

# Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Report

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| <b>TUSLA Identifier:</b>            | TU2015OY061                                            |
| <b>Name of Service:</b>             | Little Haven Education Centre                          |
| <b>Address of Service:</b>          | Syngefield Business Park, Syngefield, Birr, Co. Offaly |
| <b>Eircode:</b>                     | R42 DX81                                               |
| <b>Name of Registered Provider:</b> | Anne Bergin                                            |
| <b>Service type:</b>                | Full Day, Part Time, Sessional                         |
| <b>Day 1 Date of Inspection:</b>    | 29/06/2026                                             |
| <b>Day 2 Date of Inspection:</b>    | 30/06/2026                                             |

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| <b>Day 1 No of pre-school children:</b> | AM | 79 | PM | 76 |
| <b>Day 2 No of pre-school children:</b> | AM | 93 | PM | 93 |

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| <b>Address of the Early Years Inspectorate:</b> | Early Years Inspectorate, Tusla, Child and Family Agency, Primary Care Centre, Church Avenue, Tullamore, Co. Offaly. |
| <b>Inspection undertaken by:</b>                | K. Murphy                                                                                                            |
| <b>Title:</b>                                   | Early Years Inspector                                                                                                |

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

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### Description of service

Little Haven Education Centre is registered as a full day care service to accommodate children aged 1 to 6 years of age. The service operates between the hours of 07:45 and 17.45 on a Monday to Friday basis.

The Early Years' Service is located in a two-storey purposely adapted and renovated commercial premises. Ten pre-school rooms, three sleep rooms, two staff rooms, a kitchen, an office, a meeting room and a reception area are provided. Additional breakout rooms are also available to provide children with alternative play experiences namely the jungle room, chill room, soft playroom, messy playroom and sensory room.

Senior pre-school room 1 and Montessori room 1 were not in operation on both days of the inspection due to the conclusion of the ECCE programme for the 2025/2026 academic year.

The play yard is an enclosed outdoor play area attached to the front of the premises. The "dream green forest garden" outdoor play area is accessed via a pathway to an enclosed area located opposite the service. Four rooms are provided for school age childcare including an activity room, tech room, homework room and a dining room.

Onsite parking and set down facilities are available. The service is situated in a business park on the outskirts of the town of Birr, County Offaly.

### Staffing

The registered provider employs thirty-five staff members including the co-owner, two cooks and thirty-two childcare practitioners.

The registered provider was present on both days and works in the service attending to the administrative functions within the service and providing a support role as required.

Twenty-five childcare practitioners were working directly with children on the 29 June 2026.

Twenty-six childcare practitioners were working directly with children on the 30 June 2026.

A cook was present each day in the service to prepare and cook meals. The co-owne was present at various intervals on both days.

### 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:

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- 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.

Regulation 9- Management and recruitment - (1)(a)(b) (2)(a)(b)(c)(d) (4)

Regulation 11 -Staffing levels - (1)(2)(8)(a)

Regulation 17- Information for Parents

Regulation 19- Health, welfare and development of child - (1)(a)

Regulation 20 – Rest and play facilities

Regulation 22- Food and Drink

Regulation 23- Safeguarding health, safety and welfare of child

Regulation 24- Checking in and Out and Record of Attendance

Regulation 25- First aid - (1) (2)(a)(b)

Regulation 26 -Fire safety measures - (1)(a)(b)(2)(3)(4)

Regulation 28 – Insurance

Regulation 33- Furnishing Information to the Agency

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

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registered provider must demonstrate how they have rectified the non-compliance and will prevent any non-compliance from re occurring. The Corrective Action and Preventive Action plan (CAPA) will be used to inform decisions about compliance with regulatory requirements. Where the registered provider fails to meet the statutory requirements an escalation process may be commenced.

The inspectorate reserves the right to edit responses received for reasons including clarity, completeness and compliance with administrative and legal processes.

The contents of the report are compiled by the inspectorate body.

### Acknowledgments

The inspector wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the registered provider and staff who were present on day 1 and day 2 of the inspection.

