

Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Report

Pre School

TUSLA Identifier:	TU2015CW030
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Name of Service:	Myshall Montessori
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Address of Service:	Myshall Community Centre, Myshall, Co. Carlow
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Name of Registered Provider:	Pauline Murphy
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Service type:	Sessional
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Date of Inspection:	09/10/2025
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Date of Regulatory Compliance Meeting:	16/01/2026
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No of pre-school children:	AM	n/a	PM	1
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Address of the Early Years Inspectorate:	Primary Care Centre, Castle Park, Arklow, Co. Wicklow Y14 AE10
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Inspection undertaken by:	L O' Connor
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Title:	Early Years Inspector
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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).

Conditions if applicable	Not applicable
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Description of service

Myshall Montessori school is situated in Myshall, Co Carlow. It operates on the grounds of Myshall Community Centre. The service is registered to accommodate 16 preschool children aged 2 to 6 years. The service provides the Early Childhood Care and Education Programme (ECCE) programme between 9am to 12pm and 12.30pm to 3.30pm. It was confirmed that the afternoon session is no longer in operation.

There are two adjoining care rooms and an indoor hall. There is a separate outdoor which can be accessed from the main care room.

The service also runs a school age care service which is registered separately.

Staffing

There are three adults employed by the service to work with the pre-school children, including the registered provider.

On the day of inspection, there was one adult working within the service.

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

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

The inspection focused on an examination of compliance under Regulation 19. Health, welfare and development of child.

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.

Additional Information

This pre-school inspection report was generated during a school age inspection of the service, as it was identified that the service was operating outside their pre-school registration status.

A referral was made to the SOORs (Service's Operating Outside Registration) team within the inspectorate as the service was operating outside their registration status on the day of inspection. Please refer to the findings under Regulation 8 Notification of change in circumstances.

A Regulatory Compliance Meeting was held with the registered provider on 16/01/2026.

Acknowledgments

The inspector wishes to acknowledge the co-operation of the staff member and children who were present on the day 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.

Non-Compliance Information

(1)
The service was registered to provide a sessional service from 9am-12pm and from 12:30 to 3:30pm. On the inspector's arrival to the service, the staff member present confirmed that the pre-school service was closed since 12pm and that it was only school age children in attendance.

However, there was a pre-school child aged two years present attending on a full day care basis. On review of records, the child was in attendance from 9am and departed the service at 4.15pm.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective and Preventive Action

The registered provider stated through the CAPA process that they immediately ensured that no children would be attending outside their own approved regulatory hours or outside the age group attending the service.

Supporting documentation submitted

Non-applicable

Summary Comment

The requirement for Regulation 8 Notification of change in circumstances has been met.

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.

Non-Compliance Information

- The practices of the service did not meet the basic care needs of a pre-school child attending on full day care on the day of inspection. On arrival to the service, a child aged 2 years was present within the service with 7 school age children. During the inspection, it was observed that the based on age of the child, their needs were not met as follows;
 - At 2.35pm, the pre-school child was observed to wander in the outdoor area with a soother in their mouth holding a soft comforter. The child was observed to watch the older children and did not engage in any activity or play during this time.
 - At 3.05pm while in the outdoor area, the child expressed to the staff member that they needed the toilet. The staff member brought the child to the entrance door between the outdoors and the main care room. The staff member prompted the child to use the toilet which was adjoining the care room. The staff member was unable to accompany or provide support to the child, as they were also supervising 7 school age children in the outdoor area. Taking into account the child's age and stage of development, the staff member was unable to fully meet their needs. As should the child have required support or assistance, the staff member was unable to provide it.
 - At 3.20pm, the school age children went indoors for snack time. The pre-school child was not observed to be offered food or observed to eat food. In discussion with the staff member, it was outlined that the child would be collected shortly. According to the services records, the child was in attendance of the service from 9am.
 - At 3.30pm, the child stated to the staff member that they were tired while rubbing their eyes. The child was prompted to lie on the low-level couches and listen to a story being read by the school age children. The child was observed to lie on the couch and continued to rub their eyes. At this time, the school age children asked the staff member when they were returning outdoors. At 3.45pm, the staff member advised all of the children that they were going outside. The child was

lying on the low-level couch. The child stood up, continued to rub their eyes and went outdoors with the other children.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective and Preventive Action

A staff meeting was held, and it was communicated with staff members that children who are not attending ECCE were not permitted to attend the service. The registered provider stated in their CAPA response that it was also communicated with staff members that they were not permitted to allow any child to extend their hours to stay in the service longer. The registered provider provided assurances to the inspectorate that this would not reoccur.

Supporting documentation submitted

Non-applicable

Summary Comment

The requirement for Regulation 19. Health, welfare and development of child has been met. This regulation will be reassessed on the next inspection.