

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances

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Name of Service	Tiggers Nest
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Address of Service:	Seancoill Sports Complex, Shanakyle, Parteen, Co. Clare, V94NX51
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Email Address:	tiggersnest@gmail.com
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Name of Registered Provider:	Mary Keogh
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Type of Proposed Service:	Full Day Care		Part-Time		Sessional	✓
	Drop-In		Childminding		Temporary	

Proposed change:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Change in Service Address: from Annagh, Lackyle, Ardnacrusha, Clare, V94 YV8K to Seancoill Sports Complex, Shanakyle, Parteen, Clare, V94 NX51 Change in Number of Children from 11 to 22 Change in Hours of Operation: from 08:45-11:45 to 09:00-12:00
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Proposed Number of Children:	Proposed 22 children
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Recommended Change Following Inspection:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Change in service address to Seancoill Sports Complex, Shanakyle, Parteen, Clare, V94 NX51. Change in number of children that can be accommodated to 20 children, in line with the space available. Change in Hours of Operation to 09:00-12:00
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Registered change:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Change in Service Address from Annagh, Lackyle, Ardnacrusha, Clare, V94 YV8K to Seancoill Sports Complex, Shanakyle, Parteen, Clare, V94 NX51 Change in Number of Children from 11 to 20 children Change in Hours of Operation from 08:45 – 11:45 to 09:00 – 12:00
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Inspection undertaken by:	J. Hayes
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Title:	Early Years Inspector
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Tusla Early Years Inspectorate Address:	Tusla Child and Family Agency, Ennis Primary Care Centre, Station Road, Ennis, County Clare.
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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 Sessional Service for 20 children
Date of Registration	16th May 2025

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	Tiggers Nest was established in 1999, as a private, sessional service in County Clare. The service facilitates a programme of care and education for children ranging in age from two years 8 months to six years, Monday to Friday from 09:00 to 12:00.
Premises	The premises consists of a playroom which is accessed directly from outside. A spacious storage room and the sanitary accommodation which is accessed through a lobby area has two toilets and two wash hand basins provided. An outdoor play area which is located onsite is also used as a public playground.
Staffing	Two adults, one of which is the registered provider, work in the service on a daily basis.
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.

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Acknowledgements	The Inspector wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the registered provider, who was 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:	(1)(a) There will be a designated person in charge and a named person who will be able to deputise as required and will be available at all times while the service is operational.
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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.

(8) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) to (7)—

(b) a childminder shall ensure that a second person familiar with the operation of the service and in a position to provide assistance to the childminder in operating the service is, at all times, within close distance of the service and available to attend the service to assist the childminder in the event of an emergency, and

(c) a registered provider of a sessional pre-school shall ensure that, where the person in charge operates the service single-handedly, a second person familiar with the operation of the service and in a position to provide assistance to the person in charge in operating the service is, at all times, within close distance of the service and available to attend the service to assist the person in charge in the event of an emergency.

Requirement met:	(1) Two full time staff will work in the service caring for a maximum of 20 pre-school children attending on a sessional basis. (8)(b) Not applicable as this is not a childminding service. (c) Not applicable as this service is not operated single handedly.
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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
- (4) Where outdoor space to which the pre-school children attending the service have access is provided on the premises of a sessional pre-school service other than such a service to which paragraph (2) applies, a temporary pre-school service or a pre-school service in a drop-in centre, the registered provider shall ensure that such outdoor space is suitable, safe and secure.
- (5) Where pre-school children attending a sessional pre-school service other than such a service to which paragraph (2) applies, a temporary pre-school service or a pre-school service in a drop-in centre have access to an outdoor space other than such a space specified in paragraph 4, the registered provider shall ensure that such outdoor space is suitable.