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### Part III – Management and Staff

#### Regulation 9 – Management and recruitment

*(1) A registered provider shall ensure that-*

- (a) the service has a designated person in charge and a named person who is able to deputise as required,*
- (b) at all times during the period when the pre-school service is being carried on, the designated person in charge or the named person referred to in subparagraph (a) is on the premises*

*(2) A registered provider shall ensure that each employee, unpaid worker and contractor is suitable and competent taking into consideration the nature of the needs of children, including by-*

- (a) consideration of references from the person's past employers, if any, and in particular the most recent employer, if any,*
- (b) consideration of references from reputable sources in the case of a person who has no past employers,*
- (c) consideration of the vetting disclosure received from the National Vetting Bureau of the Garda Síochána in accordance with the Act of 2012 in respect of the person, and*
- (d) ensuring, insofar as is practicable, that where a person has lived in a state other than the State for a period of longer than 6 consecutive months, he or she provides police vetting from the police authorities in that state.*

*(4) A registered provider shall ensure that, without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (2) and subject to paragraphs (5) and (6), each employee working directly with children attending the service holds at least a major award in Early childhood Care and Education at Level 5 on the National Qualifications Framework or a qualification deemed by the Minister to be equivalent.*

#### Compliance Information

**(1)(a)**

The registered provider was present and available in the service throughout both inspection days.

**(b)**

The registered provider was on site for the duration of the inspection.

Following a review of previous inspection findings, information available on inspection and discussion with the registered provider it was determined that eleven new staff members had commenced in the service since the last inspection on the 10 and 11 April 2025. The eleven files were reviewed and the following was noted.

**(2)(a)(b)**

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

(c)

A Garda Vetting disclosure was available in respect of the files reviewed.

In respect of one staff member who required renewal since the last inspection on the 10 and 11 April 2025 the service did not adhere to the re-vetting timeframes as outlined in the Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Notice, requiring services to renew Garda vetting every three years. Please refer to the information outlined under regulation 23 of this report.

(d)

Police vetting was available in respect of two adults who had lived outside the state for a period of longer than six consecutive months.

(4)

Staff working directly with children attending the service held a major award in Early Childhood Care and Education at levels 5 to 8 on the National Framework of Qualifications or a letter of qualification recognition from the Minister.

### Part III – Management and Staff

#### Regulation 11 - Staffing levels

*(1) Subject to this Regulation, a registered provider shall ensure that there is at all times an adequate number of adults working directly with the children attending the pre-school service.*

*(2) Subject to paragraphs (4) and (5), a registered provider of a full day care service or a part-time day care service shall ensure that at all times the minimum ratio of adults to children specified in column (3) of Part 1 of Schedule 6 opposite a particular reference number specified in column (1) of that Part in respect of the age range of the children specified in column (2) thereof at that reference number is satisfied.*

*(8) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) to (7)-*

*(a) a registered provider of a pre-school service other than a child-minding service or a sessional pre-school service shall ensure that there are at least 2 adults on the premises at all times,*

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### Compliance Information

- (1)  
The minimum ratio of adults to children was maintained during the inspection.
- (2)  
Day 1  
There were seventy-nine children present in the morning and seventy-six children present in the afternoon supervised directly by twenty-five adults.
- Day 2  
There were ninety-three children present in the morning and afternoon supervised directly by twenty-six adults.
- (8)(a)  
The staff roster reviewed indicated that two adults are on the premises during the hours of operation.

### Part IV – Information and Records

#### Regulation 17 – Information for parents

*A registered provider shall ensure that a parent or guardian of a child proposing to attend the service is provided with the information referred to in subparagraphs (a) to (g) of Regulation 16(1).*

### Compliance Information

Parental information was available in a handbook which was emailed to parents and guardians prior to their child commencing in the service. The parent handbook contained the required information in respect of Regulation 16 (1)(a) to (g).

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### Part V - Care of Child in Pre-school Service

#### Regulation 19 - Health, welfare and development of child

*(1) A registered provider shall, in providing a pre-school service, ensure that-*

*(a) each child's learning, development and well-being is facilitated within the daily life of the pre-school service through the provision of the appropriate activities, interaction, materials and equipment, having regard to the age and stage of development of the child*

#### Compliance Information

(1)(a)

Children were engaged in the various play opportunities available to them in the pre-school rooms supported by staff. Children were observed at free play, tabletop activities, story time and extended outdoor play time in the sunshine. Younger children were observed to crawl and explore their environment. Children enjoyed the various play experiences of offer as part of a variety of summer themed activities.

