

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances

Tusla I.D.: TU2015DL056

Name of Service Kid Kare Creche and Montessori Pre-school

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

Proposed change:	Increase the numbers of preschool children from 125 to 147 by the addition of a fully outdoor preschool room known as 'sky' for a maximum of 22 children in a sessional service.
Proposed Number of Children:	Addition of 22 preschool children in a sessional service bringing the service from 125 to 147.
Recommended Change Following Inspection:	An addition of an outdoor preschool known as 'sky' with two shelters and sanitary accommodation for 22 sessional children and a maximum of 16 children for Full day care.
Registered change:	Number of children attending from 125 to 147 (Max 141 Full Day) children

Date of Inspection: 2 7 0 8 2 0 2 4

Inspection undertaken by: L. Costello
Title: Early Years Inspector

Tusla Early Years Inspectorate Address: Markievicz House, Barrack Street, Sligo

Rationale for Inspection:
Proposed Change of Circumstance

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

Registration Status:	Registered Full Day Care & Sessional service for 147 (Max 141 Full Day) children
Date of Registration	02 September 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	Kid Kare Crèche & Montessori is a privately owned and operated early years' service located in a rural setting on the outskirts of Donegal Town. The service is registered to provide a full day, part-time and sessional care to children aged 0 - 6 years and operates from 8.00am-6.00pm each weekday. The service is also registered to provide school age care.
Premises	There are seven preschool rooms in total operating from three separate buildings which are located adjacently on the pre-school site. It is proposed that a section of the outdoor play area has been designated for the provision of an outdoor preschool session known as 'sky'. There are two wooden structures in this area to provide shelter for children.
Staffing	In addition to the current staff members employed, the service proposes that a total of two staff members will be assigned to work with the additional children. The registered provider is the named person in charge and there is a named person to deputise in their absence.
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/person in charge 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:

This requirement is met.

(1) (a)

The registered provider is the named person in charge and there is another named person available to deputise as required.

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:

This requirement has been met.

(1) The registered provider proposed that an additional two members of staff would be employed to work directly with the children in the sky room.

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:

This requirement has been met.

(1) (a)

The sky room was adequate and suitable for children aged 2-6 years as proposed by the registered provider. It is envisioned by the registered provider that children attending

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this room will spend the day outdoors and as a result the outdoor area was set up with various interest areas to support the learning and development of the preschool child. Interest areas included home corners, construction areas, musical instruments and dress up areas. Two shelters provided additional resources including arts and crafts, tabletop activities, jigsaw and puzzles. There was also a library area to promote language development.

(b)

In the fully enclosed sheltered area, a rest area with soft furnishings including soft matting, cushions and blankets was provided to enable children to rest or take time out.

(2) (b)

The outdoor space was safe and secure with wooden fencing and secured gates.

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:

This requirement was met.

It is proposed that the service will provide all meals to the preschool children. The service has a three-week meal plan in place in line with the service healthy eating policy. This includes the provision of morning snack, lunch, afternoon snack and dinner.

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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:

This requirement was met.

The following measures were noted on the day of inspection to safeguard the health, safety and welfare of children and to ensure that the environment was safe.

- All doors were secure to ensure no unauthorised entry to the service and to prevent children exiting unsupervised.
- Emergency fire doors remained unobstructed throughout the inspection.
- Windows were risk assessed with safety restrictors in place as required.
- Toys and play equipment were in good condition and free from sharp edges and pinch points.
- All flexes and cables were secure.
- Cleaning products were stored away from the preschool child.
- Foot operated pedal bins were available for the disposal of waste.

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:

This requirement has been met.

(1)

A number of staff members have completed FAR training in the service and will be immediately available to the preschool children if required.

(2) (a) (b)

The first aid box is fully stocked with in date equipment and located in a conspicuous location in the sky room.

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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:

This requirement has been met.

(1) (a)

It is proposed that monthly fire drills will take place and a record of these drills will be available for inspection.

(b)

A record of the number and type of fire fighting equipment and smoke alarms was available with the most recent maintenance service of February 2024.

(4)

Fire evacuation procedures were clearly visible on the wall of both shelters in the sky room.

Part VI – Safety

Regulation 28 – Insurance

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

Requirement met:

This requirement has been met.

A copy of the insurance certificate was submitted to the registration team prior to the inspection. This insurance certification confirmed the service is insured for 150 children up to 27th of March 2025.

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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 superficial visual inspection, the sky room appeared of sound structure with no visible defects. The registered provider confirmed that they have no concerns over the stability or structure of the building.
- (b) The sky room had safety mechanisms in place to control access. The outdoor play area was enclosed and secure to prevent children from leaving the area without authorisation.
- (c) The sky room is an outdoor room with two shelters to protect from the elements. One shelter consists of three walls and one open area providing ample natural lighting and ventilation. A second sheltered area which is fully enclosed with two large openable windows and four ceiling lights provide an adequate mix of natural and artificial lighting. Heating is provided by an electric heating system, air temperatures on the day were recorded within the recommended range of 18 – 22°C.
- (d) The premises was observed to be in clean manner and good state of repair on the day of inspection.
- (e) The sky room was equipped with sufficient sanitary accommodation with two toilets and two wash hand basins for use by the preschool children. Staff toilets are available in the main building.

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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.*
- (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:

This requirement has been met.

(1) This room operates fully outdoors, however the two sheltered area structures, one which is a fully enclosed structure measuring 21.29m² and the second a partially enclosed structure measuring at 62m², is sufficient space for rest, dining, shelter and shade.

(4) (a) (b)

There is sufficient space for the proposed number of children of 22 preschool children in a sessional service and maximum 16 children in full day care provision.