

TUSLA REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

TUSLA Identifier:	TU2018GY508							
Name of Service:	Pixie Garden Crèche							
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Name of Registered Service Provider:	Ms. Nicola Gavaghan							
Type of Service Registered:	Full Day Care		☒					
Date of Inspection:	2	1	0	7	2	0	2	1
No of Pre-School Children present during Inspection:	AM	4	PM	2				
Address of the Early Years Inspectorate:	Tusla – Child and Family Agency, Early Years Inspectorate, Quality Assurance Directorate, Clinical & Administration Building, Block A - (1st Floor- Green Corridor), Merlin Park, Galway, Co. Galway.							
Inspection undertaken by :	H. Heagney & S. Meehan							
Title:	Early Years Inspectors							
Areas which were the subject of this Inspection								
Governance	Health, Welfare and Development				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).								
Conditions If Applicable	Not applicable							

Description of Service	This privately operated ground floor preschool is in a housing development in Gort, Co. Galway. This service offers a full day care and part time care provision from 8.30hrs to 18.00hrs. The Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) pre-school care programmes and sessional care programmes are also offered from 9:00hrs to 12:00hrs. The pre-school caters for a maximum number of 24 pre-school children at any one time. The service is registered for pre-school children aged 2 to 6 years of age. The service also caters for school age children with a breakfast club and afterschool/ school age programme. On the day of inspection, there were 4 preschool children and 2 school-aged children. The service operates 2 playrooms – the Junior playroom and the Senior playroom. The premise has its own kitchen, where children’s main meals are prepared, cooked, and stored on site. Stackable beds are available for pre-school children’s sleep provision. In each playroom, quiet rest areas with a child size seating and soft matting are available for children to rest or opt out of an activity if he/ she wishes to do so. There are secure outdoor play areas to the rear of the premises for children’s play, exploration, and fresh air. A child centred play-based Montessori preschool curriculum focusing on emerging interests is provided.
Staffing	The registered provider works in the premises. There is a person in charge and deputy person in charge. 4 adults holding at least a major award in Early Childhood Care and Education at Level 5 on the National Qualification Framework work in the service. An additional 1 adult is designated to the care of school-aged children. The adult staff have documentary evidence of ongoing training and education. On the morning of inspection, the childcare manager and 1 adult were working in the preschool. At 12.00hrs, an additional adult commenced in the service.
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 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. A sampling process was used to assess compliance under regulation 19 health welfare and development of child and regulation 23

	safeguarding health, safety and welfare of child. 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 triggered by information received to the Early Years Inspectorate.
Acknowledgements	The inspectors wish to acknowledge the cooperation of the childcare manager, adults 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—
 - (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.
 - (6) Paragraph (4) shall not apply before 1 September 2021 to a person who—
 - (a) has signed a declaration on or before 30 June 2016 to the effect that he or she intends to retire from employment in a pre-school service before 1 September 2021, and
 - (b) is in possession of a letter from the Minister confirming that paragraph (4) shall not apply to him or her before that date
- (6A) is inserted by S.I. No.632 of 2016 CHILD CARE ACT 1991 (EARLY YEARS SERVICES) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2016 which states; Regulation 9 of the Child Care Act 1991 (Early Years Services) Regulations (S.I. No. 221 of 2016) is amended - in paragraph (4), by the substitution of "paragraphs (5), (6) and (6A)" for "paragraphs (5) and (6)", and (b) by the insertion of the following paragraph after paragraph (6): "
- (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

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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 was a designated person in charge and there was a named person available to deputise in the service. (b) The person in charge was on the premises when the Early Years Inspectors arrived and remained on site for the duration of the inspection. (2) (a)&(b) 4 adults had commenced in the service since the last inspection. 8 of the written references on file in respect of 4 adults were from past employer and or from a source other than the past employer. (c) Garda vetting disclosures were available in respect of 4 adults. (d) Documentary evidence indicated that 1 adult had lived outside the jurisdiction for longer than 6 consecutive months while over the age of 18 years and had the required police vetting. (4) A total of 6 adults work in the service. 4 adults working directly with children attending the service held 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. Copies of Child Care Qualifications were available on file for the 4 adults. (6)(a) Not applicable, as no childcare staff member had signed the “Grandfathering clause” declaration advising of her intention to retire before the 1st September 2021. (b) Not applicable, as the service was not receiving funding from the Department of Children and Youth Affairs known as the Access and Inclusion Model.
Non-Compliance Information:	(2) (a)&(b) Validation of written references for 1 adult were not available and on file. (d) Documentary evidence indicated that 1 adult had lived outside the jurisdiction for

