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TUSLA Identifier:	TU2024KE001
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Name of Service:	Maap Childcare Limited T/A Tots Creche and Daycare Nursery
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Address of Service:	Castle Park, Dunboyne Rd., Maynooth, Co. Kildare
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Name of Registered Provider:	Annette Akerlind, Audrey Murray
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Service type:	Full Day, Part Time, Sessional
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Date 1 of Inspection:	29/04/2026
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Date 2 of Inspection:	30/04/2026
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No of pre-school children Day 1:	AM	53	PM	46
No of pre-school children Day 2:		55		49

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Authority to Inspect

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

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Description of service

Maap Childcare Limited T/A Tots Creche and Daycare Nursery is one of 16 private early years services operated by the registered providers. It provides full day care, part time and a sessional service to children aged 0 - 6 years from 07:00 to 18:30, Monday to Friday. The service operates from a purpose-built, single-story building within a housing estate on the outskirts of Maynooth. The premises includes five care rooms, a cot room, and an outdoor area at the rear of the building. During the inspection children attending on a full day care basis were accommodated across four rooms. Children attending on a sessional basis were accommodated in one room. This room was used to accommodate school-aged children in the afternoon. No children were aged less than one year during the inspection.

Staffing

There are 14 staff members employed to work in the service including two service managers, a cook and a staff member who provides lunch cover prior to working with the school aged children. Ten staff members are employed to work directly with the pre-school children. Nine staff were allocated to work directly with the children during the inspection with managers providing assistance and break cover. An area manager arrived during the first day of inspection.

Methodology

Tusla's Early Years Inspectorate is the independent statutory regulator of early years services in Ireland. The Child Care Act 1991 (Early Years Services) Regulations 2016 define the duty of a registered provider to ensure the safety and well-being of children and to comply with these regulations. This Act also gives Tusla the authority to assess compliance with the regulations. The purpose of regulation in relation to early years services is to ensure that the care, safety, and well-being of children attending such services is upheld. Inspections of early years services are planned based on the following:

- Previous inspection history
- Any information received in relation to the service

The findings on inspection are based on:

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

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This inspection was unannounced and focused on the areas of governance, health, welfare and development of child and safety. The inspection may also focus on other areas as required.

The inspection focused on an examination of compliance under the following regulations

Regulation 9 (1), (2), (3) & (4) – Management and recruitment

Regulation 11 (1), (2) & (8) (a) – Staffing levels

Regulation 16 (1) (j) & (k) – Record in relation to pre-school service

Regulation 19 (1)(b) – Health, welfare and development of child

Regulation 23 – Safeguarding health, safety and welfare of child

Regulation 25 – First aid

Regulation 26 – Fire records

However, on inspection additional non-compliance was identified under Regulation 8 (1) & (3). These findings are outlined within the relevant regulation within this report.

A sampling process was used to assess compliance under regulation 19(1)(b) - Health, welfare and development of child. As a result, the scope of the inspection included the Wobbler, Toddler and Pre-school 3 rooms.

Inspection findings are documented in the inspection report which is first issued in draft format to the service with an opportunity to respond to any findings. Where statutory requirements are identified as not being met, the registered provider must demonstrate how they have rectified the non-compliance and will prevent any non-compliance from re occurring. The Corrective Action and Preventive Action plan (CAPA) will be used to inform decisions about compliance with regulatory requirements. Where the registered provider fails to meet the statutory requirements an escalation process may be commenced.

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

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

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Additional Information

A Regulatory Compliance Meeting was held with the registered provider on 1 July 2026 due to repeat non-compliance that had occurred from a previous inspection dated January 2025 in particular regulation 11 – Staffing Levels and regulation 19 (1)(b) – Health, Welfare and Development of Child.

Acknowledgments

The inspectors wish to acknowledge the cooperation of the managers, staff and children who were present on the days of the inspection.

Part II - Registration and Register

Regulation 8 - Notification of change in circumstances

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

(3) Where a registered provider has been unable for good and proper reason to notify the Agency within the time specified in paragraph (1) or (2), as the case may be, of a 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), the registered provider shall notify the Agency in writing of the change as soon as possible thereafter.

Non-Compliance Information

(1) and (3) The registered providers did not notify the Agency of a proposed change in relation to the number of children attending on a full day care basis. The service was registered to accommodate a maximum of 46 children on a full day care basis. On Day 2 of the inspection (30 April 2026) there were 49 children attending on a full day care basis.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective and Preventive Action

We carried out an audit on our attendance levels and sent in a change in circumstances application to the agency to be adjusted as this building can hold 72 children on a full time basis. We are awaiting on the agency to approve this. The bookings department has all the registrations on their registrations spreadsheet and bookings are based

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on these. If a change in circumstances application needs to be made, the bookings department will notify the operations manager ahead of time so one can be submitted.

