

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances



Tusla I.D: TU2015CE109

Name of Service Obair Community Creche

Address of Service: Ennis Rd, Newmarket on Fergus, County Clare, V95X0NY

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Name of Registered Provider: Bernadette Glynn

Type of Proposed Service:	Full Day Care	x	Part-Time	x	Sessional	x
	Drop-In		Childminding		Temporary	

Proposed change: Additional 2 playrooms
hazel.myles@obair.org to jennie.dowds@obair.org. Email address from [org](#)

Proposed Number of Children: 80 preschool children

Recommended Change Following Inspection: Additional 2 playrooms
 Email address from hazel.myles@obair.org to jennie.dowds@obair.org

Registered change: Additional 2 playrooms
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Inspection undertaken by: E Browne

Title: EYI

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Rationale for Inspection:

Proposed Change of Circumstance

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

Registration Status:	Registered Full Day, Part-Time & Sessional Service for 80 children
Date of Registration	04 September 2024

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	<p>Obair Community Crèche is a full day care childcare service which first opened in 2003. It is operated by a community based limited company. It is registered to cater for 80 pre-school children from 0- 6 years of age.</p> <p>A school service is also available in the creche.</p>
Premises	The service operates from a community-based premises. It proposes to add an additional 2 playrooms to facilitate a sessional service for 22 preschool children.
Staffing	<p>The registered provider is one of the company directors and the chairperson of the management committee for the service. The registered provider is not directly involved in the day-to-day operation of the service.</p> <p>For the proposed sessional service there will be 3 staff working directly with the proposed 22 preschool children. These staff members have childcare qualifications.</p>
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</p>

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	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, deputy and other staff who were present on the day of the inspection.

Part III - Management and Staff	
Regulation 9 – Management and Recruitment	
<i>(1) A registered provider shall ensure that—</i>	
<i>(a) the service has a designated person in charge and a named person who is able to deputise as required.</i>	
Requirement met:	The following requirements have been met. (1)(a) The registered provider has ensured that there is a designated person in charge of the service and a named person to deputise as required.

Part III - Management and Staff	
Regulation 11 -Staffing Levels	
<i>(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.</i>	
Requirement met:	The following requirement has been met. (1) The registered provider has identified a minimum 3 staff members who will be working in the proposed 2 preschool rooms to cater for 22 preschool children due to attend for sessional care only. Additional staff working in the creche facility will be available if required.

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.*

Requirement met:

The following requirement has been met.

(1)(a) Adequate and suitable facilities are provided for children to play indoors and outdoors. The proposed 2 preschool rooms are bright and spacious and well laid out with various equipment and play materials on open, low level shelving units.

(b) A designated quiet area with a soft couch, cushions are available in each preschool room for children to use if tired.

(2)(a) The service has its own outdoor play area to the rear of the premises. The area is fully enclosed and is equipped with a wide range of play materials. The area has an impact absorbent rubber matting covering the ground in areas beneath all climbing equipment.

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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:

The following requirement has been met.

A healthy eating policy is in place. Kitchen facilities are available in the service with facilities for storing perishable foods and for the preparation of hot snacks.

The parents will provide a snack and a drink for the mid-morning break for the children attending for sessional care.

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 following requirements have been met.

- External doors were adequately secure to ensure the safety of the children within and to avoid unauthorised persons accessing the service or children exiting unsupervised. The entrance doors are secure with a keypad system accessible to adults only.
- Water temperatures at the wash hand basins will be maintained at or below 43°C.
- An infection control policy is in place to inform practice. The policy and the associated procedures detailed all measures to reduce the likelihood of infection spreading in the facility.
- Cleaning programmes are in place to ensure a good standard of operational hygiene is in place.
- Foot pedal operated lidded bins are provided in all areas of the service to ensure the safe disposal of all waste.

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- Risk assessment safety checklists will be available for both indoors in the playrooms and in the outdoor play area.

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 following requirement has been met.

- (1) Certifications are available to evidence that persons trained in first aid response are available at all times in the service. Expiry date is October 2025.
- (2) A suitably equipped first aid box is available in each playroom and stored in a conspicuous location.

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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>The following requirement has been met.</p> <p>(1)(a) Fire drills take place once a month in the creche premises. Written documentation is available to support this practice.</p> <p>(b) There is a record available to indicate the number, type and maintenance of the fire extinguishers in the service. The extinguishers were serviced last in March 2024. A certificate is also available to state that all smoke alarms were in 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>The following requirement was met.</p> <p>Evidence that the service is adequately insured for the number of children due to attend has been submitted to the registration office.</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:

The following requirements has been met.

- (a) The premises appeared to be of sound and stable structure.
- (b) The main entrance and the proposed entrance door to the preschool rooms are appropriately safe and secure with a sensory code system in situ.
The outdoor area was secure to prevent a child exiting the area unsupervised.
- (c) The preschool rooms are adequately lit with lots of natural light available in all areas. Oil central heating is available when needed and checks are kept of the surface temperature of all radiators. Adequate ventilation is in place through openable windows in all areas of the building.
- (d) Cleaning schedules are in place in the service.
- (e) There are sufficient number of toilets and wash hand basins for the proposed number of children due to attend the service. There are 2 toilets, 2 hand basins, paper towel dispensers and liquid soap in place for the children proposing to use the designated preschool rooms. These facilities are located a short distance from the preschool rooms; therefore, a staff member will be required to accompany each child to the facilities when required. Nappy changing facilities are also provided.

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:

The following requirement was met.

(1) Sufficient clear floor space is available in the 2 preschool rooms for the number of children proposing to attend for sessional care.

(2) The measurements of the preschool rooms were recorded as

Room 2, downstairs 4.91m x 7.62m = 37.41m²

Room 3, upstairs 9.48m x 5.17m = 49m²

The preschool rooms have adequate clear floor space for a service that provides full time care, part-time and sessional care for children aged 0 to six years

(3) A minimum of 1.818 square metres of clear floor space is available for each child proposing to attend for sessional care.

(4) The preschool rooms have adequate clear floor space for a service that provides full time care, part-time and sessional care for children aged 0 to six years