Requirement met:	The requirement has been partially met. (1)(a) The playroom is well equipped with play materials and equipment. The room has areas of interest developed and all play equipment is stored at a low level, readily accessible to children. Facilities for outdoor play are available on site. (b) The service has a quiet rest area in the playroom consisting of two chair-like bean bags and soft floor pads for children to use if they are tired during the day. (3)(a)(b) Not applicable. (4) Not applicable. (5) Not applicable.
Requirement not met:	(2)(b) The outdoor space that is proposed to be used by the service is onsite, however this is a fully enclosed public playground. A risk assessment in relation to the use of this area and an outings policy must be completed and submitted to ensure that the area is safe and secure for use by the children attending the sessional service. Due to the varying sizes and types of play equipment provided in this space, the registered provider must ensure that the play equipment is suitable for use by the age range of the children attending.
Response from Provider:	A risk assessment has been carried out in relation to the use of the outdoor play space

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Summary Comment:	The requirements for registration have been met based on the response from the registered provider.
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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 requirement is partially met. Parents will provide all snacks for their child. Drinking water is available in the service.
Requirement not met:	Facilities are not available for the storage of perishable foods in a fridge in the service.
Response from Provider:	Photographic evidence of the purchase and location of the fridge for the storage of the children’s perishable food, was submitted by the registered provider.
Summary Comment:	The requirements for registration have been met based on the response from the registered provider.

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:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The entrance door is locked and secure preventing unauthorised access and preventing a child leaving the service. • The emergency exit door is unobstructed. • Drinking water is readily available to the children. • The registered provider provided documentation in relation to the recent commission and installation of the electric wall mounted heater. • Storage for cleaning materials and equipment is provided in a secure area on a high shelf in the playroom and in a cupboard out of reach of the children. • The water temperatures at the wash hand basins were recorded at 38.4°C and the registered provider is aware to ensure the water temperature is maintained at or below 43°C. • There are no trailing flexes and there is no television or stereo in the service. • There are no window blinds in the service with cords accessible to the children. • Restricted opening devices are not required as the windows are at a high level that cannot not be reached by the children. • All toys and play equipment in the playroom are safe for the age of the children using them.
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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.

Requirement met:

- (1) The two adults in the service have up to date certification of First Aid Response (FAR) training.
- (2)(a) There is a suitably equipped first aid box available on the premises.
- (b) The first aid box is available to the children attending the pre-school service at all times.

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:

- (1)(a) A record in writing is kept of fire drills practiced on a monthly basis.
- (b) The number, type and maintenance record of firefighting equipment and smoke alarms in the premises is available and these were last maintained in February 2025. A smoke alarm and fire detection system were recently installed in the service.
- (4) A notice of the procedures to be followed in the event of fire is displayed in a conspicuous position in the playroom at the exit door.

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 partially met. The registered provider has ensured that insurance is in place, prior to the commencement of the change, for 22 children to attend the service and the insurance document has an expiry date of 27 March 2026.

Requirement not met:

It is not clear from the insurance document that the insurance company had been advised of the onsite outdoor play area which the service proposes to use which is also a public playground.

Response from Provider:

The registered provider submitted further documentation in relation to insurance cover clarification and insurance information document.

Summary Comment:

The requirements for registration have been met based on the response from the registered provider.

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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:

- (a) On visual assessment the building appears to be of a sound and stable structure.
- (b) The entrance door is kept secured at all times.
- (c) The rooms have good levels of natural light via the windows. All light fittings are covered. The room temperature was recorded at 18.3°C. Natural ventilation is provided through openable windows in the rooms and in the sanitary accommodation.
- (d) The premises are maintained in a clean condition, and all fixtures and fittings are in good repair.
- (e) The sanitary accommodation includes two toilets, and two wash hand basins designated for use by children. Separate sanitary facilities for adults are available to the rear of the building also. The premises is linked to a public 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.
- (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).
- (5) A registered provider of a temporary pre-school service shall ensure that a minimum of 2 square metres of clear floor space is available for each child attending the service.

Requirement met:

- (1) Adequate clear floor space is available in the playroom for the work, play and movement of seven children currently attending the pre-school sessional service.
- (2) Not applicable as this is a sessional service.
- (3) The measurement of the playroom is as follows:

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	<p>6.83m x 5.47m = 37.36 m². This provides adequate space for a maximum number of 20 children to attend on a sessional basis, and not 22 children as per the change in circumstance application. The registered provider is in agreement with the space measurements for the service.</p> <p>(4)(a)(b) Not applicable as this is a sessional service only and will not be run concurrently with any other service type.</p> <p>(5) Not applicable as this is not a temporary service.</p>
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