

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances



Tusla I.D.: TU2015CC103

Name of Service: Clondrohid Community Creche, Preschool and Afterschool Services

Address of Service: Clann Aire, Clondrohid, Macroom, Co Cork P12 C958

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Name of Registered Provider: Harriet Murphy

Type of Proposed Service:	Full Day Care	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Part-Time	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sessional	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Drop-In	<input type="checkbox"/>	Childminding	<input type="checkbox"/>	Temporary	<input type="checkbox"/>

Proposed change: Increase in number of children attending from 100 to 127

Proposed Number of Children: 127

Recommended Change Following Inspection: Increase in number of children to 102 full day care and 127 sessional care.

Registered change: Change in number of children from 100 to 127(Max 102 full day/part-time) children

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Inspection undertaken by: N O'Donoghue

Title: Early Years Inspector

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Rationale for Inspection:
Proposed Change of Circumstance

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

Registration Status:	Registered Full Day, Part-Time & Sessional Service for 127(Max 102 Full Day/Part-Time) Children
Date of Registration	2 nd March 2026

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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	Clondrohid Community Creche, Preschool & Afterschool Services is an established community based early years service in operation since 1999. This service provides education and care to children from 0 to 6 years offering a choice of sessional, part time or full day care services and includes the provision of the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) scheme. There are three morning sessional services operating during the school year. The service also operates a school age service. The current opening hours are from 8.00am to 6.00pm each day Monday to Friday.
Premises	Clondrohid Community Crèche Preschool & Afterschool Services operates from a purpose-built detached two storey facility located in the rural village of Clondrohid, Co Cork. The premise is located beside the GAA grounds and within walking distance of the local primary school. There are six playrooms on the ground floor. There are two care rooms located upstairs. One of the rooms upstairs is used for ECCE in the morning and school age care in the afternoon. The other room upstairs is used for school age care only in the afternoon. The children have access to a partially covered spacious outdoor play area to the side of the premises which has distinct play areas. One of the outdoor play areas is designated for the school age children. There is covered outdoor play areas beside each of the playrooms allowing the children direct access to an outdoor play area, regardless of the weather. There is ample car parking located to the front and side of the building.
Staffing	There were 32 adults associated with the service. This includes the registered provider who is based in the service and available for cover as needed, childcare practitioners, cleaning staff, onsite chefs and school age care staff.
Methodology	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. 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.
Acknowledgements	The Inspector wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the 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:

The requirement has been met.

(1)(a) The service has a record of the named person in charge and named adult who can deputise as required. The record is displayed on the entrance door to the care room.

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:

The requirement has been met.

(1) The service proposes that the adult child ratios as per schedule 6 of the Child Care Act 1991 (Early Years Services) Regulations 2016 will be adhered to at all times. The service will ensure that the required numbers of adults will be present to facilitate 102 children attending on a full time or part time basis and 127 children on a sessional basis.

Part V - Care of Child in Pre-school Service

Regulation 20 - Facilities for Rest and Play

(1) Subject to this Regulation, a registered provider shall ensure that—

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

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

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

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

Requirement met:

The requirement has been met.

(1)(a) There is a wide variety of play materials and play equipment available that are all maintained in good condition. The materials and equipment are arranged and set up in identified interest areas around the rooms for the children. These areas include construction corner, kitchen area, creativity area, cosy corner.

(b) There are adequate rest facilities consisting of mats, cushions, and blankets available for children to rest on as they choose during the day. The service will provide

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linen and blankets. The proposed designated sleep area allows for children to rest and also allows for children to continue to play. There were 17 cots available to children 2 years and under who required sleep. There were 22 stackable beds in use for children 2 years and older who required sleep. The person in charge is aware additional sleep equipment may be required in the event a child requires sleep.

(3)(a) There is a secured outdoor play area provided on the grounds of the hurling club that is laid out with astroturf grass and provided with secured fencing, gates, and walls.

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:

The requirement has been met.

There were two on-site chefs' available on day of inspection. Fresh meals are prepared onsite daily. Breakfast, morning snack, dinner, and afternoon snack are served to the children. A four-week menu is used, and parents are advised of the updates in the meals. Parents provide meals for children attending sessional care. These are stored in onsite refrigerators. A water station is available for use by children which includes a jug of water and a supply of cups. The children's individual water bottles will be available so that a child may easily access a drink of water if required.

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 requirements have been met.

