

# TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

## Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances

<b>Tusla I.D.:</b>	TU2015TY114
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<b>Name of Service</b>	Longfield Academy
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<b>Address of Service:</b>	Rock View, Deerpark Road, Cashel, Tipperary
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<b>Email Address:</b>	Info@longfieldacademy.ie
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<b>Name of Registered Provider:</b>	Donagh McMahon
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<b>Type of Proposed Service:</b>	<b>Full Day Care</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Part-Time</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Sessional</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<b>Drop-In</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Childminding</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Temporary</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>Proposed change:</b>	Increase numbers of children attending from 60 to 93.
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<b>Proposed Number of Children:</b>	93 children
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<b>Recommended Change Following Inspection:</b>	Change in number of children attending from 60 to 93 Change in number of staff from 12 to 17
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<b>Registered change:</b>	Change in number of children attending from 60 to 93 Change in number of staff from 12 to 17
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<b>Inspection undertaken by:</b>	C. Ryan
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<b>Title:</b>	EYI
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<b>Tusla Early Years Inspectorate Address:</b>	Early Years Inspector Tusla Child and Family Agency Ely Hospital, Ferrybank Wexford
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<b>Rationale for Inspection:</b>	Increase in numbers of children attending
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**Note: For Office use only, to be completed by Registration Office**

<b>Registration Status:</b>	Registered Full Day Care, Part-Time & Sessional service for 93 children
<b>Date of Registration</b>	26 <sup>th</sup> August 2024

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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).

<b>Description of Service</b>	<p>This full day care service is located in a residential area, in the town of Cashel, county Tipperary. The service is registered as a full day care service for children aged 1 to 6 years old, between the hours of 7.30am to 6.00pm. The service currently can accommodate up to 60 preschool children at any one time. The premises is a purpose built detached single storey building with an adjacent prefabricated building. The main building have three rooms, sanitary accommodation, a kitchen, office and storeroom. The registered provider proposes to increase the number of children attending from 60 to 93 with the instalment of prefabricated building with two playrooms.</p>
<b>Premises</b>	<p>The new prefabricated building is located adjacent to the childcare premises and to the rear of the premises and consists of two playrooms with sanitary accommodation. The outdoor play area is directly accessible off the new building to provide sufficient space for all the children attending.</p>
<b>Staffing</b>	<p>The service employs a manager and there is a deputy designated person in charge available as required. The registered provider does not work directly in the service.</p>
<b>Methodology</b>	<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.
<b>Acknowledgements</b>	The inspector wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the registered provider and manager 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 of the regulation is met.

The manager works daily in the service. There is a second named staff member employed who is available to deputise as 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:

The requirement of the regulation is met.

The registered provider is familiar with the Child Care Act 1991 (early years services) Regulations 2016, Schedule 6 Staff: Child ratios and will ensure that there are always adequate numbers of staff working directly with the children attending the service, including the requirement to have two staff on the premises at all times.

### 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

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*(b) where no such space is provided, the preschool children attending the service have access on a daily basis to an outdoor service*

<b>Requirement met:</b>	<p>The requirement of the regulation is met.</p> <p>(1)(a)</p> <p>The new playrooms were located to the rear of the existing childcare premises and in a new prefabricated unit. The building consisted of two playrooms and toilets. The rooms were warm, clean and lit by natural light. The rooms were set up and equipped with toys and materials suitable to the ages and stage of development of the proposed children using the rooms.</p> <p>(1)(b)</p> <p>Provisions are in place for children to rest and sleep while attending the service. The service has a small sleep room in the main building which has sleep mattresses and bed linen available to the children who require sleep. Within the room there is an area for children to sit and rest.</p> <p>(3)(a)(b)</p> <p>The outdoor play area consists of an enclosed grassy area to the rear of the building. Children have direct access to the area from the playrooms.</p>
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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.*

<b>Requirement met:</b>	<p>The requirement of the regulation is met.</p> <p>The service has a healthy eating policy that is supplied to parents. Parents currently supply all the snacks and food and for the children attending for the day. The parents are asked to supply food that is in line with the services healthy eating policy. All foods/lunchboxes will be stored in fridges in the playrooms. The staff reheat any hot food supplied for the children by parents. The service has a small kitchen to use for the storage and reheating of food as needed.</p>
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### 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.*

<b>Requirement met:</b>	<p>The requirement of the regulation is met.</p> <p><b>Administration of medication:</b></p> <p>There is a policy on the safe administration of medications to children attending the service. An area was identified for the storage of medication.</p> <p><b>General safety:</b></p> <p>The entrance door is secured to prevent children exiting unsupervised and unauthorised persons gaining access to the building.</p>
<b>Requirement not met:</b>	<p><b>General safety:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. An area of the garden that was not visible from the main outdoor play area to allow for adequate supervision of children was accessible/not restricted to the children. The area was currently used for storage of left over building materials.</li> <li>2. Finger pinch door guards were not in place.</li> </ol>
<b>Response from provider:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The garden is now secured with a gate.</li> <li>2. Finger guards are now in place.</li> </ol> <p>Photographs submitted to the Inspector.</p>
<b>Summary comment:</b>	The requirement of the regulation is met.

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#### 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 of the regulation is met.

(1)

The registered provider will ensure that there is a staff member trained in FAR on the premises at all times.

(2)(a)(b)

A suitable and equipped first aid box was available on the premises and stored in an easily accessible place for staff.

### 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:

The requirement of the regulation is met.

(1)(a)

Record sheets are available on the premises for recording of fire drills and the registered provider is familiar with the requirement to carry out monthly fire drills.

(b)

Fire-fighting equipment and smoke alarm were present, and contracts were in place for the regular service and maintenance of same.

(4)

A notice of procedures to be followed in the event of a fire is displayed in the preschool rooms and the fire assembly point was clearly identified.

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#### Regulation 28 – Insurance

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

#### Requirement met:

The registered provider provided an insurance certificate to demonstrate that insurance was in place for the increased number of children.

### 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 stated that the premises appear to be of sound and stable structure.

(b)

The entrance to the new building were safe and secured.

(c)

The playrooms were lit and ventilated by natural light through openable windows on external walls, supplemented by artificial lighting when needed. The toilets were ventilated by natural ventilation through an openable window. The playrooms are heated by temperature controlled electric radiators.

(d)

The new playrooms were clean, well maintained and in good repair. The rooms were freshly painted and decorated.

(e)

The new rooms had adequate sanitary accommodation for number of children and staff who will be present with toilets and separate staff toilet available. There was three toilets and wash handbasins available for the children. The staff toilet was separate from the children's.

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<b>Requirement not met:</b>	<p>(b) An open trench/gulley to one side of the building was not secured/restricted and posed as a fall and trip risk to children and staff.</p> <p>(e) There was no nappy changing unit available for children.</p>
<b>Response from provider:</b>	<p>(b) The trench is now secured.</p> <p>(e) A nappy changing unit is in place. Photographs submitted to inspector.</p>
<b>Summary comment</b>	The requirement of the regulation is met.

### 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.*

<b>Requirement met:</b>	<p>The requirement has been met.</p> <p>(1)(2) There is adequate space available to the children. The new building consisted of two playrooms which had sufficient space to accommodate the number of proposed children. Playroom one was measured at 24.5 sq. meters. Playroom two was measured at 40 sq. meters.</p>
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