Supporting documentation submitted

Copy of Change in Circumstance submission dated 20 May 2026.

Summary Comment

It is acknowledged that a Change in Circumstance application has been submitted. The compliance status will be assessed following the application outcome.

Part III – Management and Staff

Regulation 9 – Management and recruitment

(1) A registered provider shall ensure that-

- (a) the service has a designated person in charge and a named person who is able to deputise as required,*
- (b) at all times during the period when the pre-school service is being carried on, the designated person in charge or the named person referred to in subparagraph (a) is on the premises, and*
- (c) there is a clear management structure in the service that identifies the lines of authority and accountability in the service and the specific roles and responsibilities of each employee and unpaid worker.*

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

- (a) consideration of references from the person's past employers, if any, and in particular the most recent employer, if any,*
- (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.*

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

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(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 service had a person in charge and a named person to deputise.
 - (b) The person in charge or a person who could deputise were always on the premises during the inspection. The staff roster provided for the person in charge or a person who could deputise to be present at all times of opening.
 - (c) There was a clear management structure in the service. The person in charge reported to an Area Manager who in turn reported to the registered providers. All staff were aware of their roles and responsibilities.
- (2) The inspection focused on nine adults who were not present/employed on the previous inspection.
- (a) and (b) Records were available to evidence a minimum of two appropriate references had been sourced and verified for each adult.
 - (c) Garda vetting disclosures were available for all nine adults. Garda vetting disclosures had been renewed for all adults in accordance with the Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Notice, which requires services to renew Garda vetting every three years.
 - (d) International police vetting was available for seven adults for whom it was required.
- (3) The procedures outlined in paragraph two had been carried out prior to the staff members starting work in the service.
- (4) Eight adults had been employed to work directly with the children since the previous inspection. All adults 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.

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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,

Compliance Information

(1) An adequate number of adults were working directly with the children in the Wobbler, Toddler, Pre-school 1 and ECCE rooms.

(2) The minimum adult to child ratio requirement for the age of children and type of service provided was always maintained in the Wobbler, Toddler, Pre-school 1 and ECCE rooms.

(8)(a) There were always more than two adults present during the inspection. The staff roster provided for a minimum of two adults to be present at all times of opening.

Non-Compliance Information

(1) The inspector observed there was an inadequate number of adults working directly with the children in the Pre-school 3 room. There was one adult allocated to work directly with nine children aged three years, between 9:30 and 12:30 on both days of the inspection. Regulations 19 (1)(b) and 23 were inspected in this room on Day 2 of the inspection. The inspector observed that a second adult was required to meet the needs of the children as outlined under regulation 19(1)(b) (non-compliance number 2) and regulation 23 (non-compliance number 2).

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(2) The minimum ratio requirement of adults to children was not maintained in the Pre-school 3 room between 9:30 and 12:30 on both days of the inspection. One adult was allocated to work directly with nine children aged three years who were attending on a full day care basis. Staff members and managers stated there can be one adult allocated to this room with up to 11 pre-school children attending on a full day care basis from 09:30 – 12:30. The minimum ratio requirement for children of this age attending on a full day care basis is one adult to eight children.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective and Preventive Action

(1) & (2) We had a number of staff ring in sick this day and we had amalgamated rooms to maintain ratios and still run the operations of the service. The register for this care room reflects the children that usually attend this care room had been moved up the building due to a lack of staff due to illness. If staff ring in sick to a service the person in charge risk assesses the number of staff they have to adhere to adult:child ratio, checks sleep planning, completes a lunch list for the staff in attendance and will then communicate via management, the staff they require and for what hours they are required.

Supporting documentation submitted

No supporting documents submitted.

Summary Comment

(1) & (2) The actions submitted by the registered provider should address the non-compliance. The effectiveness of the actions will be assessed on the next inspection.

Part IV – Information and Records

Regulation 16 – Record in relation to pre-school service

(1) A registered provider shall ensure that a record in writing is kept of the following information in relation to the service:

(j) details of any medication administered to a pre-school child attending the service with signed parental consent;

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

Non-Compliance Information

(1) (j) Although records were available detailing medicines given to children, signed parental consent was not always available. Medication records were sampled in the Wobbler room. There was no signed parental consent

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available in relation to medicines that had been administered to four children dated from October 2025 to April 2026. There was no consent available for medicine stored in the Pre-school 1 room for a child who may require it due to an underlying medical condition. One of the managers was unaware of the requirement to obtain written parental consent prior to administering medication.