At approximately 11:45, dinner was served by staff to the children with water to drink. Bibs were applied to protect children's clothes. Younger children were encouraged to be independent to feed themselves and were assisted by staff as needed at mealtimes. Children enjoyed conversations and interactions during snack and mealtimes. Nappy changing was carried out on a regular basis and as needed. Children slept in separate sleep rooms and were observed to be checked by staff every ten minutes. Sunscreen was applied and children wore sunhats while out playing outdoors in the sunshine.

A staff biography was noted in the main corridor. Staff were familiar with each child and their personalities. Staff were positive towards children using individual names, maintaining eye contact during conversations at eye level and sitting with children at play activities. Partnership with parents was in place with a verbal handover given on collection and communication to parents via a written daily report "My day" depicting their child's daily routine including feeding, sleep times and nappy changes. Information and updates are shared with parents using a social media platform. The service operates an open-door policy to parents and parents were observed to drop and collect their child from their allocated pre-school room or alternative play space if informed by the registered provider who was able to view each room in the service on a large visual monitor from the office.

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### Part V - Care of Child in Pre-school Service

#### Regulation 20 – Facilities for rest and play

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

*(a) having regard to the number of pre-school children attending the service, their respective ages and the amount of time they spend on the premises, there are adequate and suitable facilities for each child to play indoors and, where required by these Regulations, outdoors, during the day, and*

*(b) there are adequate and suitable facilities for a pre-school child to rest during the day, and in the case of an overnight pre-school service, during the day and the night.*

*(3) A registered provider of a full day care service, a part-time day care service or a childminding service, other than such a service to which paragraph (2) applies, shall ensure that-*

*(a) a suitable, safe and secure outdoor space to which the pre-school children attending the service have access on a daily basis is provided on the premises*

#### Compliance Information

(1)(a)

Suitable play equipment was provided indoors and outdoors which included toys and equipment for tabletop activities, construction, sensory play and home corners. The other play areas in the service provided children with physical, sensory and imaginative play opportunities.

(b)

Sleep Room 1 was located on the ground floor and equipped with twelve low level beds for children over the age of two who required sleep.

Sleep Room 2 was located on the ground floor sleep room and equipped with six cots for children under the age of two who required sleep. Four low level beds were available for children over the age of two who required sleep. The mattresses fitted the cots and safety information was attached to each mattress. A waterproof covering was in place on each cot. Fitted sheets and cellular blankets were in place.

Sleep Room 3 was located on the ground floor and equipped with thirty-two low level beds for children over the age of two who required sleep.

In each sleep room storage drawers and units were individually named for each child's personal supply of bed linen and cellular blankets. Cleaning schedules were in place for regular washing of bed linen. Natural ventilation was provided by means of openable windows.

Soft furnishings provided the rest areas in the ten pre-school rooms.

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(3)(a)

A large outdoor play area was attached to the front of the service. The perimeter was secured with a high-level wall with coded gates at either end. A Perspex roof covering was in place on a section of the outdoor play area to provide opportunities for year-round play.

Artificial grass surface areas were noted and separate sections were available to the children to provide age and stage appropriate play opportunities.

The outdoor play area areas were equipped with a variety of bike and trikes, a crawling tunnel, a “shop”, a “post office” and playhouses. Additional outdoor play equipment was stored in a shed.

### Non-Compliance Information

(3)(a)

1. The following safety hazards were noted in the outdoor play area:
  - The wooden window of the “ship” required repair as an exposed screw was noted due to the absence of a section of the wooden surround.
  - A coiled water hose pipe was accessible to children in the outdoor play area.
  - The side panel of the “green shed” used to store children’s play equipment required repair as there was a hole in the wood making this area potentially accessible to rodents, cats or other small creatures.

### Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

#### Corrective and Preventive Action

(3)(a)

1. The registered provider stated in the response that:
  - The exposed screw has been removed. (Photograph included)
  - The water hose was removed and stored in the shed. (Photograph included)
  - The hole /damage at the side of the shed is temporarily fixed. The shed is being repainted and a long-term repair will take place then. (Photograph included)

The play yard will be painted and updated over the coming weeks. A safety and risk assessment of all its contents completed and recorded by an assigned staff member on a weekly basis. Any items needing attention or noted by a staff member using the play yard with children will be reported to management immediately.

### Summary Comment

In respect of the corrective actions taken photographic evidence was submitted to the office of the Early Years Inspectorate, reviewed by the Early Years Inspector and deemed to meet the regulatory requirement.