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	longer than 6 consecutive months while over the age of 18 years and did not have the required police vetting. (4) 1 adult working directly with children attending the service had no evidence of a childcare qualification to 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.
Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider	On the 13/8/2021 and 13/9/2021, the registered provider advised of the following CORRECTIVE ACTION (2)(a) & (b) Validated reference for the adult staff member is now available and on file. (d) The adult staff member who lived outside the jurisdiction has requested police vetting from the country. (4) The adult staff member referred to in the report has requested from the Department of Children and Youth Affairs a qualification recognition letter. This adult will not be permitted to work directly with the preschool children until confirmation in relation to her qualifications. PREVENTIVE ACTION (2)(a) & (b) All employees will have validated references prior to working directly with the children. (d) All employees will have relevant vetting prior to commencing employment. (4) All employees will have relevant childcare qualifications prior to commencing employment. EVIDENCE SUBMITTED (2)(a) & (b) Validation of the reference for the 1 adult staff member was submitted to the office of the Early Years Inspectorate. (d) Police vetting for the 1 adult staff member dated 7/9/2021 was submitted to the

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	office of the Early Years Inspectorate. (4) No evidence submitted.
Summary Comment	(2)(a), (b) and (d) The regulatory requirement has been met for this part of the regulation. (4) The adult without the qualification recognition letter will not work with preschool children until confirmation of qualification is received.

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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 registered provider ensured an adequate number of adults were working directly with the children when the preschool service was operating. The adult child ratio was correct and during the inspection; there was an adequate number of adults working directly with the children. (2) On the morning of the inspection day, there were 4 pre-school children, and 2 school age children present, with 2 adults directly supervising them. Another adult arrived in the service at 12.00hrs. • 1 child was aged between 2 and 3 years, • 2 children were aged between 3 and 4 years, • 1 child was aged 5 years, • 2 children were school aged. At 13.15hrs, there were 2 preschool children and 2 school-aged children with 3 adults supervising and caring for these children. (8)(a) The registered provider ensured that 2 adult staff were on the premises during the operating hours of the preschool.
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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:

19 (1)(a)

BASIC NEEDS

- The healthy eating policy was available for parents / guardians to view.
- The atmosphere during mealtimes was relaxed, with pleasant social interaction among the children and adults.
- At 11.00hrs, all the children ate their snacks (supplied by the parents and guardians). The snacks consisted of sausage rolls, yogurt, rice cakes, cheese sticks and fruit pieces with water to drink.
- The dinner offered at 13.20hrs, was cooked on site and consisted of chicken nuggets, potato waffles and beans.
- At 15.00hrs, the children had the remainder of their own snacks supplied by parents and guardians.
- An additional snack was offered to children who remained in the service after 17.00hrs.
- Perishable items from children's lunch boxes were stored in the service fridge in the kitchen.
- Water via a water station was available for children to 'self-serve' in the playroom.
- Adults advised that they were aware and vigilant in relation children's known food sensitivities and allergies.
- 2 of the pre-school children attending the service were toilet trained and either toileted independently or with some assistance as required.
- 2 of the pre-school children wore nappies and had their nappies changed on a nappy changing table in a designated area on a regular basis.
- The pre-school children were observed washing their hands before eating their morning snack and after toileting and outdoor play. Hand washing was supervised by the adults.
- The children had the opportunity to rest or relax with child size soft seating, couches, and poofs, in each playroom.
- Free-play activities predominated on the day of inspection and the children selected which activities they chose to engage in. On the day of inspection,

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children were observed freely moving between the Junior and Senior playrooms and the outdoor area. All the children had the opportunity for outdoor play on the day of inspection.

SUPPORTING RELATIONSHIPS AROUND CHILDREN

- The service had a behavioural management policy.
- The children's behaviour was consistently managed in a positive manner by adults, with an emphasis on positive reinforcement and encouragement.
- The adults supported children to be sociable and respectful towards each other and spoke and listened to them in a calm and sensitive manner.
- The adults were observed to be caring and supportive in their interactions with the children.
- During observed interactions, the adults demonstrated that they knew the children well, recognising and valuing their individual interests, needs and learning.
- A key person system was in operation for each individual child to support the child's development and the child's interactions with other children.
- The children were supported to interact appropriately with their peers and were confident and comfortable in their environment.
- The adults were observed to be interested in the children, spoke in low tones, listened to them and responded to their requests. The adults interacted in a positive way with the children e.g., they sat at children's level, maintained good eye contact, showed empathy and a good understanding of each child.
- Adults were observed helping children find solutions, supporting them and talking to children in a variety of ways, discussing, questioning, modelling, and commentating, extending a child's activities and initiating games and activities.
- The service had a social media page and parents, and guardians were offered reminders by text and phone calls if required. Adults also discussed each child's likes, needs and preferences at drop off and collection times while adhering to public health guidelines. Additionally, observations and individual profile scrapbooks were collated from September to June.