(1) (k) It is acknowledged that records were kept of accidents and incidents. However, the inspectors observed that the risk management section of records which was completed for two incidents that occurred on Day 2 of the inspection was not adequate. Details regarding the incidents are documented under regulation 19(1)(b) – non-compliance number 1. (a). The inspectors observed the incidents likely occurred due to overtiredness and slipping while dancing in socks. The measures documented to reduce the risk of reoccurrence was “We talk to her that we need to be careful when we jump” and “We talk to him to be more careful and not to play in the bed”. Failure to identify risks and take appropriate mitigating measures places the children at an increased risk of accidents and injuries.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective and Preventive Action

- (1)
- (j) All our services were instructed on 29 April 2026 to replace medical consent forms with the new one which includes a section for signed parental consent.
- (1)(k) A sample accident was given to all staff for them to see what we should be putting onto Accident/Incident forms and signed by all staff. The service manager and assistant manager will monitor this is being completed.

Supporting documentation submitted

- (1) (j)
- Copy of email communication with
 - amended medication form including section for parent consent.
- (1)(k) Copy of staff meeting attendance record dated 13 May 2026 with sample accident record including risk assessment.

Summary Comment

- (1) (j) The actions have been deemed to address the non-compliance.

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(1) (k) The actions submitted by the registered provider should address the non-compliance. The effectiveness of the actions will be assessed on the next inspection.

Part V - Care of Child in Pre-school Service

Regulation 19 - Health, welfare and development of child

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

(b) appropriate and suitable care practices are in place in the pre-school service, having regard to the number of children attending the service and the nature of their needs.

Compliance Information

All children were provided with an opportunity to play outdoors. The children were dressed appropriately for the weather and staff applied sunscreen and hats. Staff interactions with children were observed to be kind and gentle. Children were comforted when they became upset. Drinks stations were provided in the rooms and when the children were playing outdoors. These were offered to children regularly. Younger children wore bibs when eating to protect their clothes from becoming soiled or wet.

Non-Compliance Information

1. The inspectors observed that the service sleep practices did not adequately support the individual needs of children as outlined.

a) Children in the Wobbler room were not provided with an opportunity to sleep outside of the designated sleep period. There were 15 children aged one and two years present in the Wobbler room on Day 2 of the inspection. The inspector observed two children showing signs of tiredness from 09:57. This included crying intermittently, rubbing their eyes and one child resting their head on the table. The children were not facilitated to sleep until the room was prepared for sleep at 12:50. A separate cot room was available; however this was not used during the inspection.

Both children who were showing signs of overtiredness subsequently had accidents. The first child fell at 11:37 when despite showing signs of tiredness, staff removed the child's shoes in preparation for sleep but then encouraged the child to dance. This resulted in the child falling backwards and banging their head. The second child fell at 11:57 when the beds were being laid out and fell again (off the bed) at 13:01 banging their head. Further information relating to these incidents is documented under regulation 16 (1) (k).

Failure to facilitate children to sleep according to their needs can lead to increased risk of accidents and can impact negatively on their emotional and physical development

b) The inspectors observed inadequate planning for the children's transitions to sleep. Loud, fast-paced music was played as children were being guided to their beds in the Wobbler room on day 1 of the inspection. Children were not provided with blankets until 30 minutes into their sleep time in the Toddler room on Day 1 of the inspection and children were observed sleeping in the Wobbler room on Day 2 of the inspection with no blankets. These practices did not provide for a calm and restful environment or support the children's comfort and ability to rest appropriately.

2. The inspector observed that children in the Pre-school 3 room were not facilitated to use the toilet in a timely manner. There was one adult caring for nine children aged three years when the inspector observed them arriving back from the outdoor area at 12:13 on Day 2 of the inspection. Two of the children were telling the adult repeatedly that they needed to use the toilet whilst pulling at the groin area of their trousers. The adult called for assistance but there was nobody available. The adult told the children that they would have to wait until another adult was available. One of the children kept repeating "I can't wait that long teacher" and kept approaching the inspector for assistance. The children waited 15 minutes from the time the inspector heard the first request until the children were brought to the toilet. This practice increases the risk of toileting accidents and can impact on the children's dignity and wellbeing.