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### Part V - Care of Child in Pre-school Service

#### Regulation 22 – Food and drink

*A registered provider shall ensure that adequate and suitable, nutritious and varied food and drink is available for each pre-school child attending the pre-school service.*

#### Compliance Information

All meals and snacks were freshly prepared on site by the cook. Refrigerators were available for the storage of perishable food products. A rotating weekly menu plan was followed. Provision was in place to cater for any dietary needs and additional food was available for any child if required. The children availed of water which was accessible to the children throughout the inspection.

On day 1 the main meal consisted of carbonara sauce made with mushrooms, onions, cream and flour with pasta and bacon lardons. Water was offered to drink.

#### Non-Compliance Information

1. The main meal on day 2 did not meet the requirements of the “Nutrition Standards for Early Learning and Care Services”
  - The main meal on day 2 did not meet the requirements of the “Nutrition Standards for Early Learning and Care services” due to the use of processed chicken product. Page 43 states that “processed meat or chicken products, fried foods, foods cooked in batter or breadcrumbs, or foods containing pastry, cannot be provided (for example bacon, ham, sausages, chicken nuggets and similar products)”.
  - The main meal on day 2 did not meet the requirements of the “Nutrition Standards for Early Learning and Care Services” due to the absence of vegetables. Page 40 states that “every hot meal should include ½ to 1 serving of vegetables”.
  - The main meal on day 2 did not meet the requirements of the “Nutrition Standards for Early Learning and Care Services” due to the use of the use of a curry sauce mix. Page 19 states that “gravy, stock cubes, jars or packets of sauce should not be used as they contain a lot of salt”.
  - Milk was not included on the menu plan and was not routinely offered to the children in line with the requirements of the “Nutrition Standards for Early Learning and Care Services”

#### Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

##### Corrective and Preventive Action

The registered provider stated in response that:

1. The service has removed several items from the menu and are researching alternatives that are healthier, more nutritious and meet the required regulations. Currently the registered provider and the two cooks

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are researching and investigating alternative ways of food production and preparation. Cooking sauces from scratch, making our own sausage rolls, cooking joints of chicken and ham to slice for sandwiches. We are going through the requirements of the Nutrition Standards for ELC services, and our aim is to have over the next few weeks before the new school year commences a brand-new revamped set of two-week menus that will repeat itself and meet all the nutritional requirements. All families will receive a copy of this. Milk is now offered to all rooms with meals.

### Summary Comment

The proposed actions in respect of (1) will meet the regulatory requirement but the non-compliance remains outstanding until the evidence of revised menu plans is completed and submitted by September 7<sup>th</sup> 2026.

### Part VI - Safety

#### Regulation 23 - Safeguarding health, safety and welfare of child

*A registered provider shall ensure that all reasonable measures are taken to safeguard the health, safety and welfare of a pre-school child attending the service and that the environment of the service is safe.*

### Compliance Information

#### General Safety:

The entrance to the service was secure to ensure the safety of the children within the service. The service met the necessary safety requirements in respect of the indoor environment, toys and equipment and the safe storage of cleaning agents. Finger protectors were in place on doors throughout the premises.

#### Infection Control:

All toys and materials were easily cleanable. Cleaning schedules were available and reviewed. Warm water, paper hand towel and liquid soap was available in the sanitary accommodation and nappy changing areas. Children were observed to wash their hands before meals and after using the toilet. Foot operated pedal bins were available in the sanitary accommodation for the hygienic disposal of soiled nappies.

Natural ventilation was available through openable windows in the pre-school rooms.

Mechanical ventilation was installed in the sanitary accommodation and nappy changing areas.

#### Administration of Medication:

Temperature reducing medication was available in the service if a child presented with a high temperature and was stored safely out of the reach of the children. A log had recently been introduced for staff to record the expiry dates of each child's temperature reducing medication.

#### Safe Sleep:

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A sleep log was in place indicating that the colour, position and breathing of sleeping children was monitored every ten minutes.

In sleep room 1 the temperature recorded was 21°Celsius at 10.20.

In sleep room 2 the temperature recorded was 20°Celsius at 10.30.

In sleep room 3 the temperature recorded was 20°Celsius at 10.25.

### Fire Safety:

Emergency exits were unobstructed. A designated fire assembly point was located to the front of the service.

### Outing:

Risk assessments were reviewed in respect of outings to the “dream green forest garden”.

