

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances

Tusla I.D.: TU2015LS059

Name of Service Aishling's Little Angels

Address of Service: Cullahill Community Centre,
Cullahill Village, Co. Laois. R32YK29

Email Address: aishlingaylward@gmail.com

Name of Registered Provider: Aishling Aylward

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 in Service Address – from Galesquarter, Cullahill, Laois, R32 Y499 to Cullahill Community Centre, Cullahill Village, Co. Laois. R32YK29
- Change in Number of Children that can be Accommodated from 56 to 24 children.
- Change in Age Profile from 1-6 years to 2 – 6 years.
- Change in Service Type from Full Day Care to Sessional
- Change in Hours of Operation from 08:00 – 18:00 to 09:30 – 12:30
- Change in Number of Staff from 13 to 3 staff.

Proposed Number of Children: 24

Recommended Change Following Inspection:

- Change in Service Address – from Galesquarter, Cullahill, Laois, R32 Y499 to Cullahill Community Centre, Cullahill Village, Co. Laois. R32YK29
- Change in Number of Children that can be Accommodated from 56 to 22 children.
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Inspection undertaken by:	D. Molloy
Title:	Early Years Inspector

Tusla Early Years Inspectorate Address:	Early Years Inspectorate, Tusla, Child and Family Agency, Primary Care Centre, Church Avenue, Tullamore, Co. Offaly, R35K1W4
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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 Sessional Service for 22 Children, 2-6 Year olds
Date of Registration	17 th 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	This proposed service will be privately operated by Ms. Aylward as a sessional service in the community centre in the village of Cullahill in rural Co. Laois. The age range of the children will be from 2 – 6 years. It is proposed that the service will operate on a daily basis from 09:30am – 12:30pm.
Premises	The proposed premises is a large hall which will be used for the sole purpose of operating an early years' service. The facility includes an entrance hall and lobby, one large room kitchen, sanitary accommodation including four toilets and wash hand basins for children's

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	use, a nappy changing facility, and a staff toilet. An enclosed outdoor play area is provided to the front of the setting.
Staffing	It is proposed that the service will be staffed by three staff members including the registered provider who is the person in charge of the service. Early Childhood qualifications of staff range from level 5 to level 8 on the National Framework of Qualifications.
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 provider, who is the person in charge, and staff 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:

This requirement has been met.

(1)(a)

The service had a designated person in charge 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:

This requirement has been met.

(1)

An adequate number of adults are proposed to work directly with the children in the service.

Up to 22 preschool children availing of sessional care can be accommodated in the service 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.

Requirement met:

This requirement has been met.

(1)

(a) The service was equipped with adequate and suitable facilities for each child to play indoors and outdoors while in the service. Toys and equipment were noted to be freely available and accessible to the children and were developmentally appropriate and stimulating. These included toys for fine motor skill development such as beads and threading, balance beams and tactile equipment including prewriting and grip toys, sensory equipment including sand trays and sand, arts and crafts equipment including paints, brushes, a range of construction and farm sets and blocks and click together shapes. Imaginary play and role play equipment included dressing up clothes, dolls and buggies were available.

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The registered provider had ensured that a suitable, safe and secure outdoor space to which the preschool children have access on a daily basis is provided on the premises. The outdoor play area can be accessed directly from the playroom.

A range of toys and equipment was provided in the outdoor play area outdoors including mud kitchen, ride on and pull along toys, potting and planting and chalk and black boards.

The large playroom was set out in a child centred manner including particular areas of interest and soft seating and a rest area was provided.

(b) There were adequate and suitable facilities for a pre-school child to rest during the day. A cosy rest area was provided including child s, soft seating, cushions and soft floor matting.

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:

This requirement has been met.

It is proposed that children will bring in their own lunches in keeping with the Healthy Eating Policy of the service.

A fridge is provided for safe storage of the children’s lunches.

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:

This requirement has been met.

The following measures were in place to safeguard the children’s health, safety, and welfare and to ensure that the environment of the service was safe.

Infection Control.

- Wash hand basins with a constant supply of hot and cold water heated to a maximum of 43°C, liquid soap, disposable paper towels and foot pedal operated bins was provided in each sanitary accommodation and in the nappy changing area.
- Storage was provided to store spare clothing for children cared.
- Proposed cleaning schedules and a cleaning rota were open for inspection.

Environment

- A risk assessment and management policy had been devised which was site specific and it was proposed to risk assess the outdoor play area and the playroom each day before use.
- Cleaning chemicals and sprays were stored out of reach of children.
- Refuse bins were foot operated and it is proposed that some waste be recycled by the registered provider.
- A pest control system was in place in the service.

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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:

This requirement has been met.

(1)

Two staff are qualified in First Aid Response (FAR) and will be available on the premises throughout the proposed opening hours.

(2)

(a) A fully equipped first aid box is available in an accessible and conspicuous location in the playroom.

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 firefighting 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.

(a) A recording system was in place to maintain records of any fire drills as conducted and it was proposed that a monthly fire drill be carried out.

(b) The maintenance record for firefighting equipment in the service indicated that an annual service was conducted in August 2024. The smoke alarm system record has also been checked in August 2024.

(4)

A notice of the procedure to be followed in the event of a fire was wall mounted in the playroom.

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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:

This requirement has been met.

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

The service had a proposed insurance certificate to confirm cover for a total of up to 22 preschool children. Insurance cover will be valid until end of 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:

This requirement has been met.

(a) All internal walls and ceilings were freshly painted with no evidence of dampness or mould growth visible.

(b) All site boundaries were secure.

(c) The setting was well lit with a combination of natural and artificial light.

The light fittings were covered with shatterproof diffusers.

The service was heated by oil radiators that could be thermostatically controlled at between 18°C to 22°C.

Openable windows were in place in the playroom, sanitary accommodation, and kitchen.

(d) The setting was newly decorated, clean, and well maintained. A proposed cleaning schedule and a cleaning roster is available in the playroom room which would document the proposed cleaning.

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The premises was maintained in a proper state of repair, the floor covering throughout the room sanitary accommodation and hallway was in good condition and were clean.

(e) There were four toilets and four wash hand basins for the use of the preschool service and an additional toilet was available for staff members.

The wash hand basins were provided with thermostatically controlled hot water, heated to a maximum of 43°C, liquid soap, disposable paper towels and foot pedal operated bins. The toilets were ventilated by openable windows.

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.*

(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.*

Requirement met:

This requirement has been met.

(1)

The room in which it is proposed to operate the sessional preschool has enough free floor space to accommodate this proposal. Sufficient floor space is available in this playroom.

Room name	Number of children.	Age range	Type of service	Space available	Space required
Playroom	22	2 years to 6 years.	Sessional	Total 215.9 m ² free space available	To accommodate 22 preschool children in sessional care @39.96 m ²

(3) A minimum of 1.818 square metres of clear floor space is available for the proposed 22 children attending the service.