3. The inspectors observed that appropriate practices were not in place at mealtimes to support the individual needs of children as outlined.

a) On Day 1 of the inspection one of the managers reported they would arrange an alternative meal for a child in the Toddler room who they knew from experience would not eat the meal on the menu due to sensory issues. No alternative was provided.

b) On Day 1 of the inspection a second child in the Toddler room refused to eat the meal that was offered. The child was not offered any alternative. Staff reported the child had also not eaten anything during the morning snack. The communication record shared with parents documented that this child had eaten all their meal and the morning snack.

c) On Day 2 of the inspection a child in the Pre-school 3 room was upset when the main meal was served and did not come to the table initially. When the child did come to the table, they were given only potato and vegetables as their meal had been given to another child as a second portion.

Failure to provide for the individual needs of children or communicate accurately with parents in relation to food may pose a risk to children's health and wellbeing as their nutritional needs may not be met.

4. The inspectors observed that there were inadequate practices in place to support children's hygiene as follows:

a) On Day 1 of the inspection, the inspector observed an adult remove a wet nappy from a child who attended the Toddler room and replace it with a dry nappy. The adult did not clean the child before putting on the dry nappy. This practice can result in skin irritation, soreness and discomfort and does not support infection control.

b) On both days of inspection, the inspectors observed adults interacting with children who had soiling and mucous on their faces for extended periods of time in the Wobbler, Toddler and Pre-school 3 rooms without taking measures to clean them. Failure to assist young children to clean their noses and faces can impact on their comfort and dignity and poses a risk to infection control.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective and Preventive Action

1.

a) The staff on the day of the inspection were following the children's sleep plans and when the children were tired the staff did not communicate with the manager or assistant manager that children needed to go to bed at a different time than they normally sleep. The children's individual sleep plans state that the children sleep on floor beds or stackable beds. A staff meeting was held on 13 May 2026 going through all non-compliances and how to recognise a tired child and what to do when the staff recognise this. The manager of the service has put in place that when a child is tired outside of their normal routine, the staff are to notify the manager or assistant manager who will ensure they are put into bed, either in a cot in the nursery, or on a floor bed or a stackable bed in the care room.

b) Soft music should be played as an indicator that it is sleep time and that they are preparing to go to bed. This

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music will calm the children while the children are getting shoes off and being handed their soothers for bed.

2. When staff ring in sick it puts pressure on a building. The manager should take this into account when assessing their building and asking for extra staff if staff ring in sick or they have staff on annual leave.

3.

a) An alternative meal is provided to all children that do not eat their dinner or require different food due to sensory issues. Giving the kitchen staff the information regarding the children in attendance needing alternative food is important to ensure all children get a good balanced diet and we meet their nutritional needs.

b) Alternative food is prepared for children when they refuse to eat their dinner. It is important to maintain a healthy and nutritious alternative, so children are not hungry when they refuse to eat. This was communicated at the staff meeting on 13 May 2026.

c) Extra meals are kept in the kitchen and if children ask for more or one falls or a child falls asleep there are extra dinners on hand and staff just ring the kitchen to request what they need. We will be checking this daily to ensure our healthy eating policy is being adhered to.

4.

a) & b) We have completed spot checks throughout our nappy changes, cleanliness, nose wiping by observing the staff and children in care rooms and in nappy changing rooms. If a staff member does not adhere to policies and procedures, we get them to read relevant policies and redo the nappy change or observe them in practice again so we can ensure they are adhering to correct procedures. This will give us an idea on what supports staff require and what training they may need. We have mirrors in all care rooms and have placed tissues at close range to these mirrors and ask the children to look in the mirrors and wipe their noses and wash their faces as a part of our daily routine.

Supporting documentation submitted

Agenda and minutes from staff meeting dated 13 May 2026

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Summary Comment

The actions submitted should address the non-compliance. The effectiveness of the actions will be assessed on 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

General Safety:

Entrances and exits were secured to prevent unauthorised access or children leaving unsupervised. Emergency exits were kept clear. Equipment and materials were suitable to the age of the children attending. Hazardous items including cleaning products and cables were secured out of children's reach.

Infection Control:

The premises appeared clean and well maintained. The sanitary facilities were equipped to support handwashing.

Safe Sleep:

No children were aged less than one year during the inspection. Staff remained in the room with the children while they slept on low beds. A record was kept of checks undertaken on the children.

Non-Compliance Information

Infection Control:

1. Nappies were not consistently changed in a manner which reduces the risk of infections spreading. On Day 1 of the inspection, adults were observed changing the nappies of children from the Toddler room. The inspector observed the following which was at variance with the service's documented nappy changing procedure.

- a) One adult did not consistently wash their own or the children's hands after changing the children's nappies.
- b) The adults did not remove the gloves which had been worn to remove the soiled/wet nappies prior to re-dressing the children.
- c) The adults did not make any attempt to clean the changing mat between children.

