

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances



Tusla I.D: TU2015GY036

Name of Service Bo-Peep Daycare

Address of Service: Bolisheen, Corrandulla, Co. Galway, H91 HC6N

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Name of Registered Provider: Ms. Majella Murphy

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

Proposed change: Change of the maximum number of children from 31 to 36 children.

Proposed Number of Children: 36

Recommended Change Following Inspection: Increase number of children at any given time from 31 to 36 (Max 28 full day/part-time) children

Registered change: Change in number of children from 31 to 36 (Max 28 full day/part-time) children

Date of Inspection: 2 6 0 8 2 0 2 5

Inspection undertaken by: S. Meehan.

Title: Early Years Inspector.

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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 36(Max28 Full Day/Part-Time) Children
Date of Registration	29 th August 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	The service is in Bolisheen, Corrandulla, Co Galway. The service proposes to operate a full day care for pre-school children aged between 0 and 6 years. The service proposes to offer the Early Childhood Care and Education scheme (ECCE) pre-school care programme and a full day care in the afternoon.
Premises	The proposed baby and wobbler room is in the registered providers home and two other playrooms are in a prefabricated building. The service consists of three preschool playrooms; there are designated sanitary and nappy changing facilities for the preschool children and adults. The pre-school children will have the use of a designated outdoor play area directly to the front of the service.
Staffing	The service proposes to have the registered provider in charge and other adult who can deputise as required. Nine adults with an award in Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI) at a Level 5 on the National Framework of Qualifications, in Early Childhood Care and Education.
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 registered provider, person in charge, staff and children who were present on the day of the inspection.

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)

The requirement has been met, there is a designated person in charge, the registered provider and a deputy manager rostered on the premises.

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:

(1) The registered provider proposes to maintain the minimum ratio of adults to children. The registered provider proposes that there will be a max of 36 pre-school children being cared for by 9 staff members in the proposed playrooms.

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.

(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

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(b) where no such space is provided, the preschool children attending the service have access on a daily basis to an outdoor service

Requirement met:

- (1)(a) There are adequate and suitable facilities in the proposed playrooms, with defined interest areas provided for play. The registered provider intends to develop these interest areas further depending on the child's interests, emerging needs, learning stories and developing themes. On the day of inspection, play equipment and materials were inviting and easily accessible in the proposed playrooms.
- (b) The service will be catering for children under 2 years of age and a designated sleep room with standard cots is available for putting children down to sleep. Children 2 years of age and over have stackable beds available for rest and sleep.
- (3)(a) The service had an outdoor play area to the side and rear of the premises which is a secured area. There is a selection of defined interest areas, sports equipment and ride on toys. There are two sheltered areas for children to play in if there is inclement weather.

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:

A healthy eating policy is in place and children will bring their own snacks. The hot meal of the day is prepared and cooked on site by the service chef.

The service has a 3-week menu plan in place and a drinks station will be accessible to children in the 3 playrooms.

There will be a designated fridges for the safe storage of perishable food items provided by parents for children.

Part VI – Safety

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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 main entrance to the pre-school was secured to prevent the public having access to children and ensuring children could not exit the service unsupervised.
- Heavy equipment and furnishings were anchored appropriately.
- Cables were out of reach of children or secured.
- The registered provider had a fridge in each playroom for the storage of perishable items from children’s lunch boxes.
- Hand washing facilities were provided with a supply of warm water, liquid hand soap and disposable paper hand towels. Thermostatically controlled warm water not exceeding 43° C was available, to facilitate hygienic hand washing without risk of scalding.
- There was a cleaning schedule available and a cleaning record.
- The doors into the staff areas and storage areas had a system of security and were thereby inaccessible to the children.
- All cleaning agents and equipment were stored inaccessible and out of children’s reach.
- The registered provider and manager proposed to complete a daily risk assessment.
- A health and safety policy were available which included a risk assessment system.
- The service risk assessment system ensured toys and equipment were checked to ensure that they were not broken, in a clean condition and maintained in a good state of repair.
- The registered provider advised that the outdoor play equipment would be cleaned after each child’s use and prior to each child’s use - with documented records maintained. A sample documented risk assessment of the outdoor play areas was available for review.
- There were no pits or ponds in the outdoor pre-school area to cause any risk of danger to pre-school children.
- The building employed a company for pest control.