### Non-Compliance Information

#### General Safety:

1. The most recent Garda vetting disclosure presented in respect of one staff member was not dated within the previous three years in adherence with the Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Notice ‘EYI-RN12.3 Renewal of Garda Vetting’.  
*This non-compliance was previously noted on the inspection of April 10 and 11 2025 The corrective and preventative actions submitted following those inspections failed to prevent recurrence of this non-compliance.*
2. Visibility strips were not in place on the glazed panels of six doors opening onto the outdoor play area.
3. The digital display monitors in the pre-school rooms were set to Fahrenheit and the staff did not know the Celsius equivalent to accurately monitor and ensure that a safe room temperature was maintained in the occupied rooms where young children were sleeping.

#### Infection Control:

1. The nappy changing practice observed was inadequate for infection control purposes as aprons were not worn by staff when carrying out nappy changing. The nappy changing procedure displayed detailed the wearing of aprons “if badly soiled or has vomited”.  
*This non-compliance was previously noted on the inspection of April 10 and 11 2025 The corrective and preventative actions submitted following those inspections failed to prevent recurrence of this non-compliance.*
2. The grids for the mechanical ventilation in the sanitary accommodation and nappy changing areas throughout the premises were full of physical debris and required cleaning.

*This non-compliance was previously noted on the inspection of April 10 and 11 2025 The corrective and preventative actions submitted following those inspections failed to prevent recurrence of this non-compliance.*

3. Foot operated pedal bins were not available in the pre-school rooms and sanitary accommodation for the hygienic disposal of paper towel and other waste. Swing bins which required touch and handling were in place instead.

*This non-compliance was previously noted on the inspection of April 10 and 11 2025 The corrective and preventative actions submitted following those inspections failed to prevent recurrence of this non-compliance.*

4. Mechanical ventilation in the sanitary accommodation incorporating nappy changing for wobblers located on the ground floor and the sanitary accommodation for Montessori room 1 and room 2 located on the first floor was not working.
5. In the sanitary the nappy changing areas cleaning solutions were decanted into a bottle labelled as “disinfectant” without content or instructions for use attached.
6. A dispenser was not in place for the blue paper roll used to wipe down the nappy changing mat which resulted in the handling the paper roll by multiple staff after nappy changes which posed a potential infection control risk.
7. The material covers of the sofas used to provide the rest facilities in some of the pre-school rooms were stained and required cleaning or replacement.
8. The trickle vents on the windows in the pre-school rooms on the first floor were full of physical debris and required cleaning.

### Safe Sleep:

1. The temperature of the three sleep rooms were not monitored by staff.
2. The temperature of the sleep rooms were not recorded or documented by staff on the sleep logs as the sleep logs used did not include a space to record the temperature of the sleep rooms.
3. The sleep procedure displayed in sleep room 1 stated that sleeping children were physically checked every 15 minutes instead of the recommended 10 minutes.
4. Pillows were in use in cots for children under the age of two which was at variance with safe sleep best practice. It is acknowledged that the registered provider took a corrective action and removed the pillows from the cots.

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- At 12.20 in sleep room 1 ten children from the toddler room were put down to sleep on low level beds in their full clothing and covered with blankets. The occupied temperature recorded was 24.9°Celsius. Upon discussion staff were unaware of the room temperature or the practices necessary to reduce the temperature or to make the children comfortable in the heat. The registered provider took a corrective action to allocate a staff member to the sleep room to provide constant supervision of the children while they slept and undertook to move the children to sleep room 3 where there was more space and due to its location within the building the room temperature was in line with safe sleep best practice.

### Action submitted by the Registered Provider

#### Corrective & Preventive Action

##### **General Safety:**

The registered provider stated in response that:

- Garda Vetting for the one staff member that had expired was completed and submitted during the inspection. I have recruited a new experienced and qualified staff member who along with my two deputy managers are going to share the various administrative responsibilities and review all staff files on a regular basis to ensure this does not happen again.
- Visibility strips are on all glazed panels of doors opening out into play yard. Checking that all visibility strips are in place and in condition will become part of a new risk assessment checklist. (Photograph included)
- The service has changed the temperature gauges to Celsius, and those that could not change have been replaced. Room thermometers are in place in all sleep rooms and care rooms and monitored daily. (Photograph included)

##### **Infection Control:**

The registered provider stated in response that:

