

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances



Tusla I.D: TU2015TY086

Name of Service: Bansha Preschool

Address of Service: Ballinlough West Bansha Co. Tipperary. E34 DT61

Email Address: banshapreschool@gmail.com

Name of Registered Provider: Paula Grogan-Ryan

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

Proposed change:

Change in Service Address – from Bansha National School, Bansha, Tipperary **to** Bansha Physio Clinic, Ballinlough West, Bansha, Co. Tipperary. E34DT61

Adding an Additional Service Type – from Sessional **to** Part-Time & Sessional

Change in hours of operation – from 08:45 – 11:45 **to** 09:00 – 14:00

Proposed Number of Children: 22

Recommended Change Following Inspection: Part time service from 09:00 – 14:00 operating from Bansha Physio Clinic.

Registered change:

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Date of Inspection: 2 0 0 9 2 0 2 4

Inspection undertaken by: C. Ryan & A. McNamara

Title: Early Years Inspectors

Tusla Early Years Inspectorate Address: Early Years Inspector, Tusla Child and Family Agency



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Ely Hospital, Ferrybank, Wexford

Rationale for Inspection:

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

Registration Status:	Registered Part-Time & Sessional Service for 22 Children
Date of Registration	1st October 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>Bansha Preschool currently operates as a sessional preschool for children aged 2 to 6 years. The service is open Monday to Friday and can accommodate up to 22 children at any one time. The services mission statement states that “preschool will be in a safe and happy environment where children can explore and learn motivated by their own curiosity.”</p> <p>The registered provider proposes to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change in Service Address – from Bansha National School, Bansha, Tipperary to Bansha Physio Clinic, Ballinlough West, Bansha, Co. Tipperary. E34DT61 • Adding an Additional Service Type – from Sessional to Part-Time & Sessional • Change in hours of operation – from 08:45 – 11:45 to 09:00 – 14:00
Premises	<p>The new premises is located across the road from the national school. The service will operate from their own designated rooms within a community building that previously operated as a physiotherapy clinic. The service consists of 1 playroom, a large entrance hall and ancillary services.</p> <p>An outdoor play area is available to the front of the premises and is fully enclosed. The children will also have access to a large green beside the premises, which is also enclosed.</p>
Staffing	<p>The registered provider works daily in the service. The staff working directly with the children, will hold the minimum Level 5 and above qualifications in Early Childhood Care and Education on the National Qualifications Framework.</p>
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)</p>

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	<p>(Amendment) Regulations 2016. The Inspection focused on regulations under two themes: Governance, and Safety.</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 presented to the Registration Panel for consideration of a decision in relation to the service receiving continued registration. 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 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 registered provider is the designated person in charge and works directly with the children attending the service. A second named staff member is available to deputise as required.
Summary Comment:	The requirement has been met.

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 registered provider is familiar with the Child Care Act 1991(early years services) Regulations 2016, Schedule 6 Adult: Child ratios and will ensure that there are always adequate numbers of staff working directly with the children attending the service. The registered provider is familiar with the requirement to have two staff present when registered and operating as a part time service.
Summary Comment:	The requirement has been met.

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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, 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)
The new playroom and large entrance lobby provided sufficient space. The room was set up with toys and equipment suitable for the number, ages and stage of development of the children who will attend the service.
- (2)(b)
Children had access to a fully enclosed garden to the front of the premises. The area has large spaces covered with grass, play tunnels, sandpit, mud kitchen and a concrete footpath.

Requirements not met:

- (1)(b)
Provisions were not in place for children to sleep and/or rest if required while attending the service. The registered provider had purchased 3 stackable beds.

Response from provider:

- (1)(b)
A rest area was developed in a quiet area. A large mat and cushions were added, and a sleep mattress is also available.
- Photographs of the developed rest area sent to the early years inspector.

Summary Comment:

The requirement of the regulation is met.

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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 had access to a small kitchen which is restricted from the children. Parents will be asked supply the snacks and food for the children. The registered provider has advised parents that two snacks are required for children attending on a part time basis. The registered provider will have additional snacks available on the premises in the event that a child has forgotten their food.

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:

Infection Control:

There was warm running water throughout the service, that did not exceed 43°C. There were designated children's toilets available adjacent to the playroom. Designated staff toilets were also provided on the premises.

Administration of medication:

There was a policy on the safe administration of medications to children attending the service.

General Safety:

The outdoor area was fully enclosed to the rear of the premises.

Safe sleep:

The service has a safe sleep policy in place.

Requirements not met:

There was no area for the safe storage of medication.

Response from provider:

A medicine storage box was purchased and installed in the playroom, out of height of the children. The key will be stored out of reach of the children. Photographs were submitted to the early years inspector.

Summary Comment:

The requirement of the regulation is met.

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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 is available to the children attending the pre-school service at all times.

Requirement met:

- (1)
Documentary evidence was available to demonstrate that staff were currently trained in FAR first aid for children and will always be present on the premises.
- (2)(a)(b)
A suitable and fully equipped first aid box was available on the premises and stored in an easily accessible place 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 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)
The registered provider was familiar with the requirement to carry out monthly fire drills.
- (b)
Fire-fighting equipment and smoke alarms were present, and contracts are in place for the regular service and maintenance of same.
- (4)
A notice of procedures to be followed in the event of a fire was displayed in the playrooms and the fire assembly point was clearly identified.

Part VI – Safety

Regulation 28 – Insurance

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

Requirement met:

An insurance certificate to demonstrate that insurance was in place was available.

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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:	<p>The requirement has been met.</p> <p>(a) The premises and outdoor spaces appear to be of sound and stable structure.</p> <p>(c) The playroom was lit and ventilated by natural light through openable windows on external walls, supplemented by artificial lighting when needed. All sanitary accommodation had mechanical ventilation.</p> <p>The heating system consisted of radiators which could be thermostatically controlled so that the surface temperature of the radiators in each room does not exceed 50°C.</p> <p>(d) The premises were clean, well maintained and in good repair. A cleaning policy and schedule was available for the service.</p> <p>(e) The service had adequate sanitary accommodation for the number of children and staff who will be present in the service at any one-time. There are two toilets with wash hands basins and one nappy changing unit available to the children. Staff have access to a separate toilet.</p>
Requirement not met	<p>(b) The entrance to the service was not secured to ensure unauthorised people could not enter or a child could exit unsupervised.</p>
Response from provider	<p>1. A bolt has been installed to secure the inside lobby door. A doorbell was installed in the entrance lobby for parents.</p> <p>Photographs were submitted to the early years inspector.</p>
Summary comment	<p>The requirement of the regulation is met.</p>

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:

All rooms were remeasured during the inspection.

(1) There is adequate clear floor space available to accommodate the numbers to children who will attend the new premises.

(2) The playroom was spacious and bright with ample clear floor space for the number of children who will attend the service.