

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances

Tusla I.D.: TU2015DS075

Name of Service K&L Naíonra and Afterschool Club Ltd

Address of Service: Lucan Sports Community Centre, Griffeen Valley Park,
Lucan, Co. Dublin

Email Address: theafterschoolclub@mail.com

Name of Registered Provider: Catherine Neil and Lorraine Nolan

Type of Proposed Service:	Full Day Care	<input 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: Change of service address from The Bush Scout Community Centre, Foxdene Avenue, Lucan, Co Dublin to Lucan Sports Community Centre, Griffeen Valley Park, Lucan, Co Dublin
Change in number of children attending from 30 to 33.

Proposed Number of Children: 33

Recommended Change Following Inspection: The proposed change is met.

Registered change: Change of service address to Lucan Sports Community Centre, Griffeen Valley Park, Lucan, Co Dublin.
Change in number of children to 33

Date of Inspection: 2 3 0 8 2 0 2 4

Inspection undertaken by: Fiona Carty

Title: Early Years Inspector

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Kilmainham, Dublin 8

Rationale for Inspection:

Proposed Change of Circumstance:

The registered providers wish to change the address of the service and increase the numbers of children attending.

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

Registration Status:	Registered Sessional service for 33 children
Date of Registration	27th August 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	K&L Naíonra and Afterschool Club is a sessional preschool and school age service currently providing early childhood education for children aged 2 – 6 years from 9.00am to 12.30pm Monday to Friday for 38 weeks of the year. The service currently accommodates a maximum number of 30 children on a sessional basis and is proposing to add an additional 3 children.
Premises	The children will be accommodated across two rooms on the ground floor within Lucan Leisure Centre. An outdoor play area is located to the front of the premises.
Staffing	The service will initially be staffed by three staff members including both registered providers.
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 providers 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 designated person in charge and a named deputy.

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:

This requirement has been met.

(1) An adequate number of adults will work directly in the pre-school service as it is proposed to care for a maximum of 33 pre-school children in the proposed sessional service. Three adults will work directly with these children with the registered providers always being present in the service.

(8)(b) and (c) Not applicable

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:

- (1)(a)
 There will be two care rooms in use in the service for sessional care. Both care rooms were equipped with toys and play equipment on open low-level shelving in areas of interest which included a home area and a cosy corner. Low level tables and chairs were provided in the care room for pre-school children to engage in tabletop activities. A wide variety of materials were available including small world play, art activities, puzzles and construction.
- (b) Both care rooms had a rest area available which consisted of child sized sofas and armchairs there was also a matted area with cushions was available for children to rest and opt out of activities.
- (2)(b)
 A secure perimeter fenced outdoor play area to the front of the building was available for the children which was secured with two gates. One gate had a fail secure lock in place and a padlock was in place on the other gate. The surface area was covered with asphalt there was play equipment available to the children including sand pit, water play, a mud kitchen slide and balance beams.

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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 service proposes that the parents or guardians of the children will provide the morning snack. All perishable food will be stored in a refrigerator below 5° Celsius. Drinking water and additional snacks will also be available to the children if required. A healthy eating policy was in place in the service.

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 requirement has been met.

The service is located in Lucan Leisure Centre and has two care rooms. Access to both care rooms was through a door and locked gate at the side of the building. It was advised that children will be accepted into the service directly from the gate entrance to the service. Staff members will be present at all times at this entrance/exit when accepting children to the service. The gate will be locked during the session. It was also noted that pre-school children will be collected from this gate after the session ends by parents/guardians.

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 requirement has been met.

- (1) Confirmation of completion of a First Aid Responder course on the 24th August 2024 was submitted to the inspector for one of the staff members.
- (2)(a)(b) A suitable equipped first aid box was located on high level shelving in both care rooms.

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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) A recording system was available to ensure that a record could be maintained of monthly fire drills as conducted.

(b) A recording system was available which confirmed the fire extinguishers located in various locations throughout the building were serviced during August 2024 and the smoke alarms were last serviced on the 12th August 2024.

(4) A notice of the procedure to be followed in the event of a fire was provided for the pre-school service.

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.

The service had insurance cover for a maximum of 33 children in daily attendance from 28th March 2024 to 27th March 2025.

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) The service is located within a leisure centre in Lucan, Co Dublin. Windows in the care rooms appear to be both water-tight and weather-tight and were both positioned and opened above child height. The registered provider confirmed that there are no structural defects with the premises.

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(b) The exit from the care rooms to outside was secured and opened only from the inside. There was a failsafe locking system in place on the exit gate from the outdoor area at the side of the premises. The outdoor area was secured with gates and fencing.

(c) Openable windows are provided in all the care rooms for both natural ventilation and natural day light. The fluorescent light fittings in rooms are covered with shatterproof diffusers. The service is heated using a gas central heating system.

(d) The floor coverings and painted walls and ceilings were observed to be clean and well maintained on the day of inspection. Cleaning equipment and chemicals are located in a cupboard inaccessible to the children.

(e) There is one nappy changing facility in the service located in a disabled toilet. There one toilet and wash hand basin located between the care rooms. There are an additional two toilets and wash hand basins available to the children located in the hallway outside the care rooms. Adults have access to sanitary accommodation in the corridor outside the care rooms. Soap dispensers and disposable paper towels were provided in the sanitary accommodation. A combination of natural in the form of openable windows and mechanical ventilation were in use in the sanitary accommodation throughout the service. The service is connected to the public water supply and 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:

This requirement has been met.

- (1) An area of 43.69 sqm is available in Seomra Reált for a maximum of 22 pre-school children in daily attendance on a on a sessional basis.
 An area of 26.42 sqm is available in Seomra Grian for a maximum of 14 children attending on a sessional basis.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) The area of the playroom met the requirement for clear floor space for the proposed number of 33 pre-school children in daily attendance on a sessional basis.
- (4)(a) Not applicable.
 (b) Not applicable.
- (5) Not applicable.