- The main door of the service is secured to prevent the unauthorised entry of a person or the exit of an unsupervised child.
- The stairwell is provided with handrails to assist children accessing the stairs.
- The windows in the care rooms can be easily opened to ventilate the room.
- There are no low laying cables accessible by children in the rooms.
- The water is thermostatically controlled and is safe for hand washing. The temperatures recorded on the day of inspection ranged from 19.7°C to 34.6°C. The registered provider is aware of the max temperature suitable for hand washing and will continue to monitor the temperatures of the water. The liquid soap, paper towels and pedal bins with lids are provided in the toilet areas.
- The cleaning agents are stored in a secured press out of children's reach.
- A fridge is available in the care room to store the children's perishable foods.
- The play materials, books and furniture set up in the care room are observed to be in good condition and clean.

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- The outdoor play area is surrounded by walls, fences and secured gates.

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—
- is safely stored in an easily accessible and conspicuous position on the premises, and
 - is available to the children attending the pre-school service at all times.

Requirement met:

The requirement has been met.

- (1) A copy of up to date First Aid Response (FAR) certificates were available on file in respect of five of the adults.
- (2)(a)(b) The first aid boxes are available at all times in the service, and it is stored on a high shelf in each care room out of the children’s reach.

Part VI – Safety

Regulation 26 – Fire Safety Measures

- (1) A registered provider shall ensure that a record in writing is kept of—
- any fire drill that takes place in the premises, and
 - 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:

The requirement has been met.

- (1)
- Monthly fire drills are recorded and displayed in the care room. The last monthly fire drill was completed on 26 January 2026.
 - A record of the number and type of firefighting equipment is available on file. Records are available for the servicing of the smoke alarm on 22 December 2025, and the fire equipment was serviced on 19 September 2025.
- (4) Notices of procedures to be followed in the event of a fire are displayed in the care room and throughout the premises. The service has a designated assembly point in the event of a fire positioned to the front of the premises and the assembly point is clearly identified with signage.

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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:

The requirement has been met.

An insurance quotation was available for cover for 150 early years children attending full day care and 60 school age care children. All required details were available on the quotation, including public liability, fire and theft, and building insurance.

This service's registration is contingent upon the registered provider maintaining up-to-date insurance coverage that accurately reflects the number of children attending the service.

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:

The requirement has been met.

(a) The 2-storey detached building had no visible cracks or observable defects during the inspection.

(b) The care rooms are secured to prevent unauthorised access by a person or the exit of an unsupervised child. The outdoor play area is secured by walls, fences, and secured gates.

(c) The care rooms are provided with natural light through windows. Adequate lighting is available from the ceiling lights. The premise is supplied with oil heating. Ventilation is provided by means of high opening windows in the care rooms. The children's and adult's toilet areas are each provided with mechanical ventilation and openable windows.

(d) Cleaning schedules are available throughout the building and have been completed by staff. The play materials, equipment and furniture are observed to be clean and maintained in good condition.

(e) The children's sanitary facilities consist of 12 toilets and 12 wash hand basins and 4 nappy changing facilities and 4 sinks. The adult sanitary facility consists of three toilets and three wash hand basins, which allows for 24 adults to be on site at any one time. Adults include students, early years educators and ancillary staff. The service is serviced by a public water and sewage system.

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.*
- (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:

The requirement has been met.

(1) There is adequate clear floor space available in the premises for the work, play and movement of the children planning to attend the additional preschool service.

(2) The proposed new care rooms were measured as follows:

- Caterpillar room: 35.68 m², 10 children (full day care) aged 0 to 1 years.
- Ladybird room: 39.24 m², 14 children (full day care) aged 1 to 2 years
- Butterfly room 1: 47.16 m², 20 children (full day care) aged 2 to 3 years.
- Butterfly room 2: 36.91 m², 16 children (full day care) aged 2 to 3 years.
- Busy Bears: 43.52 m², 22 children (sessional) or 18 children (full day care) aged 3 to 6 years
- Busy Bees: 56.94 m², 22 children (sessional) or 24 children (full day care) aged 3 to 6 years
- Curious Cubs: 58.36 m², 22 children (sessional) aged 2 years and 6 months to 6 years.

The maximum number of children that can occupy each room at any one time will be dependent on the age of each child and the length of time they spend in the service each day.

(4) The registered provider proposes to contemporaneously cater for children attending the sessional service and the full day care service. The care rooms allow for the children attending the sessional service, to have a minimum of 1.818 square metres of clear floor space during this time.