

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances

Tusla I.D.:	TU2015LK076
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Name of Service	Galbally Childcare Services Ltd
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Address of Service:	Galbally National School, Galbally, Co. Limerick E34 E424
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Email Address:	galballyns@gmail.com
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Name of Registered Provider:	Martin Kearney
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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:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ From sessional to sessional and part-time service ○ Change the opening hours from 09:00 -12:00 to 09:00 - 14:00 hrs
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Proposed Number of Children:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 33
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Recommended Change Following Inspection:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ From sessional to sessional and part-time service ○ Change the opening hours from 09:00 -12:00 to 09:00 - 14:00 hrs
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Inspection undertaken by:	E Browne
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Title:	Early Years Inspector
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Tusla Early Years Inspectorate Address:	Tusla, Early Years Inspectorate, Estuary House, Henry St, Lime
Rationale for Inspection:	
Proposed Change of Circumstance	

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

Registration Status:	Registered Part Time and Sessional Service for 33 children
Date of Registration	11 th 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	Galbally Pre-School is a sessional service proposing to relocate to a newer modular building on the grounds of Galbally National school in Co. Limerick. Its proposing to operate a sessional and a part-time service Monday to Friday from 9.00 am to 14.00 pm. A school aged service will be available in afternoon to the children attending the National school.
Premises	The proposed modular premises has 1 large playroom with sanitary facilities adjacent. For all outdoor play pursuits children have access to the school playground, a well-resourced and enclosed play area and the school sport field.
Staffing	The registered provider of the service is the school principal. A person in charge and four staff members will manage and work at the service each day.
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) (Amendment) Regulations 2016. The Inspection focused on regulations under the following themes; Governance, Health, Welfare and Development of the child, Safety and Premises.

	Child and Family Agency Act 2013 Child Care Act 1991 (Early Years Services) Regulations 2016	Version 05 Implemented- Aug 2022 EYI-IR12.23 F07 FFP (CIC)	2 of 9
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	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.
Acknowledgements	The Inspector wish to acknowledge the cooperation of the registered provider and person in charge, 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 service has a designated person in charge and a named person who is able to deputise if 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:

(1) The registered provider will ensure that there is an adequate number of staff employed to work at the service. There will be the person in charge and four adults working in the service each day supervising the proposed number of 33 preschool Early Childhood Education and Care (ECCE) children at any one time.

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:

(1)(a) Facilities for the preschool children to play indoors and outdoors are suitable as there were clearly defined interest areas in the room and sufficient play equipment was evident in the outdoor play area.

(b) Suitable facilities for a pre-school child to rest during the day are available in the quiet/rest corner. An adult sized couch and floor beds will be in place for the children who may require a rest or sleep throughout the day.

(2)(a) A safe secure outdoor space is available on site for outdoor play for the children. Safety in the outside play area has been included in the risk assessment policy for the service.

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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 will ensure that the drinks, foods/meals provided will be suitable, varied and nutritious for the children attending the service. Additional snacks outside mealtimes will be available to the preschool children.

There are facilities to refrigerate and reheat foods if required.

A healthy eating policy for the service has been documented and is available on site for parents.

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 entrance door was locked and secure preventing unauthorised access and preventing a child leaving the service.
- The emergency exit doors were unobstructed.
- Drinking water was readily available to the children.
- Safe storage was provided for the children’s belongings.
- Storage for cleaning materials and equipment was provided in a secure area out of reach of the children.
- The registered provider was advised that water temperatures must be maintained at or below 43°C. The water temperature was 34.5°C on the day on the inspection.
- The cords from blinds are made safe with the use of tension devices.
- There were no trailing flexes and there was no television or stereo in the service.
- All toys and play equipment were safe for the age of children using them.

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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:	(2)(a) Suitably equipped first aid boxes for children are available. (b) The first aid box will be available to the children attending the pre-school service at all times.
Requirement not met:	(1) There are no persons with current up to date training in first aid response for children (First Aid Responder). It is acknowledged that the person in charge is booked to undertake the 3-day FAR training on the 26 th , 27 th and 28 th of August. Evidence of booking was submitted to the Early Years Inspectorate.
Response from Provider:	(1) The person in charge has completed the 3-day First Aid Response training on the 26 th , 27 th and 28 th of August and the certificate for this person was submitted to the Early Years Inspectorate.
Summary Comment:	The requirement has now been met.

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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:	(1)(a) A record in writing will be kept of the fire drills practiced monthly and documentation will be available to indicate this. (b)The number, type and maintenance record of firefighting equipment indicated that they were last serviced in November 2023. (4)A notice of the procedures to be followed in the event of fire is displayed in a conspicuous position in the playroom.
Requirement not met:	(1)(b) There was no maintenance record available of the most recent servicing of the smoke alarm system for the service.
Response from Provider:	(1)(b) The smoke alarm system was serviced on the 7 th of September and the maintenance certificate was submitted to the Early Years Inspectorate.
Summary Comment:	The requirement has now been met.

Part VI – Safety

Regulation 28 – Insurance

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

Requirement met:	The Insurance certificate for the service was available for the service and had an expiry date of 27/03/2025.
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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 visual assessment the building appeared of a sound and stable structure. The premises is well maintained and in a good state of repair.
- (b) The entrance door is kept secured at all times.
- (c) The rooms had good levels of natural light via the windows. Room temperatures is maintained between 18 - 22°C. Ventilation was provided through openable windows in the room.
- (d) The premises is clean, and all fixtures and fittings are in good repair.
- (e) The sanitary accommodation included 3 toilets and 3 wash hand basins, plus 1 wash hand basin in the playroom. This would facilitate a maximum of 33 toilet trained children.

Separate sanitary facilities for adults were available which included 1 toilet and 1 wash hand basin located in the national school.

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.

Requirement met:

(1) Sufficient clear floor space is available in the room for the number of children proposing to attend the pre-school service.

(2) The measurements of the playroom recorded as

$$6.13\text{m} \times 9.18\text{m} = 56\text{m}^2$$

+

$$2.10\text{m} \times 2.168\text{m} = 4.5\text{m}^2$$

Total space =60m²

The following number of children can be accommodated as outlined below for the space of 60 m².

- A minimum of 1.818 square metres of clear floor space is available for each child proposing to attend for sessional care. This allows the 33 proposed preschool children.
- A maximum of 26 preschool children are allowed attend in the room at any one time for part time basis who require a minimum of 2.35 m² or 2.3 m². depending on their age profile.