the day of the inspection there were 10 adults working across the 5 care rooms with 49 children present in the morning and 35 children present in the

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evening. During the period of inspection, the ratio of staff to children was maintained as per the regulations and an adequate number of adults were working directly with the children in each care room.

Baby room

There were 2 children aged less than 12 months old and 4 children between 1 and 2 years with 2 adults in attendance.

Wobbler room

The 5 children in attendance were aged between 1 and 2 years with 1 adult in attendance.

Toddler room

There were 8 children aged between 2 and 3 years with 2 adults in attendance.

Montessori Room

There were 16 children aged between 2 years 8 months and under 6 years with 2 adults in attendance in the morning session and 8 children in the evening with two adults in attendance.

Preschool Room

There were 14 children aged between 2 years 8 months and under 6 years in the morning and 8 children in the evening with 2 adults in attendance.

(8)

(a) There were at least 2 adults on the premises at all times while the service is in operation.

HEALTH WELFARE & DEVELOPMENT OF 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:

- A relaxed and calm environment was provided for the children, and it was observed that the adults spoke kindly and offered encouragement to each child.
- On day of inspection shepherd's pie was the hot meal provided by the registered catering company that delivers the lunch for the children each day and is reheated on site in microwaves provided in each of the playrooms. The parents also have the choice of providing all the food and drink for their children while attending the service. Perishable foods provided for the children were stored in the refrigerator located in the rooms.
- The children sat at age-appropriate low tables and wooden chairs and had their snack in an unhurried environment that promoted social interaction with peers and the adults.
- It was observed that each of the rooms were provided with designated periods of time to play outdoors independent from the other rooms/ pods.

SUPPORTING RELATIONSHIPS AROUND CHILDREN:

- The Key person system was evident in the service which enabled children to form secure relationships with the staff caring for them and to facilitate easier contact tracing should there be a case of Covid19 in the service. The person in charge informed the Inspector that the rosters had been adjusted to ensure continuity of staff with the same group of children.
- Parents and guardians were welcomed at drop off times and collection times. The service operated in partnership with parents by providing them with care reports completed by using an electronic application by staff in relation to the care provided to children and these were accessible to the respective parents or guardians regarding their child.
- Parents were updated electronically regarding the amended policies and response plan for the service in relation to Covid19.

PHYSICAL AND MATERIAL ENVIRONMENT:

- The service comprised of 5 care rooms, one sleep room, an adequate number of adult and children's toilet and nappy changing facilities and an outdoor play area.

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- Each care room was furnished with a supply of adequate and varied play materials suited to the age and stage of development of the children in the respective rooms and the children had access to new play equipment and materials that had been purchased since the last inspection.
- During the inspection the five care rooms were inspected namely the Baby room, the wobbler room, the toddler room preschool and montessori rooms. It was noted that each of the care rooms were bright, clean and attractively laid out for use by the children.
- The shelving was set low to display play materials which were mostly plastic and wooden in nature and easily washable. The low shelving facilitated easy access to the materials by the children.
- Defined interest areas were available to the children including reading area, construction area, shop, home corner, manipulative play area, and rest area. The Baby room had adult seating and defined interest areas for the children including soft mats, handheld toys and wall mirrors that adhere to safety regulations and adequate space for the children to crawl and move around freely.
- The Wobblers, Toddlers and Montessori and Preschool Rooms were observed playing in the outdoor play area which was secured by walls and locked gates. The designated outdoor area for the babies, wobblers and toddlers was resourced with age-appropriate outdoor play equipment such as a slide, ride on toys, see saw toys, playhouse and a climbing frame.

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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 leading into the building was adequately secured.
- A hand sanitiser had been set up inside the main entrance door and a hand sanitiser was available in each of the care rooms in operation.
- Each care room had its own cleaning agents which were stored out of children's reach.
- The sink bowl that had been stored loosely on the floor of the Toddler nappy changing room on the last inspection was now attached to the wall, plumbed with thermostatically controlled water and was one of the wash hand basins now being used by the staff and children in the Toddler room post nappy changing.
- It was observed at time of inspection that children's chairs were not stacked in the playrooms when not in use.
- The child proof locks in place, adequately secured each of the fridge doors located in the five playrooms in operation at time of inspection.