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d) Materials were disposed of by handling the lid of the bin rather than the pedal.

Failing to follow procedures for infection control when changing nappies poses a risk of spreading germs, increasing the risk of illness amongst the children.

2. Children were not appropriately supported to wash their hands in the Pre-school 3 room prior to the main meal on Day 2 of the inspection. There was one adult working with nine children aged 3 years. The adult instructed the children to wash their hands but was unable to appropriately supervise or assist them as he was tending to a child who was upset and serving the main meal. Two of the children did not use soap or dry their hands after washing. Four children did not wash their hands.

3. There was no procedure observed to prevent the spread of infection through mouthed toys, contrary to the service's policy on infection control. Children were observed mouthing toys in the Wobbler, Toddler and Pre-school 3 rooms in direct view of staff without these being removed for cleaning. This posed a risk of cross infection as the toys passed between children, increasing their risk of illness.

4. The plastic coverings on soft material items were not repaired or replaced appropriately to allow for appropriate cleaning. The coverings on the nappy changing mat used by children attending the Toddler room and the soft play area in Wobbler room were torn, exposing the foam underneath. This posed a risk to infection control, increasing the children's risk of illness.

Administration of Medication:

5. Appropriate measures were not in place to safeguard a child who attended the Pre-school 1 room whom staff reported may require medicine. Medication was stored in the room for use if the child became symptomatic due to an underlying medical condition. The medicine was not stored in the original packaging and therefore had no identifying information. The inspector observed that the surname on the care plan stored with the medicine was different to that of the child. Staff then confirmed that the care plan was for another child and was stored with this child's medicine in error. Consequently, there was no care plan, parental consent, or procedure in place for the administration of the medication to the child who was present. This posed a risk to the child's health and safety, as staff did not have the information required to respond appropriately in the event of a medical incident.

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Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective & Preventive Action

Infection Control:

1. Nappy changing spot checks were carried out to make sure all staff were following the nappy changing policy and procedure properly. If staff were not carrying out the proper procedure, they had to read the relevant policy and redo nappy changing again to ensure they were compliant. Ensuring staff are properly trained and that spot checks are done is important to ensure proper procedures are being carried out, what training needs to be done.
2. The staff member will call the floor staff to come and support when these practices are being carried out or at times support is needed.
3. A mouthed toys box has been placed into rooms so the toys can be placed into the box and washed and sterilised later. Sterilising instructions have been put in rooms to ensure they are reminded throughout the day to do this.
4. The soft play climber and mats have been replaced in the care room and nappy change. The staff and management are aware of the maintenance sheet in the hallway and are to report items to be replaced to their manager as part of their daily risk assessment.

Administration of Medication:

5. The medicine stored in the original packaging now and is placed with the care plan and medical consent form.

Supporting documentation submitted

Infection Control:

Supporting documents were submitted in keeping with the actions stated.

Administration of Medication:

Supporting documents were submitted in keeping with the actions stated.

Summary Comment

The actions submitted should address the non-compliance. The effectiveness of the actions will be assessed on the next inspection.

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Part VI - Safety

Regulation 25 - First aid

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

(2) A registered provider shall ensure that a suitably equipped first aid box for children-

(a) is safely stored in an easily accessible and conspicuous position on the premises, and

(b) is available to the children attending the pre-school service at all times.

Compliance Information

(1) A person with a recognised certificate in first aid training was available to the children throughout the inspection. The staff roster provided for a minimum of one appropriately trained person to always be available to the children.

(2)

(a) The service had suitably equipped first aid boxes which were stored in conspicuous positions.

(b) The first aid boxes were always available to the children.

Part VI - Safety

Regulation 26 - Fire safety measures

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

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

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

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

Compliance Information

(1)

(a) A written record was available detailing monthly fire drills that had been carried out in the service. The most recent fire drill record was dated 15 April 2026.

(b) Records were available in relation to the fire-fighting equipment and smoke alarm. The most recent records of maintenance were dated July 2025 and February 2026 respectively.

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Non-Compliance Information

(4) The inspectors did not observe a notice of the procedures to be followed in the event of fire displayed anywhere on the premises. The person in charge on Day 2 of the inspection confirmed that although a map of exit routes was displayed the procedures were not. This posed a risk to the safe evacuation of children in the event of a fire.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective and Preventive Action

New fire maps have been placed into all care rooms, nappy change, nursery and hallway for a much clearer instruction for evacuation. Clear instructions in place give the staff a clearer procedure to follow in an evacuation.

Supporting documentation submitted

Copy of procedures to be followed in the event of fire

Summary Comment

The actions have been deemed to address the non-compliance.