- The nappy changing guidelines have been edited to include an instruction that aprons are worn for all nappy changing. A staff member is assigned to the policies and procedures, to review regularly and to ensure all staff members have familiarised themselves with the required procedure. (Photograph included) (Procedure sign off by staff included)
- The grids on all vents throughout the building have been dusted. The dusting of these vents has become part of a new cleaning checklist. (Photograph included)
- The service has replaced bins with foot operated bins. (Photograph included)

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4. New fans were purchased and installed in the bathrooms where mechanical ventilation was not working. The checking of these fans to ensure they are working has become part of our new checklist. (Photograph included)
5. All cleaning solution bottles were replaced. Cleaning solutions are now in labelled spray bottles with the details of contents and instructions clearly labelled. (Photograph included)
6. The correct size of paper roll which fit into the wall mounted dispensers have been ordered. (Photograph included)
7. The couch covers have been washed and dried. The washing and drying of these couch covers will become a regular part of the cleaning routine. (Photograph included)
8. Staff members have cleaned the trickle vents on windows. (Photograph included)  
A cleaning company is booked for August to clean all windows in the building before the new school year. The trickle vents will be cleaned as part of that job. (Booking confirmation included)

### Safe Sleep:

The registered provider stated in response that:

1. All sleep rooms have correct room thermometers and are being checked and recorded by staff members. Temperatures of sleep rooms are currently being checked and recorded.
2. A quantity of new industry specific sleep logbooks which have the correct layout for the required information to be recorded have been obtained and will be used in all sleep rooms. (Photograph included)
3. The guidelines for safe sleep practice were updated to the correct time between checks and all staff were made aware of this change. All staff members are required to keep refreshed on safe sleep practice and complete all records correctly. (Photograph included) (Procedure sign off by staff included)
4. All pillows were removed from cots during the inspection in use in cots and are no longer in use. (Photograph included)
5. A large new airy sleep room is now in use, a staff member stays in the room at all times and socks and layers of clothes are removed from children during warm times while in bed. The service will continue to use the new larger airy sleep room and research possible air conditioning units to purchase for the sleep rooms. (Photograph included)

### Summary Comment

The non- compliance in respect of general safety, number 1 remains outstanding until the required evidence is submitted by September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

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In respect of all other corrective actions taken to date photographic and documentary evidence was submitted to the office of the Early Years Inspectorate reviewed by the Early Years Inspector and deemed to meet regulatory compliance.

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#### Regulation 24 - Checking in and out and record of attendance

*(1) A registered provider shall ensure that each pre-school child attending the service is checked in and out of the service by an employee or an unpaid worker.*

*(3) A registered provider shall ensure that-*

*(a) no person other than-*

*(i) pre-school child attending the service,*

*(ii) a person dropping or collecting such a child,*

*(iii) an employee, or*

*(iv) an unpaid worker, can enter the premises without his or her entry being approved by an employee, and*

*(b) a daily record in writing is kept of the entry on the premises of any such person.*

*(4) A registered provider shall ensure that a record in writing referred to in paragraph (3)(b) is retained for a period of one year from the date to which it relates.*

#### Compliance Information

(1)

The records of arrival and departure reviewed verified that each child attending the service was checked in and out of the service by a staff member.

(3)(a)(b)

All entry to the service with the exception of (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv) was approved by a staff member.

(4)

The visitor log was maintained throughout the annual operation of the service.

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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)  
Five adults were qualified in First Aid response (FAR) and available on the premises during the hours of operation.

(2)(a)  
First aid boxes were located in accessible locations along the main corridors in the service.

(b)  
A first aid box was accessible to adults caring for children in the 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 written record for the completed monthly fire drills was available on the premises. The last fire drill was recorded as taking place on the 2 June 2026.

(b)

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A record was available demonstrating the number, type and maintenance of the firefighting equipment and smoke alarms on the premises. The firefighting equipment in the premises were serviced in June 2026. The smoke alarms in the premises were serviced in May 2026.

(4)  
A notice of the procedures to be followed in the event of a fire was displayed in conspicuous positions throughout the premises.

### Part VI - Safety

#### Regulation 28 - Insurance

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

#### Compliance Information

There was evidence of current insurance cover for the number of children attending the service. The expiry date noted was the 27 March 2027.

### Part IX - Inspection and Enforcement

#### Regulation 33 – Furnishing of information to agency

*A registered provider shall furnish the Agency with such information as the Agency may reasonably require for the purpose of enforcing and executing these Regulations and the information shall be in such form, if any, as may be specified by the Agency.*

#### Compliance Information

The registered provider furnished the information required for the inspection.