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- The child proof locks in place adequately secured the dish washers located in each of the five care rooms in operation.
- There was no foam protruding from the adult leather chair in the Baby Room as it was sent for repair since the last inspection and the covering on the chair was intact at time of inspection
- The entrance gates into the baby, wobbler and toddler play area was adequately secured at time of inspection.
- In the outdoor play area with the tarmac surface for the Montessori Room the children no longer had access to an open grid lock drain as the area had been covered with artificial grass surface cover
- The registered provider stated the large timber climbing frame was now safely anchored to the ground and it was the school aged care service had access to this climbing frame and area at present
- To promote an effective fire evacuation procedure from the sleep room there were two cots with wheels located beside the emergency fire exit door in the sleep room.

INFECTION CONTROL:

- The person in charge and staff were aware of what to do if a child or adult became symptomatic while in the service and had a plan in place to move the child or adult to the isolation area whilst maintaining social distancing of 2 meters.
- There were designated isolation areas located in the service currently not should a child or adult become unwell and have to be monitored whilst awaiting to leave the premises.
- A supply of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) was available and used when required by staff in the service which included hand sanitizers, disposable single-use plastic aprons, non-powdered disposable gloves, shoe coverings and face masks.
- The care rooms in the service were cleaned each evening and a record of cleaning was maintained.
- All refuse bins were observed to be pedal operated.
- It was observed a record of cleaning was now maintained after each pod/group play in the outdoor play area designated for the Baby, Wobbler and Toddler Rooms.
- It was observed a record of cleaning was now maintained of the frequently touched surface areas that were cleaned regularly during the day in the Baby and Wobbler and Toddler Rooms.
- A supply of cleaning agents and equipment were available in each care room of the service.
- Mouthing toys were individual to each child and not transferred between children, they were removed immediately after use and sterilised.
- Soothers and bottles were individual to each baby, wobbler and toddler rooms and were labelled individually. Children's soothers were stored in

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individually labelled containers and were regularly sterilised. The babies' bottles were stored in the fridge located in each room.

- All toys/materials/equipment available to the children were cleaned each evening.
- Each child and adult had a spare set of clothes on site in case the clothes they were wearing became contaminated.
- The sleep room adjacent to the Baby room contained 13 standard cots with safety mattresses. The eight children under two years in attendance all had their own designated cot.
- There was thermostatically controlled hot water available for hygienic hand washing in all the wash hand basins in the adult and children's toilets and nappy changing facilities throughout the service. There was a supply of liquid soap, paper towels and electric hand driers for the older child were available throughout the service.
- It was observed that the water pressure was okay in the wash hand basin in the toilet facility designated for the Toddler room.
- Adults were aware of the correct measures for coughing and sneezing and therefore could help children follow this process if required.
- Personal waste including used tissues and all cleaning waste was appropriately disposed of in foot operated pedal bins available in all the rooms in operation
- There was evidence that the service had implemented measures to maintain physical distancing by parents and guardians as each of the playrooms had their own designated entrance doors at drop off and at collection times to avoid congregating.
- Visitors or external persons had been restricted in the service.
- The registered provider ensured that complete and accurate daily records of attendance were kept for all children and adults to the service so that if required contact tracing could easily be carried out.

SAFE SLEEP:

- Since the last inspection in March 2021 the practise of all the children in the Wobbler Room sleeping in the separate designate sleep room located beside the Baby room has changed. While the children attending the Baby Room sleep in the separate sleep room beside the Baby Room. The standard cots with the safety mattresses provided for the children in the Wobbler room are wheeled out of the sleep room and into the Wobbler Room and the 5 children present at time of inspection were all observed sleeping after lunch in their designated cots located in the Wobbler room. When sleeping time is over the cots are wheeled back to the separate sleep room where they are stored when not in use.
- There were an adequate number of standard cots with safety mattresses and suitable bed linen available for children under 2 years.