PHYSICAL AND MATERIAL ENVIRONMENT

- The layout of the playrooms allowed the adults to supervise the children as they moved into the different interest areas. The equipment was stored on low-level shelving and was readily accessible by the pre-school children.

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	- The Senior playroom consisted of Montessori sensorial natural materials that were primarily self-correcting including insets, cylinder blocks, knobbed cylinders, rods, sandpaper numbers / letters, pegs, smelling bottles, shapes, colour boxes, matching cards, pegs, dressing frames, and the alphabet. There were also dolls, dress-up clothing, cuddly toys, small world items, links, connectors, bricks, blocks, farm animals, dinosaurs, glitter, threading materials, buttons, latches, Russian dolls, games, art and craft materials, paints, straws, construction items, stickles, a kitchen and utensils, books, mats, cushions, puzzles, insets, cots, a rainbow, a number tree, connectors, stables, shape sorters, tracks, and cause / effect toys. Displayed on the walls were visual aids, numbers, an owl, and craftwork. - The Junior playroom consisted of a kitchen, books, links, reels, shapes, blocks, tractors, trailers, insets, a house, pins, musical instruments, Montessori coloured boxes, numbers, rods, shapes, pins, reels, and dressing frames. Displayed on the walls were visual aids. - The service provided a range of developmentally appropriate experiences for the children. They children engaged in free play, tabletop activities, pretend house / kitchen / shop, using the swings and at sand play. - Play equipment and materials provided in the outdoor area supported a range of physically energetic activities and play experiences. The outdoor area was covered by bark, concrete, and sand. The outdoor area was divided in two with a high wooden fence and surrounded by a high wall. There were ride on toys, see saws, 2 picnic benches, 2 water play areas, swings, a mud kitchen, 2 slides and a large sand area. There was a bunker for the storage of wellingtons.
Non-Compliance Information:	BASIC NEEDS - The dignity of children having their nappies changed was not preserved, as there was an all glass-viewing panel on the nappy changing room door. - In conflict with best practice and the services own health eating policy, at 11.00hrs snack time, 1 child was observed eating popcorn (thereby posing a potential choking hazard) and biscuits, 1 child was observed eating crisps and 1 child was observed drinking undiluted fruit juice. PHYSICAL AND MATERIAL ENVIRONMENT - In the Senior playroom, children's dress up clothing was not easily accessible for children, as there were 5 princess dresses piled on top of each other and on top of other dress up clothing on a peg hook coat stand in the Senior playroom.

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Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

On the 13/08/2021 and 13/09/2021, the registered provider advised of the following

CORRECTIVE ACTION

1. The glass panel on the nappy room door has now been covered.
2. Parents and guardians have been advised in writing of the services healthy eating policy to address the issue outlined in the report.
3. The dress up area has been rectified.

PREVENTIVE ACTION

1. Risk assessments will be carried out throughout the service to ensure the dignity of the children is always preserved.
2. The service will continue to promote healthy eating within the service.
3. The staff will continue to monitor the dress up area to ensure children will always have access to the area.

EVIDENCE SUBMITTED

1. A photograph of frosted glass panelling on nappy changing door was submitted to the office of the Early Years Inspectorate.
2. The memo to parents and guardians on the services healthy eating strategy was submitted to the office of the Early Years Inspectorate.
3. Photograph of dress up clothing on individual hangers / hooks on the walls of the playroom was submitted to the office of the Early Years Inspectorate.

Summary Comment:

The regulatory requirement for this part of the regulation has been met and will be reviewed at the next inspection.

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:

INFECTION CONTROL:

- Children's hand washing was observed after toileting, after outdoor play and prior to meal / snack times.
- There were paper towels provided in the sanitary area hand basins to facilitate hand drying by the children. Dispensers for liquid soap were provided at the wash hand basins.
- Waste was disposed of in lidded bins in the sanitary areas and thereby inaccessible to the pre-school children.
- Tabletops and counter tops were cleaned with disposal paper towels and disinfectant spray.

