

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances

Tusla I.D.:	TU2015CC096
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Name of Service	Childs Play Educare Cloughduv
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Address of Service:	Ryecourt Manor, Aherla, Cloughduv, Cork
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Email Address:	childsplayeducarecloughduv@gmail.com
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Name of Registered Provider:	Louise O Sullivan
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Type of Proposed Service:	Full Day Care	✓	Part-Time		Sessional	
	Drop-In		Childminding		Temporary	

Proposed change:	Change in Number of children that can be accommodated from 60 to 66.
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Proposed Number of Children:	66
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Recommended Change Following Inspection:	Change in Number of children that can be accommodated from 60 to 66.
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Registered change:	Change in Number of children that can be accommodated from 60 to 66.
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Inspection undertaken by:	C Stokes
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Title:	Early Years Inspector
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Tusla Early Years Inspectorate Address:	Early Years Inspectorate, Administration Office
	St Mary's Health Campus
	Gurranabraher, Cork

Rationale for Inspection:
Proposed Change of Circumstance

Note: For Office use only, to be completed by Registration Office

Registration Status:	Registered Full Day Care Service for 66 Children
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Date of Registration	26 th July 2024
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Authority to Inspect

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

Description of Service	This private full day care service was established in 2013. It is registered to cater for children aged 0-6 years and it currently caters for children aged 12 months to 6 years of age from 7.30am to 6pm Monday to Friday for 50 weeks of the year. The service offers full day care, part-time care, sessional care, ECCE and school age care.
Premises	The service is a purpose-built, single storey setting with four care rooms. The service also has a designated sleep room, sanitary areas, office and a designated kitchen. The service has a large outdoor play area to the rear.
Staffing	The registered provider is service based and operates the service with the deputy designated person in charge (manager). On the day of inspection, the registered provider and manager were on the premises and facilitated the inspection. All adults working with children had a major award in Early Childhood Care and Education. In addition, there was a chef based in the kitchen.
Methodology	<p>The inspection was an announced inspection to assess compliance with the Childcare Act 1991 (Early Years Services) Regulations 2016 and Childcare Act 1991 (Early Years Services) (Amendment) Regulations 2016. The Inspection focused on regulations under the following themes; Governance, Health, Welfare and Development of the child, Safety and Premises.</p> <p>The findings on inspection based on information obtained through examination of documentation, direct observation, and discussion with relevant staff are documented in the inspection report and taken into consideration when making a decision in relation to registering the change in circumstance. 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.</p>
Acknowledgements	The Inspector wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the registered provider, deputy person in charge, staff and children who were present on the day 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.

Requirement met:

(a) The requirement has been met. The registered provider is the person in charge and 3 deputy persons in charge were in place.

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.

Requirement met:

(1) The requirement has been met. The registered provider proposes that at all times an adequate number of adults, will work directly with the children attending. The following is proposed:

Room	Adults	Children
ECCE, room 1	2	17
ECCE, room 2	3/4	26
Baby/Wobbler Room	2	10
Toddler room	2	13

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.

(2) A registered provider—

(b) of a full day care service, a part-time day care service, a sessional preschool service or a childminding service that moves premises on or after 30 June 2016, shall ensure that a suitable, safe and secure outdoor space to which the preschool children attending the service have access on a daily basis is provided on the premises.

(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 or

(b) where no such space is provided, the preschool children attending the service have access on a daily basis to an outdoor service

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Requirement met:	<p>(1)(a) The requirement has been met.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were adequate and suitable facilities for each child to play indoors. • The four playrooms were laid out with different interest areas and open shelving with accessible toys and materials for children to access these independently. • The equipment and materials were age appropriate. • Child sized tables and chairs were available. • An outdoor area with impact absorbing surface complete with lawn area for digging, kitchen and other interest areas was available to the rear of the premises. The Preschool (ECCE1) and ECCE 2 rooms opened directly on to the outdoor area. <p>(1)(b)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were suitable rest facilities on the premises. • There was one designated sleep room with 6 standard cots to accommodate children under 2 years. In addition, there were 6 approved floor beds available for this age group. No child under 1 year is proposed to be accommodated. • There was a supply of 16 stackable beds to provide a rest facility for children over 2 years of age attending. <p>(2) (3)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The registered provider of this service ensured that a suitable, safe, and secure outdoor space to which the pre-school children attending the service was provided on the premises. The registered provider advised that children have access to this space daily.
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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.

Requirement met:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The requirement has been met. • The registered provider provided breakfasts, morning and afternoon snacks, hot lunch and late evening snacks which were varied and nutritious. • A menu plan was available for parents/guardians on the front door. It was also available in the services online application. • Water was available at all times indoors and outdoors in a readily accessible manner for the children. • Mealtimes were planned at appropriate intervals. • The registered provider had a healthy eating policy in place and a cook was in the service preparing meals and snacks on the day of inspection in the service's designated kitchen.
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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.

Requirement met:

The registered provider met the regulatory requirements.

