

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances

Tusla I.D.:	TU2015KY026
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Name of Service	Moyvane Village Pre-School and Afterschool
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Address of Service:	Moyvane National School, Moyvane, Listowel, Co. Kerry, V31 DW71.
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Email Address:	moyvanevillagepreschool@gmail.com
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Name of Registered Provider:	Anna Marie Flaherty
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Type of Proposed Service:	Full Day Care	<input 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:	<p>Change of Service Address from Moyvane National School, Moyvane, Listowel, Kerry, V31 T227 to Listowel Road, Moyvane, Listowel, Co. Kerry, V31 DW71.</p> <p>Change in the number of children from 22 to 44 children.</p> <p>Change in Service Type from sessional to part time & sessional.</p> <p>Change in Hours of Operation from 09:00-12:00, 12:30-15:30 to 09:00 to 14:00.</p> <p>Change in Number of Staff Employed from 3 (current Tusla register) to 6 staff.</p>
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Proposed Number of Children:	44
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Recommended Change Following Inspection:	<p>Change of Service Address from Moyvane National School, Moyvane, Listowel, Kerry, V31 T227 to Listowel Road, Moyvane, Listowel, Co. Kerry, V31 DW71.</p> <p>Change in Number of Children from 22 to 44 children (22 ECCE sessional children in each care room).</p> <p>Change in Service Type from sessional to part time & sessional.</p> <p>Change in Hours of Operation from 09:00-12:00, 12:30-15:30 to 09:00 to 14:00.</p> <p>Change in Number of Staff Employed from 3 to 6 staff.</p>
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Inspection undertaken by:	N. Reidy
Title:	Early years Inspector

Tusla Early Years Inspectorate Address:	Áras an Phobail, Deans Lane, Tralee, Co. Kerry.

Rationale for Inspection:
Proposed Change of Circumstance

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

Registration Status:	Registered Part-Time & Sessional Service for 44 Children
Date of Registration	20 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	This privately owned early years service currently provides a sessional service. It proposes to provide a part-time service between the hours of 09:00 to 2pm, incorporating a sessional ECCE session between the hours of 09:00 am – 12 mid-day. The service proposes to provide school aged care.
Premises	The service proposes to operate from 2 re-furbished single-story buildings with a care room, sanitary accommodation for the children and for the adults in both buildings and an office/staff area in 1 building. The care rooms are named as the Buttercup room in building 1 and the Bluebell room in building 2. There is a designated fully enclosed outdoor play area that is directly accessible from each of the care rooms.
Staffing	The service will have 6 adults attached to the service that can work directly with the children, this includes the registered provider.
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)

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	<p>(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 who was 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:

The requirement has been met.

(1)(a) There is a named 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.

Requirement met:

The requirement has been met.

(1) The registered provider confirmed that 6 adults, including herself will work directly with the proposed children. The names of the adults were furnished to the inspector.

(2) The fit for purpose inspection was carried out in the proposed care rooms in the absence of children present in the rooms.

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.*

Requirement met:

The requirement has been met.

(1)

(a) The proposed children will have access to a variety of age-appropriate equipment and play materials that are available and accessible to the children on the floor and on open low level shelving units in both care rooms.

There is an adequate number of child sized tables and chairs in the proposed care rooms.

The proposed children will have access to a fully enclosed outdoor play area directly accessible from both of the care rooms.

(b)The service currently has 3 stackable beds and individual linen. Both care rooms have rest areas that comprises of soft seating, soft matting, a large bean bag and cushions.

(2)(b) & (3)(a)

There is a spacious outdoor play area provided. The outdoor play area is adequately enclosed and secured with walls, fencing and gates. The surface underfoot is a mix of concrete kerbing, concrete slabs and an artificial grassed area on a raised play area.

There was a variety of toys to play with in the outdoors for example sand and water

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tables, small vehicles, ride on toys, chalk boards with chalks and a playhouse. There was a designated secured storage room for the outdoor toys provided in building 2.

(3)(b) Not applicable as the proposed children have access to an outdoor play area on the premise.

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 has been met.

- The parents of the proposed children will provide the food for the morning snack.
- The registered provider proposes to provide the food for the second snack for the children availing of the part-time hours.
- The food proposed by registered provider for example will include a selection of fruit, crackers, toast and a choice of milk or water to drink.
- Both care rooms have a kitchenette area equipped with secured cupboards, worktops, a sink and an under counter fridge. There is a microwave in place for reheating food if required.
- The registered provider advised that potable water is supplied at both sinks in the care rooms.
- The children's drinks bottles will be available and accessible to them throughout the session.