GENERAL SAFETY:

- The external play area was secured so that children could not leave the area unsupervised and unauthorised persons could not enter the area.
- The external door was secured to prevent a child leaving unattended and prevent unauthorised entry.
- All cleaning agents were stored inaccessible to the children.
- All toys and play equipment were safe and in good condition.
- The door into the kitchen had a safety gate system of security and thereby preventing access by a pre-school child.

ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION:

- The adults showed that they had a system for regularly checking expiry dates on the contents of the first aid box.
- When the adults were asked, they advised that they were aware and demonstrated vigilance in relation to any known food sensitivities and allergies.
- A medication policy was in place and documented evidence of medication administered was available for inspection.
- No child was on medication on the day of inspection.
- Medication on the premises was within date.

SAFE SLEEP:

- There was child size soft seating where children could rest or relax if they so

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	choose in each of the playrooms. There were 5 stackable beds available for children requiring sleep.
Non-Compliance Information:	INFECTION CONTROL - In conflict with the services own policy, on the day of inspection, the adult involved in nappy changing was also the adult involved in food preparation, cooking, and serving the main meal posing a potential cross infection risk. - The adult involved in nappy changing did not wash her hands with warm water and liquid soap before and after individual nappy changing posing a risk of cross infection. This was noted on a previous inspection dated 19/09/2018. It is acknowledged, that the adult used hand sanitiser, wore and used disposal gloves and an apron for each nappy change. - Handwashing of the children having their nappy changed was not supported and encouraged after each nappy change thus posing a risk of cross infection. - Items were inappropriately stored in the nappy changing area for example, stackable beds, shopping bags, Christmas decorations (including lights, a tree), bumper seats, baskets and a full black bag posing a potential cross infection risk. - The service had no cleaning schedule for the cushions, blankets, and cuddly toys and dress up clothing posing an infection control hazard. The person in charge advised she brought items to her home to wash but there was no record/ documentation. - In conflict with best practice and Covid-19 guidelines, the person in charge advised that the sand in the outdoor sand pit had not been changed since March 2021. Additionally, the tarpaulin cover was inadequate to ensure prevention of vermin and pests. - There were boxes of laminated flooring, bucket of paint, 2 mops, 2 mop buckets, boxes of gloves, cleaning products, personal protective equipment inappropriately stored in the adult toilet posing a risk of cross infection GENERAL SAFETY: - The temperature in each of the playrooms were not maintained between 18°C and 22°C posing a safety hazard for preschool children. The recorded temperature at 12.00hrs was 26.6°C and at 13.30hrs was 28.6°C for both the Junior and Senior playrooms. - On the morning of the inspection, there was no thermostatically controlled warm water available for use by the pre-school children to facilitate hygienic hand washing. Once advised by the inspectors, it was noted thermostatically

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	controlled warm water was available in the afternoon at 13.30hrs, there was a water-recorded temperature of 34.4°C. 10. There were trailing leads / flexes (radio and personal computer) accessible to the children from the computer and radio in the Junior and Senior playrooms posing a potential trip and strangulation hazard. 11. There was evidence of a tick box risk assessment system but in conflict with practice, the risk assessment for the day of the inspection had ticked – that there was warm water when there was none, – ticked no trailing leadings when there were leads trailing – incorrectly advised of no inappropriate storage in nappy changing area. 12. The adult sanitary area was not secured, it was open and accessible to a preschool child posing a safety risk. FIRE SAFETY 13. Fire drills were not practiced monthly. The last recorded monthly fire drill was dated 17/5/2021. 14. On the day of inspection, it was noted that there was a padlock on the only exit gate / door from the outside play area. A fire exit gate / door must not be locked or fastened in a way preventing them being easily and immediately opened by any person who may need to use them in an emergency.
Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider	On the 13/08/2021 and 13/09/2021 the registered provider advised of the following, CORRECTIVE ACTION INFECTION CONTROL 1. All staff have reviewed the regulations in relation to cross contamination and they now understand their roles and responsibilities in relation to this. 2. The importance of hand washing has been highlighted to all staff. 3. The importance of hand washing for children after nappy changing has been highlighted to all staff. 4. All items have been removed from the nappy changing area. 5. There is now a cleaning schedule for the cushions, blankets, and cuddly toys and dress up clothing. 6. A sand cover has been placed on the sand box and sand changed as per Covid-19 and infection control guidelines. 7. The adult toilet is now inaccessible to the children.