- Entrance to the service was by means of entrance door which were adequately secured.
- Internal doors were secured on the day of inspection.
- Storage facilities were inaccessible to children in the locked utility and storeroom.
- No cables were within reach of children on the day of inspection.
- The outdoor area was suitably enclosed and secured without any observed hazards.
- Bins were inaccessible.
- There was a supply of thermostatically controlled hot water, liquid soap, and paper towels/electric dryers available in the children’s toilets.
- Aprons, gloves, and foot operated pedal bins were in place in the nappy changing facilities.
- Medicines were stored in the office, inaccessible to children.

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.*

Requirement met:

The requirement has been met.

- (1) The registered provider ensured at least one adult trained in first aid for children (FAR) was available to the children attending the pre-school service at all times. Six adults held current FAR certificates.
- (2) The registered provider ensured that a suitably equipped first aid box for children-
- (a) was safely stored in an easily accessible and conspicuous position on the premises, one in each room and one for the office and kitchen.
 - (b) It was available to the children attending the pre-school service at all times.

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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.

Requirement met:	<p>(1) The requirement has been met.</p> <p>(a) The registered provider had a record for the fire drills, which were conducted monthly, the most recent fire drill was 15 June 2024.</p> <p>(b) The registered provider ensured that a record was kept of the firefighting equipment. The service record indicated the fire extinguishers, and the fire alarm were maintained in October 2023 and April 2024 respectively.</p> <p>(4) A notice of the procedures to be followed in the event of a fire was on display at the fire points in the service.</p>
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Part VI – Safety

Regulation 28 – Insurance

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

Requirement met:	<p>An insurance quotation was submitted to the Registration Team prior to this inspection. The Registered Provider must ensure that adequate insurance is in place prior to the commencement of the change. The change approval is contingent on the registered providers compliance with Regulation 28.</p>
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Part VII – Premises and Space Requirements

Regulation 29 – Premises

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

- (a) of sound and stable structure,
- (b) safe and secure,
- (c) kept adequately lit, heated and ventilated,
- (d) cleaned, maintained and repaired, as required, and
- (e) equipped with adequate and suitable sanitary facilities.

Requirement met:	<p>The requirement has been met.</p> <p>(a) From visual inspection the premises appeared of sound and stable structure, well-finished and weather tight.</p> <p>(b) From visual inspection the premises appeared safe and secure. An appropriate security system with a secured entrance doors to manage unauthorised entry and unsupervised exit of children from the service was in place with a keypad secured entry at the front entrance door.</p> <p>(c) The service was adequately heated, and lighting was sufficient. The playrooms were a comfortable temperature, between 18 and 22 degrees Celsius. The heating</p>
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system was oil fired central heating. Natural lighting was supplemented with artificial lighting.

(d) The premises was adequately cleaned and was presented in a clean and hygienic condition. The premises was well maintained and in a proper state of repair.

(e) There were adequate toilet facilities for the proposed number of children. There were sufficient toilet facilities for 66 children, with 4 children's toilets and sinks and 2 nappy changing stations, a ratio of 1 to 11 toilet/nappy changing facilities was in place. In addition, there were 2 adult toilets and sinks and no more than 16 adults on the premises maintaining the 1 to 8 ratio of adults to toilets.

Part VII – Premises and Space Requirements

Regulation 30 – Minimum Space Requirements

- (1) Subject to paragraphs (2) to (6), a registered provider shall ensure that adequate clear floor space is available in the premises for the work, play and movement of children attending the pre-school service.
- (2) A registered provider of a full day care service or a part-time day care service shall ensure that the minimum amount of clear floor space specified in column (3) of Schedule 7 opposite a particular reference number specified in column (1) of that Schedule in respect of the age range of children specified in column (2) thereof at that reference number is available for each child in that age range attending the service.
- (3) A registered provider of a sessional pre-school service or a pre-school service in a drop-in centre shall ensure that a minimum of 1.818 square metres of clear floor space is available for each child attending the service.
- (4) Where a registered provider contemporaneously provides—
 - (a) a sessional pre-school service, and
 - (b) a full day care service or a part-time day care service, or both, the minimum clear floor space applicable for the duration of the sessional preschool service in respect of the children attending that service shall be the floor space specified in paragraph (3).

Requirement met:

- (1) Adequate free floor space for the work, play and movement of preschool children was available according to the proposed numbers of children and their age groups.
- (2) The minimum floor space was in place as follows:

Room	Number of Children	Space Required	Space available
ECCE 1	17 sessional- morning 17 sessional- afternoon	1.818m ² per child	31m ²
ECCE 2	28 -morning 22- afternoon	1.818m ² per child (am), 2.3m ² (pm)	51.5m ²
Baby/Wobbler	10 FDC	2.8m ²	28m ²
Toddler	13 FDC	2.35m ²	30.95m ²

- (4) This service has sufficient space to accommodate a ratio of 1.818 m² per child during the sessional period of the ECCE and reverting to 2.3m² per child after this period accommodating the proposed 66 children in the morning and 62 in the afternoon (Post ECCE), based on space and toilet facilities and proposed age ranges of the children in each of the four rooms.