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	- The older pre-school child's needs were met during a planned sleeping period when cots and stackable beds were set up in the Toddler Room. There were a sufficient number of stacking beds available with designated suitable bed linen for children over 2 years who wanted a sleep while attending the service. - It was observed when children were asleep there was an adult present in each of the rooms monitoring the children when sleeping. - It was observed when children were asleep there was adequate space provided between the cots and stacking beds in the sleep room and in the wobbler and toddler rooms when converted into sleep rooms after lunch. - The sleep room adjacent to the Baby room contained 13 standard cots with safety mattresses. The eight children under two years in attendance all had their own designated cot. - Bed linen was not shared between children and was washed regularly at the highest temperature suited to the fabric. Laundry facilities were available on the premises.
Non-Compliance Information:	Issues identified in the previous inspection dated the 5th March 2021, that were not been addressed on this inspection GENERAL SAFETY: - In the outdoor play area with the cement surface for the Montessori Room the surface over the manhole covered area was uneven and was considered in its present state a trip hazard for the children when playing outdoors. - A large section of the outdoor play area designated now for the school aged care service was in poor repair. The artificial grass surface under the climbing frame and the surrounding artificial grass surface area was not fitted properly, there was clear gaps and folds in the surface which were considered a trip hazard in its present state. New issues identified on this inspection - The wooden gate between the outdoor play area and the area where broken play equipment was stored was not adequately secured INFECTION CONTROL: Issues identified in the previous inspection dated the 5th March 2021 that were not addressed on this inspection - One of the glued carpets covering the seating in the play bus in the Toddler Room was very frayed, in poor repair and it was difficult to clean, and the potential risk of cross contamination was increased. Sleep Room - The recommended space of 50cms between the cots in the sleep room was not observed at time of inspection when all the 13 cots were stored in the sleep room. With the cots stored so close the potential risk of cross contamination was increased.

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	6. There was large new equipment stored on the floor and leaning against the wall in one corner of the sleep room. The sleep room should not be used as a storage area.
Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider	<u>CORRECTIVE ACTION</u> GENERAL SAFETY: 1. The area around the manhole cover/gulley points is now corrected. 2. A new artificial grass surface had been fitted in the outdoor play area. 3. The wooden gate in the outdoor play area is now adequately secured. INFECTION CONTROL: 4. The seating has been repaired. 5. The recommended space of 50cms between the cots in the sleep room is now in place. 6. The large equipment stored in the corner of the sleep room has been removed. <u>PREVENTIVE ACTION</u> 1-6 No preventative actions were recorded in the written replies received from the registered provider <u>EVIDENCE SUBMITTED</u> GENERAL SAFETY: 1. Photographic evidence of the corrective work done on the surface of the manhole cover/gulley points was submitted. 2. Photographic evidence of the newly fitted artificial grass surface on the outdoor play area was submitted. 3. Photographic evidence of the newly installed lock on the wooden gate in the outdoor play area was submitted. INFECTION CONTROL 4. No evidence submitted 5. No evidence submitted 6. No evidence submitted
Summary Comment:	The initial CAPA response received on 2nd February 2022 did not adequately address many of the issues identified as non-compliant under Regulation 23. These were discussed at the Regulatory Compliance meeting. Following this, the written response and photographic evidence received after the regulatory compliance meeting was examined and deemed to meet the requirements of Regulation 23 of the Child Care Act 1991 (Early Years Services) Regulations 2016. These will be reviewed at the next inspection.

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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) A person trained in first aid for children, was always, immediately available to the children attending the service. All staff had received a certificate in first aid following a recent first aid training they attended on site.

(2) (a) There were first aid boxes available in the service. The first aid boxes were stored out of reach from the children.

(b) The suitably equipped first aid box were available in the early years' service.

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Regulation 26 - Fire Safety Measures

(1) A registered provider shall ensure that a record in writing is kept of—

(a) any fire drill that takes place in the premises, and

(b) the number, type and maintenance record of firefighting equipment and smoke alarms in the premises

(4) A notice of the procedures to be followed in the event of fire shall be displayed in a conspicuous position in the premises

Compliance Information:

(1)

(a) A record of fire drills carried out by each playroom was available and indicated that the last fire drill took place at the premises in October 2022

(b) A record of the number, type and maintenance record of firefighting equipment was maintained. It was recorded that fire equipment and the smoke alarm system was last serviced in March 2021.

(4) The fire evacuation procedure for the service which contained details in relation to the procedure to be followed in the event of a fire was displayed in the service.