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 partially met.

- The entrance to the service is via a high-level secure gate. The gate was secured to prevent children from exiting unsupervised and to restrict unauthorized access.
- The internal doors were appropriately secured to prevent children accessing unsafe areas for example the office.
- The emergency exits were unobstructed.
- The outdoor storage room was secured.
- The cleaning agents seen on inspection were stored in secure cupboards and on high level shelving.
- The fire assembly point was clearly identifiable on the wall in front of the service.
- A supply of thermostatically controlled warm water was provided at all the wash hand basins.
- There was a supply of liquid hand soap, disposable paper hand towels and pedal lidded bins.
- The first aid boxes in each care room were stored on a high shelf.

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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:

- The requirement has been met.
- (1) 4 of the 6 adults proposed to be employed in the service have up to date certification in First Aid Responder (FAR) training. The registered provider provided the inspector with the said certifications.
- (2)
- (a) The first aid boxes in the proposed care rooms were stored on high level shelving.
 - (b) The first aid boxes were adequately stocked and readily accessible to the adults.

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:

- The requirement has been met.
- (1)(a) The service has a template for recording the monthly fire drills.
- (b) Records in respect of commissioning for the smoke alarm dated 10/02/'25 and the commissioning for the firefighting equipment dated 13/02/'25 were furnished to the inspector.
- (4) A notice of procedures to be followed in the event of a fire is displayed in the care rooms.

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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 met.

An insurance quotation was submitted to the Registration Team prior to the inspection.

The registered provider must ensure that adequate insurance is in place prior to the commencement of the change. The change approval is contingent on the registered providers compliance with Regulation 28.

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:

The requirement has been partially met.

(a) From a visual inspection the buildings appears to be of sound and stable structure. The registered provider informed the inspector that the corrugated iron roof on the building where the Bluebell care room is located is going to be replaced week beginning 18/08/'25.

(b) The premise was safe and secure on the day of the inspection.

(c)

- Natural lighting was provided via openable windows in the proposed care rooms supplemented with artificial enclosed light fittings. There was a mix of artificial enclosed lighting and windows in the sanitary accommodation.
- The air temperature of the proposed Buttercup care room was recorded at between 18.7 degrees Celsius and in the Bluebell room it was recorded at 18 degrees Celsius. The air temperatures of the sanitary accommodation in the Buttercup and Bluebell rooms were recorded at between the range of 18- 19 degrees Celsius.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The registered provider did not have the oil heating switched on for the inspection. • The registered provider informed the inspector that the heating system was in working order. • The inspector was furnished with the commission report in respect of the oil heating system dated 6/08/'25. • There are thermostatically controlled, covered wall mounted radiators in the proposed care rooms. Some of the said radiators were covered in with built in open shelving in front of them. • There was 1 covered radiator located directly outside the sanitary accommodation provided in each of the proposed care rooms. • The proposed care rooms and the sanitary accommodation in the Buttercup room were ventilated by means of natural ventilation from the open-able windows. <p>(d)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From observation on the day of the inspection the play equipment and furniture appeared to be clean and in a good condition. • The cleaning schedules were available that included the equipment and materials, care rooms and sanitary facilities. <p>(e)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The sanitary accommodation in each of the care rooms consisted of 2 children's toilets with 2 wash hand basins with warm water not exceeding 43 degrees Celsius and adult/disabled toilet and wash hand basin in each room with. • The registered provider has a nappy changing unit located within the adult/disabled sanitary accommodation in the Buttercup room.
<p>Requirement not met:</p>	<p>(e) There was no means of ventilation provided in the adult and children's sanitary accommodation located in the proposed Bluebell care room.</p>

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Response from Provider:	Ventilation has been installed in the 3 bathrooms in the Bluebell room to ensure adequate ventilation in the adult and children's sanitary accommodation.
Summary Comment:	The commissioning report for the Demand Control Ventilation installed by the Plumbing & Heating company was submitted. The requirement has been met.

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 floor space is available in the proposed care rooms for the work, play and movement of the children in the service. (2) The registered provider informed the inspector that she proposes to cater for 17 children on a part-time basis. The minimum clear floor space is adhered to for the proposed number of pre-school children. (3) & (4) The space requirement for the proposed number of children attending on a sessional EECE scheme basis is met.
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