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GENERAL SAFETY

8. On the day of the inspection, the temperature outside was 26°C and therefore difficult to regulate room temperatures. We have since purchased an electric fan for each room.
9. Thermostatically controlled warm water is available for use by the pre-school children to facilitate hygienic hand washing and no greater than 43 °C.
10. A daily risk assessment of the premises will identify and prevent any trailing leads.
11. The management will monitor the staff in relation to ensuring risk assessments sheets are filled out accurately.
12. The adult toilet will be inaccessible to the children.

FIRE SAFETY

13. Fire drills are up to date and will be carried out monthly.
14. The padlock has been removed from the side gate.

PREVENTIVE ACTION

INFECTION CONTROL

1. Staff will review the childcare regulations more frequently to ensure their understanding of their responsibilities.
2. The importance of hand washing has been highlighted to all staff.
3. The importance of hand washing for children following nappy changing has been highlighted to all staff.
- 4.-7. Daily risk assessments will be carried out to eliminate any potential risks to the children. A full review of the regulations and the implementation of these regulations will be reviewed more frequently by all staff.

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- 8.-12. Daily risk assessments will be carried out to eliminate any potential risks to the children. A full review of the regulations and the implementation of these regulations will be reviewed more frequently by all staff.

FIRE SAFETY

- 13.&14. Daily risk assessments will be carried out to eliminate any potential risks to the children. A full review of the regulations and the implementation of these regulations will be reviewed more frequently by all staff.

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EVIDENCE SUBMITTED

INFECTION CONTROL

- 1.,2.,3. Minutes of staff meeting dated 26/7/2021 were submitted discussing the services infection control best practices.
4. Photograph of the nappy changing room cleared of items not related to nappy changing was submitted to the office of the Early Years Inspectorate.
5. A cleaning schedule for the cushions, blankets, and cuddly toys and dress up clothing with staff signatures, for the week 26/07/2021 to 30/07/2021, was submitted to the office of the Early Years Inspectorate.
6. A photograph of a sand table was submitted to the office of the Early Years Inspectorate.
7. Photographs of inaccessible wall mounted keys and the inaccessible adult toilet submitted to the office of the Early Years Inspectorate.

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8. Photograph of electric fan submitted to the office of the Early Years Inspectorate.
9. Photograph of the hot press cylinder and piping was submitted to the office of the Early Years Inspectorate.
10. Minutes of staff meeting dated 26/7/2021, regarding daily risk assessment submitted to the office of the Early Years Inspectorate.
11. Minutes of staff meeting dated 26/7/2021, regarding ensuring risk assessments sheets are filled out accurately submitted to the office of the Early Years Inspectorate.
12. Photograph of the inaccessible adult toilet and wall mounted keys submitted to the office of the Early Years Inspectorate.

FIRE SAFETY

13. Copy of monthly fire drills with lasted dated fire drill 5/8/2021 submitted to the office of the Early Years Inspectorate.
14. Photograph of the padlock removed from the only exit gate / door from the outside play area was submitted to the office of the Early Years Inspectorate.

Summary Comment:

The regulatory requirements for this part of the regulation have been met and will be reviewed at the next inspection.

Part VI – Safety

Regulation 25 - First Aid

(1) A registered provider shall ensure that a person trained in first aid for children is, at all times, immediately available to the children attending the pre-school service.

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- (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)
The service provided evidence that a person trained in first aid for children was available at all times to the children attending the pre-school service. 2 adults had current first aid training certificates in first aid for children.
- (2)
(a)
The first aid 3 bags and 1 box were stored in an easily accessible and conspicuous position.
- (b)
The service demonstrated that the first aid box / bags were fully equipped and available to the children attending the pre-school 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 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)
(b)
Records were available in relation to the number, type and maintenance of fire-fighting equipment with the annual check in 18/08/2020.
The last annual service date for the smoke and fire detection alarm system was available dated 15/03/2021.
- (4)
A notice was displayed within the service of the procedures to be followed in the event of fire in the premises.

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Additional Significant Risk Identified

Regulation 29 – Premises

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

- (d) cleaned, maintained and repaired, as required, and
(e) equipped with adequate and suitable sanitary facilities.*

Non-Compliance Information:

(29)

(d)

1. There was absence of paint on the wall above the row of the hooks in the Senior playroom. There were unfinished plastered areas on the walls and ceiling in the Junior playroom and nappy changing room following relocation of nappy changing area that required plastering and painting. At a regulatory compliance meeting on 19/10/2019 the Registered Provider was advised of the regulatory requirement for a nappy changing facility.
2. There was evidence of bubbling paint / mildew near the skirting boards beside the entrance to the sanitary area that needed further professional investigation. There was also evidence of mildew beside the wash hand basin in the Senior playroom.
3. There was a leak from the cylinder in the hot press resulting in a drip and surface water on the floor.
4. There were 13 holes behind the door in the nappy changing room wall. There was also a hole in the wall near the ceiling with a lead protruding in the nappy changing area.
5. There was an absence of skirting board in an area of the Junior playroom.