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Regulation 29 Premises

A Registered provider shall ensure that the premises of the service are

(c) kept adequately lit, heated and ventilated

(d) cleaned, maintained and repaired,

(e) equipped with adequate and suitable sanitary facilities

Compliance Information:	(c) The ventilation in all areas where mechanical ventilation was in operation (adult and children toilet facilities and nappy changing facilities and lobbies) were adequately cleaned, some of the vents were replaced, some were new vents. All were observed to be in a proper state of repair. (e) The water leak and visible hole on the wall of the Toddler toilet room on the last inspection had been repaired and the wall was in a proper state of repair.
Non-Compliance Information:	<i>A significant risk in relation to the safety of the children has been identified in relation to the following:</i> (c) 1. The paint was peeling and parts of wooden climbing frame in the outdoor play area for the preschool room was worn and not provided with a smooth, durable, easily cleanable surface. (e) 2. There was no toilet seat on one of the children's toilets for the Montessori Room. 3. The cover of the toilet handle used to flush one of the children's toilets in the preschool room was in poor repair and the handle present was considered a safety hazard in its present state. 4. The taps in one of the wash hand basins in the children's toilet area for the preschool room were not in a proper state of repair. The 14 children present at time of inspection had access to only one wash hand basin when two wash hand basins were required. 5. The following walls were marked and not provided with a smooth, durable easily cleanable surface: (a) the walls beside the two nappy changing areas in the Wobbler and Toddler nappy changing areas. (b) the walls behind the wash hand basins for the wobbler and toddler nappy changing areas. (c) the wall behind the wash hand basin in the lobby area of the toddler room. (d) the wall behind the one wash hand basin in the toddler toilet area. 6. There was a large hole on one of the walls of the newly constructed lobby area of the Toddler room and there was no skirting board. The hole was extending from the junction where the floor meets the wall therefore at

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	child height and a potential risk to the safety of the children who had access to this area.
Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider:	In the written response the registered provider/ person in charge has stated the following: <u>CORRECTIVE ACTION</u> (c) 1. The children's climbing frame located in the outdoor play area was now varnished and painted. (d) 2. A new toilet seat has been placed on one of the children's toilets beside the Montessori Room. 3. The flush handle was replaced in one of the children's toilets in the preschool room. 4. the taps in one of the wash hand basins in the children's toilet area for the preschool room were now in a proper state of repair. The children now have access to two wash hand basins in the toilet area. 5. (a)+(b)The wall surface area beside the nappy changing area and the wash hand basins in the Wobbler and Toddler nappy changing room have been covered with a wipeable surface material. (c)+(d) the wall behind the wash hand basin in the lobby area of the toddler room and the wall behind the one wash hand basin in the toddler toilet area have all been painted. 6 The skirting has been replaced therefore covering the extended opening in the wall surface. <u>PREVENTIVE ACTION</u> • No preventative actions recorded in the written replies <u>EVIDENCE SUBMITTED</u> (c) 1. Photographic evidence of the newly painted climbing frame was submitted. (e) 2. Photographic evidence of the newly installed toilet seat was submitted. 3. Photographic evidence of the toilet handle was submitted. 4. Photographic evidence of the new taps in the two wash hand basins was submitted. 5. (a)+(b) Photographic evidence of the new wipeable surface beside the nappy changing area and behind the wash hand basins in the Wobbler and Toddler nappy changing room was submitted. (c)+(d) Photographic evidence of the painted walls behind the wash hand basin in the lobby area of the toddler room and the wall behind the one

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	wash hand basin in the toddler toilet area was submitted. 6. Photographic evidence of the wall and skirting board was submitted.
	The initial CAPA response received 2nd February 2022 did not adequately address many of the issues identified as non-compliant under regulation 29, these were discussed at the regulatory compliance meeting. Following the written response and photographic evidence received after the regulatory compliance meeting, the correspondence was examined and deemed to meet the requirements of Regulation 29 (c) and (e) of the Child Care Act 1991 (Early Years Services) Regulations 2016. These will be reviewed at the next inspection.

Additional Significant Risk(s) to Children Additional Significant Risk Identified

Regulation 8 – Change in Circumstances

(1) A registered provider of a pre-school service other than temporary pre-school service shall, subject to paragraph (3) notify the Agency in writing of any proposed change in 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:	The registered provider had not informed the Agency that since October 2020, the named person in charge was no longer working in the service. The registered provider was now the person in charge of the service. This was an issue on the last inspection dated the 5th of March 2021 that had still not been addressed on this inspection.
Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider	<u>CORRECTIVE ACTION</u> The registered provider has stated that she has sent in the required change in circumstances record outlining the required information to the registration office. <u>PREVENTIVE ACTION</u> None submitted <u>EVIDENCE SUBMITTED</u> Received a copy of the change in circumstances record outlining the name of the person in charge of the service.
Summary Comment	Following the written response and photographic evidence received after the regulatory compliance meeting. The correspondence was examined and deemed to meet the requirements of Regulation 8 (1)(3) of the Child Care Act 1991 (Early Years Services) Regulations 2016.