Part VI - Safety

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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) Three staff working in the pre-school service have a current first aid responder qualification and seven have first aid training.
- (2)(a) There was a suitably equipped first aid box stored in an easily accessible conspicuous position in the proposed playrooms.
- (b) The first aid boxes were readily available with content items in date.

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) Arrangements were in place to record monthly fire drills. The last fire drill was carried out on the 31 July 2025.
- (b) A record of the number, type and maintenance record of firefighting equipment in the service was on file. Records indicated that the firefighting equipment was serviced on the 05 March 2025. Records indicated that the fire detection system was serviced on the 30 June 2025.
- (4) A notice of the procedures to be followed in the event of a fire was displayed.

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Regulation 28 – Insurance

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

Requirement met:

The service's had insurance for a full day care service for up to 36 children and included the following –

- public liability insurance.
- insurance against fire and theft.
- buildings insurance.

The insurance was valid until the 27 March 2026.

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 registered provider of the service confirmed that there were no known structural defects.
- (b) The proposed outdoor play area and pre-school play area were safe and secure.
- (c) The playrooms and sanitary areas were well lit and ventilated. The lighting was both natural and artificial. The warm water in the proposed designated sanitary area was maintained at a safe temperature and not greater than 43°C.
- (d) The proposed playrooms had play and work equipment that was clean and in good repair. Cleaning equipment was safely stored away from the pre-school children in designated inaccessible secured storage areas. There was a proposed cleaning schedule available for inspection. From observation, the proposed play area was maintained in a clean and hygienic condition.
- (e) The proposed playrooms had 3 designated children's toilets and 3 wash hand basins. Liquid soap dispensers and paper hand towels in designated dispensers were within easy access to a pre-school child. Foot pedal lidded bins were provided in the sanitary area. Additionally in the sessional service there were

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designated adult toilets with designated wash hand basins. There was also a designated nappy changing area with a self-sealing leak proof bin and a wash hand basin.

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:

(1) and (2)

Adequate floor space is provided in the proposed playrooms for the free movement of children to work and play.

(3) & (4)(a)(b)

The measurement of the proposed playrooms floor space is:

Playroom 1:

27 sq. meters and on a sessional basis 1.818 square metres of clear floor space per child is required. The service can have a maximum of 15 children on a sessional basis in the proposed playroom.

On a full day care and part-time basis:

Children aged 3-6 years of age, based on clear floor space of 27 sq. meters can cater for is 12 children at any given time.

Playroom 2:

14 sq. meters and on a sessional basis 1.818 square metres of clear floor space per child is required. The service can have a maximum of 8 children on a sessional basis in the proposed playroom.

On a full day care and part-time basis:

Children aged 2-3 years of age, based on clear floor space of 14 sq. meters can cater for is 6 children at any given time.

Children aged 3-6 years of age, based on clear floor space of 14 sq. meters can cater for is 6 children at any given time.

Playroom 3:

Baby and Wobbler 24 sq. meters and on a sessional basis 1.818 square metres of clear floor space per child is required. The service can have a maximum of 13 children on a sessional basis in the proposed playroom.

On a full day care and part-time basis:

Children aged 0-1 years of age, based on clear floor space of 24 sq. meters can cater for is 7 children at any given time.

Children aged 1-2 years of age, based on clear floor space of 24 sq. meters can cater for is 9 children at any given time.

Children aged 2-3 years of age, based on clear floor space of 24 sq. meters can cater for is 10, children at any given time.

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Minimum Space Requirements

Full Day Care Service or Part-time Day Care Service

(1)	(2)	(3)
	AGE RANGE	CLEAR FLOOR SPACE
1	0 – 1 year	3.5 square metres
2	1-2 years	2.8 square metres
3	2- 3 years	2.35 square metres
4	3- 6 years	2.3 square metres

On a sessional basis the maximum of children that can be catered for at any given time is 31 children based on clear floor space.