

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances



Tusla I.D.: TU2015MN047

Name of Service: Rockcorry Community Childcare

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Name of Registered Provider: Karen Brady

Type of Proposed Service:	Full Day Care	<input checked="" 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:	Addition of a new room.
Proposed Number of Children:	69 children
Recommended Change Following Inspection:	Additional room is now fit for purpose for preschool children.
Registered change:	Additional Room (no increase to current number of children)

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Inspection undertaken by: S Mc Kenna
Title: Early Years Inspector

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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 Service for 69 Children
Date of Registration	5 th August 2025

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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	Rockcorry Community Childcare Service operates as a community run childcare service since 2006. They provide full day care, part-time and sessional care to pre-school children aged from 0 - 6 years. The service is open from 8am to 6pm each weekday and caters for a maximum of 69 children. School aged care is also provided. The service operates within a local community centre in the village of Rockcorry, Co. Monaghan. Car parking is available to the side of the premises.
Premises	The service currently has 2 care rooms in operation named: Preschool Room 1 and the Baby /Toddler Room. The additional new room was previously used by school aged children only and is now proposed to cater for preschool children on a sessional and part time basis and named Preschool Room 2. There are two separate sleep rooms off the Baby/Toddler Room, there are nappy changing and sanitary accommodations, a kitchen, staff room and an office also available. The service has 3 outdoor areas to the side and back of the service.
Staffing	There are 20 adults are employed in the service including the service manager, one cook and one caretaker/cleaner. The registered provider does not work in the service.
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. 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 wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the person in charge, staff and children who were present on the day of the inspection.

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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 who is the service manager, and two named persons to deputise in their absence.

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.

A total of 18 staff are employed to work directly with children.

The registered provider and service manager are aware of the requirements of this regulation in relation to adult:child ratios.

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

(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 requirements of this regulation have been met.

(1) (a) Adequate and suitable facilities are provided for the children to play indoors during the day. The new care room (Preschool 2) provides a range of play materials,

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play equipment and toys, sensory play equipment along with well-resourced designated interest areas.

(b) Adequate and suitable facilities are provided for the children to rest and sleep.

The children attending the proposed new care room are aged 2 years and over. Three stackable beds are available for children to sleep during their day if needed. It is proposed that an area would be set up in the room conducive to sleep when required. A cosy area in the care room is available which has soft child sized sofas and cushions for children to rest.

(3) There are three outdoor play areas provided, one of which is proposed to be used by the new care room (Preschool 2) and is located to the rear of the premises. This area has a ground surfacing of concrete paths and artificial grass, wooden benches, a climbing structure with a slide, paint and chalk areas, a wooden kitchen and gravel pit are some of the equipment and materials provided for children's use in this area.

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 provides breakfast and a hot meal daily to the children in attendance. The children take in their own snack from home for morning and afternoon snack times.

A fridge is available in the kitchen and in each of the care rooms for the storage of perishable food items.

A weekly menu is on display at the main entrance, which demonstrated a variety of hot meals options that were adequate, suitable and nutritious for children.

The children will have access to potable drinking water throughout the day.

Part VI – Safety

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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 met.

- The front entrance door into the service is secured by a coded notification system, and the door is then released by staff. This prevents children from exiting the service unsupervised and to restrict unauthorised access.
- The emergency exit doors were unobstructed throughout the inspection.
- There is provision for the appropriate disposal and storage of waste including the provision of suitable nappy bins and foot pedal operated bins throughout the service.
- Individual use paper towels are provided for handwashing purposes.
- Cleaning schedules were available for the service. Cleaning materials were stored out of reach of children.
- Risk assessment records are in place.
- The designated fire assembly point, confirmed by the service manager is located in the car park to the side of the premises.

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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 provided documentation to demonstrate that there are seven adults with up to date First Aid Responder (FAR) training.

(2) (a) (b) An adequately stocked first aid box is located in the Baby/Toddler room, with smaller first aid boxes provided in each of the care rooms, which are available to the 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) The registered provider provided a template to record fire drills, which are conducted on a monthly basis.

(b) There is a record available relating to the number and type of firefighting equipment. The most recent service of the firefighting equipment was carried out on 04 December 2024, and the fire detection and alarm system were carried out on 05 February 2025.

(4) The procedures to be followed in the event of a fire were displayed throughout the service.

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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 69 preschool children in attendance on a Full Day Care basis and expires on the 27 March 2026.

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 registered provider confirmed that she has no knowledge of any structural defects.

(b) The service is adequately secured to prevent children exiting unsupervised and unauthorised persons gaining entry.

(c) The service is adequately lit, heated and ventilated.

The lighting in the new care room is provided by a mixture of natural light leading from large windows between an adjoining care room and is also supplemented with fluorescent ceiling lights which were fitted with protective covers.

The service is heated by an oil central heating system.

The proposed new care room is maintained at a temperature of 20°C.

The proposed new care room is ventilated by an air extraction and ventilation system.

The designated sanitary area for the proposed new care room, which is located down the hallway is ventilated by an openable window in addition to mechanical ventilation.

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	<p>(d) Cleaning schedules are available and in place, and the premises is maintained in a clean condition.</p> <p>(e) The children’s sanitary facilities in the service were equipped with a total of 7 toilets and wash hand basins, and 2 nappy changing units with wash hand basins. Thermostatically controlled hot water at 37.1°C is provided, and cold running water is also available.</p> <p>There were 2 toilets available for the adults, both located on the ground floor.</p>
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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:	<p>The requirement has been met.</p> <p>Adequate clear floor space is provided for the work, play and movement of children within the 2 existing (Baby/Toddler and Preschool 1) and 1 proposed new care room (Preschool 2) to cater for 69 preschool children.</p> <p>The following floor space is available in the proposed new care room;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 38m² is available in the Preschool 2 room. The space available can cater for 20 children aged 2 years 6 months to 6 years on a sessional basis, or 16 children aged 2-3 or 3-6 years on a part time or full day care basis.
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