

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances

Tusla I.D.: TU2015LK034

Name of Service Caherelly Kids

Address of Service: Caherelly Grange, Kilmallock, Co Limerick V35R235

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Name of Registered Provider: Helen O Riordan

Type of Proposed Service:	Full Day Care	x	Part-Time	x	Sessional	x
	Drop-In		Childminding		Temporary	

Proposed change: From sessional and part time to fulltime, part time and sessional
Hours of operation from 09 10 to 1400 to 09 10 to 12.10 and 09.00 to 1800

Proposed Number of Children: 36

Recommended Change Following Inspection: From sessional and part time to full day, part time and sessional care
Hours of operation from 09.10 to 14.00 to 09.00 to 18.00

Registered change: From sessional and part time to full day, part time and sessional care
Hours of operation from 09.10 to 14.00 to 09.00 to 18.00

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Inspection undertaken by: E Browne

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Rationale for Inspection:

Proposed Change of Circumstance

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

Registration Status:	Registered Full Day, Part-Time & Sessional for 36 Children
Date of Registration	04 September 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	<p>Caherelly Kids is a private preschool service located in a rural setting in Caherelly, Co. Limerick. It offers a morning sessional service from 9.10 to 12.10pm, Monday to Friday each week. A part-time service is available for children from 12.10pm to 2pm. A service for school aged children is provided each afternoon.</p> <p>The registered provider is proposing to operate a full day care service with a change of hours of operation from 09.10 to 14.00 pm to 09.10 to 18.00pm, Monday to Friday each week. There is no change in the sessional service hours of operation from 09.10 to 12.10pm</p>
Premises	<p>The service operates from a purpose build premises located on the grounds of the provider's family home. A converted room in the providers home is also used by the service. There are sanitary facilities and nappy changing amenities located next to all of the pre-school rooms. Children have access to a large well-resourced outdoor play area on the grounds of the pre-school. A sheltered outdoor area ensures children get to spend long periods of time outside each day regardless of weather</p>
Staffing	<p>The registered provider is the designated person in charge of running the service. There are three additional staff employed to work at the school. All staff members have the appropriate qualifications in Early Childhood Care and Education</p>

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<p>Methodology</p>	<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>
<p>Acknowledgements</p>	<p>The Inspector wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the registered provider, staff and children who were present on the day of the inspection.</p>

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 following requirements have been met.

(1)(a) The registered provider has ensured that there is a designated person in charge of the service and a named person to deputise as required.

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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 following requirement has been met.

(1) The registered provider and a minimum of 3 staff members will be working in the preschool service to cater for the proposed 36 preschool children due to attend for sessional, part time and full day care.

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

Requirement met:

The following requirement has been met.

(1)(a) Adequate and suitable facilities are provided for children to play indoors and outdoors. The preschool rooms are bright and spacious and well laid out with various equipment and play materials on open, low level shelving units.

(b) A designated quiet area with a soft couch, cushions are available in each preschool room for children to use if tired. Additionally, there will be sleep beds with sheets and blankets in place in the quiet room for the children attending for full day care who may require a sleep.

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(3)(a) The service has its own outdoor play areas to the rear of the premises. The areas are fully enclosed and are equipped with a wide range of play materials. The area has an impact absorbent surface. A sheltered area outside is also available.

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 following requirement has been met.

A healthy eating policy is in place. Kitchen facilities are available in the service with facilities for storing perishable foods and for the preparation of hot meals /snacks.

The parents will provide a snack and a drink for the mid-morning break for the children attending for sessional care.

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 following requirements have been met.

- External doors were adequately secure to ensure the safety of the children within and to avoid unauthorised persons accessing the service or children exiting unsupervised.
- Water temperatures at the wash hand basins will be maintained at or below 43°C.
- An infection control policy is in place to inform practice. The policy and the associated procedures detailed all measures to reduce the likelihood of infection spreading in the facility.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cleaning programmes are in place to ensure a good standard of operational hygiene is in place. ○ Foot pedal operated lidded bins are provided in all areas of the service to ensure the safe disposal of all waste. ○ Risk assessment safety checklists will be available for both indoors in the playrooms and in the outdoor play area.
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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 following requirement has been met.

- (1) A certification is available to evidence that a person trained in first aid response will be available at all times in the service. Expiry date is 26th of June 2026.
- (2) Suitably equipped first aid boxes are available in each playroom and stored in a conspicuous location

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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:

The following requirement has been met.

(1)(a) Fire drills take place once a month in the creche premises. Written documentation is available to support this practice.

(b) There is a record available to indicate the number, type and maintenance of the fire extinguishers in the service. The extinguishers were serviced last in November 2023. A certificate is also available to state that the smoke alarms were serviced for the main playroom facility and the preschool room located off the main dwelling.

Part VI – Safety

Regulation 28 – Insurance

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

Requirement met:

The following requirement was met.

Evidence that the service is adequately insured for the number of children due to attend has been submitted to the registration office.

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 following requirements has been met.

- (a) The premises appeared to be of sound and stable structure.
- (b) The main entrance doors to the preschool rooms are appropriately safe and secure with a sensory code system in situ.
 The outdoor areas are secure to prevent a child exiting the area unsupervised.
- (c) The preschool rooms are adequately lit with lots of natural light available in all areas. Oil central heating is available when needed and checks are kept of the surface temperature of all radiators. Adequate ventilation is in place through openable windows in all areas of the building.
- (d) Cleaning schedules are in place in the service.
- (e) There are sufficient number of toilets and wash hand basins for the proposed number of children due to attend the service. There are 3 toilets, 3 hand basins, paper towel dispensers and liquid soap in place for the children proposing to use the designated preschool rooms. Nappy changing facilities are also provided.

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:

The following requirement was met.

(1) Sufficient clear floor space is available in the preschool rooms for the number of children proposing to attend for sessional, part time and full day care.

(2) The measurements of the preschool rooms were recorded as

Main playroom 7.58m x 6.51m = 49.34m²

Quiet room 3.33m x 3.67m = 12m²

Preschool room 4.69m x 3.15m =14.79m²

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3.06m x 1.20m = 3.67m²

The preschool rooms have adequate clear floor space for a service that proposing to provide full time care, part-time and sessional care for children aged 0 to six years

(3) A minimum of 1.818 square metres of clear floor space is available for each child proposing to attend for sessional care.

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	(4) The preschool rooms have adequate clear floor space for a service that proposing to provide full time care, part-time and sessional care for children aged 2 to 6 years.
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