

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances

Tusla I.D:	TU2015MN040							
Name of Service	Magherarney Community Childcare Services Ltd							
Address of Service:	Magherarney, Smithborough, Co. Monaghan, H18YY30							
Email Address:	mccsltd@hotmail.com							
Name of Registered Provider:	Mr. Ciaran Rooney							
Type of Proposed Service:	Full Day Care	✓	Part-Time	✓	Sessional	✓		
	Drop-In		Childminding		Temporary			
Proposed change:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Change of address - from C/O Scoil Mhuire, Magherarney, Smithborough, Co. Monaghan, H18K190 to Magherarney, Smithborough, Co. Monaghan H18YY30 Change of Service Type -from Sessional to Full Day, Part Time & Sessional. Change in Hours of Operation -from 09:00-12:00 to 08:00 - 17:30 							
Proposed Number of Children:	20 - no Change							
Recommended Change Following Inspection:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Change of address - Magherarney, Smithborough, Co. Monaghan H18YY30 Change of Service Type Full Day, Part Time & Sessional. Change in Hours of Operation - 08:00 - 17:30 							
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Inspection undertaken by:	S. Skinnader and S. McKenna
Title:	Early Years Inspectors

Tusla Early Years Inspectorate Address:	No.18 The Grange, Plantation Walk Monaghan
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 Service for 20 Children
Date of Registration	13th February 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	It is proposed that Magherarney Community Childcare Services will move to a newly renovated building and extend their community run service to provide sessional, part-time and full day care childcare. The service proposes to change its hours of operation from 9 - 12pm to 8am – 5.30pm and will cater for 20 pre-school children aged between 2 - 6 years of age. The service will participate in the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) scheme each weekday Monday – Friday.
Premises	This service will operate from a renovated single-story old-school building on the outskirts of the village of Smithborough Co. Monaghan. There are 2 new preschool rooms with a staff toilet, sanitary accommodations, nappy changing facilities and a small office provided. There is an enclosed outdoor area to the side of the premises. There is parking available outside the premises for drop offs and pickups.
Staffing	It is proposed that there will be 3 staff in the service with up to a maximum of 20 preschool children between the 2 rooms.
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</p>

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	administrative and legal processes. The contents of the report are compiled by the inspectorate body.
Acknowledgements	The Inspectors wish to acknowledge the cooperation of the person in charge 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. The service has a designated person in charge and 2 named deputies.
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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:	(1) The requirement has been met. The registered provider states that 3 staff members will be working directly with the currently registered 12 pre-school children.
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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
(b) there are adequate and suitable facilities for a pre-school child to rest during the day,

(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:	The requirements of this regulation have been met. (1)(a) Adequate and suitable facilities have been provided for children to play indoors during the day. A range of toys, equipment and well-resourced interest areas are available in the care rooms with additional resources to be added to the rooms.
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(b) Adequate and suitable facilities are provided for the children to rest on if required. There is a cosy corner with soft floor mats, plastic covered sofas and cushions. A stackable day bed is also available should a child require to lie down to sleep or rest.

(2)(b) An outdoor area which is safe, secure and suitable has been provided which is fenced, walled and gated. This is situated to the side of the building.

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 service will provide breakfast in the morning. The parents will provide morning and afternoon snacks for the children. A hot meal for any children staying on a full daycare basis will be supplied by a local deli and served by the childcare staff.
The children will have access to potable drinking water.
A fridge will be available for the storage of perishable food items.

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:

At the time of the inspection, there were no concerns observed that would impact the safety of children, for example the external doors are appropriately secured to prevent a preschool child exiting unaccompanied. Electrical appliances were stored out of the reach of the children. All cleaning agents and medications will be stored out of the reach of children and staff belongings will be stored in the office. Corner protectors were applied to sharp corners on the worktops and shelving units. There were no blinds on any windows at this time. There is a designated fire assembly point in the outdoor 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 requirement has been met.

(1) The registered provider has ensured there is an adult with up to date First Aid Responder (FAR) training on the premises. Three FAR certificates were available for inspection.

(2)(a) (b) An adequately stocked first aid box is provided in the service and is available to the pre-school children at all times.

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) There is a log in place to record any fire drills that will take place on the service electronic application.

(b) There is a written record of the number type and installation of the new firefighting equipment and smoke alarms in the premises dated 4/2/25 and 27/1/25 respectively.

(4) There is a notice displayed of the procedures to be followed in the event of a fire.

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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.
Insurance is in place for the preschool children which covers a maximum of 22 children and expires on the 27/3/25.

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 met.

(a) The service is operating from a premises which appears to be structurally sound.

(b) The service is safe and secure with a locked entrance. The outdoor play area to the side of the building is fenced and secured.

(c) Light levels in the care rooms and sanitary accommodations are adequate and are provided by means of natural light through windows and supplemented with covered fluorescent lights.

The room temperature in the care rooms is adequate. Heating is by means of oil-fired radiators in each care room and sanitary accommodations.

Ventilation: The care rooms are ventilated by means of openable windows and wall vents and in the sanitary accommodation by means of mechanical ventilation. There are openable windows in the sanitary accommodation off room 1 and the staff toilet.

(d) The premises, toys and equipment are in a clean condition and in good repair. Cleaning schedules are available.

(e) Adequate and suitable sanitary accommodation is provided i.e. 1 toilet and hand basin in the sanitary accommodation off both care rooms. There is a staff toilet and hand basin for the staff. Nappy changing facilities are available in the sanitary accommodation of care room 1, which include a nappy changing mat, gloves, aprons cleaning spray and a pedal operated nappy bin. The sanitary areas have a continuous supply of thermostatically controlled running water, a supply of liquid soap and a wall mounted paper towel dispenser.

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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) and (2) The requirement has been met.
In room 1 there is a floor space of approximately 32m² and in room 2 there is a floor space of 23m² which is adequate to accommodate the maximum 20 children aged 2-6 years on a sessional basis.