(e)

6. In conflict with best practice, there was no window / natural ventilation or extractor fan in the nappy changing area.
7. There was no wash hand basin in the nappy changing area.
8. The vent in the children's sanitary area was not kept in a clean and hygienic manner, as there was a surplus of dust / dirty gathered on the wall vent, near the ceiling.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

On the 13/08/2021 and 13/09/2021 the registered provider advised of the following

CORRECTIVE ACTION

1. & 2. & 4. & 5. A painter has been employed to address these issues.
3. A plumber has been employed to address this issue.
6. & 7. A contractor has been employed to address these issues
8. No response submitted.

Part VI – Safety Additional Significant Risk Identified

Regulation 29 – Premises

PREVENTIVE ACTION

1 -8. A maintenance person has been employed to maintain the property more frequently.

EVIDENCE SUBMITTED

1. Photograph of the painted wall above the row of the hooks in the Senior playroom submitted to the office of the Early Years Inspectorate.
Photograph of the walls and ceiling in the Junior playroom and nappy changing room following plastering and painting submitted to the office of the Early Years Inspectorate.
2. Photograph of the cylinder in the hot press and no evidence of leaks submitted to the office of the Early Years Inspectorate.
3. Photograph of walls and skirting boards in the sanitary area and the walls of the Senior playroom submitted to the office of the Early Years Inspectorate.
4. Photograph of the nappy changing room with a wash hand basin and natural ventilation (via a window) was submitted to the office of the Early Years Inspectorate.
5. Photograph of skirting boards in the Junior playroom was submitted to the office of the Early Years Inspectorate.
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6. Photograph of relocated nappy changing room with a window for natural ventilation was submitted to the office of the Early Years Inspectorate.
7. Photograph of relocated nappy changing room with a designated wash hand basin was submitted to the office of the Early Years Inspectorate.
8. Staff meeting minutes dated 26/7/2021 discussing actions following inspection was submitted to the office of the Early Years Inspectorate.

Summary Comment

The regulatory requirements for this part of the regulation have been met and will be reviewed at the next inspection.

Additional Significant Risk Identified

Regulation 8 – Notification of change in circumstances

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

Non-Compliance Information: (1)

Additional Significant Risk Identified

Regulation 8 – Notification of change in circumstances

	The designated nappy changing area (which had a designated wash hand basin, an extraction fan and an external window) was moved by the Registered Provider to an area with no natural or mechanical ventilation and no wash hand basin. The relocation resulted in un-plastered and un-painted areas and holes in the walls. This building modification was not notified to the National Registration Office.
Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider	On the 13/8/2021 and 13/9/2021 the registered provider advised of the following CORRECTIVE ACTION A professional company has been contacted to put the nappy changing area back to its original place. PREVENTIVE ACTION The Early Year Inspectorate prior to making any structural changes going forward. EVIDENCE SUBMITTED Photograph of nappy changing area with a window for natural ventilation and a wash hand basin was submitted to the office of the Early Years Inspectorate.
Summary Comment	The regulatory requirement for this part of the regulation has been met and will be reviewed at the next inspection.

Additional Significant Risk Identified

Regulation 16: Record in relation to pre-school service

16. (1) A registered provider shall ensure that a record in writing is kept of the following information in relation to the service:
(i) details of staff rosters on a daily basis;

Non-Compliance Information:	(i) The staff rosters were not accurately documented. Only the first name of the adult was noted on the roster, the person in charge was not indicated and staff breaks were not consistently record.
Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider	On the 13/8/2021 and 13/9/2021 the registered provider advised of the following <u>CORRECTIVE ACTION</u> Staff rosters have been updated to reflect full names and staff breaks. <u>PREVENTIVE ACTION</u> Staff rosters will be reviewed more frequently.

Additional Significant Risk Identified

Regulation 16: Record in relation to pre-school service

EVIDENCE SUBMITTED

A staff roster for the week of 30/7/2021 was submitted to the office of the Early Years Inspectorate.

Summary Comment

The regulatory requirement for this part of the regulation has been met and will be reviewed at the next inspection.