

# TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

## Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances



**Tusla I.D:** TU2015TY116

**Name of Service:** Janes Montessori Preschool

**Address of Service:** Ballyneale NS  
Ballyneale,  
Carrick on Suir,  
Tipperary,  
E32 YV18.

**Email Address:** janesmontessoriballyneale@gmail.com

**Name of Registered Provider:** Jane Mcloughlin

<b>Type of Proposed Service:</b>	<b>Sessional</b>	X	<b>Part-Time</b>		<b>Drop-In</b>	
	<b>Full Day Care</b>		<b>Childminding</b>		<b>Temporary</b>	

**Proposed change:** Increase number of children attending

**Proposed Number of Children:** 22

**Registered change:** Change in number of children that can be accommodated from 19 to 22

<b>Date of Inspection:</b>	0	5	0	7	2	0	2	2
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**Inspection undertaken by:** C. Ryan

**Title:** EYI

**Tusla Early Years Inspectorate Address:** Early Years Inspector  
Tusla Child and Family Agency  
Ely Hospital, Ferrybank  
Wexford

**Rationale for Inspection:**  
Increase the numbers of children attending

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

<b>Registration Status:</b>	Registered Sessional Service for 22 Children
<b>Date of Registration</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> August 2022

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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>	Janes Montessori Preschool is an early years service located in Ballyneale national school. It was established in 2012 and offers a sessional service for children aged from 2 to 6 years. The early years service operates Monday to Friday, 09:30hrs to 12:30hrs for 38 weeks a year. The registered provider proposes to increase the number of children attending from 19 to 22.
<b>Premises</b>	The early years service is based in one room of the primary school building. The children have access to a designated outdoor space to the side of the premises, which can be covered as required by a retractable awning. Additionally, there is shared use of the primary school grass and concrete areas available for outdoor play.
<b>Staffing</b>	The registered provider is the designated person in charge and works directly with the children attending. There are two additional staff working in the service. The staff all held qualifications in Early Childhood Care and Education at level 6 and above on the National Qualifications Framework.
<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 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>
<b>Acknowledgements</b>	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 requirement of the regulation is met:**

(1)(a)  
 The registered provider is the designated person in charge and a second named staff member is available when 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.  
 (8) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) to (7)—  
 (b) a childminder shall ensure that a second person familiar with the operation of the service and in a position to provide assistance to the childminder in operating the service is, at all times, within close distance of the service and available to attend the service to assist the childminder in the event of an emergency, and  
 (c) a registered provider of a sessional pre-school shall ensure that, where the person in charge operates the service single-handedly, a second person familiar with the operation of the service and in a position to provide assistance to the person in charge in operating the service is, at all times, within close distance of the service and available to attend the service to assist the person in charge in the event of an emergency.

**Requirement met:**

**The requirement had been 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.

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.*

*(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*

*(4) Where outdoor space to which the pre-school children attending the service have access is provided on the premises of a sessional pre-school service other than such a service to which paragraph (2) applies, a temporary pre-school service or a pre-school service in a drop-in centre, the registered provider shall ensure that such outdoor space is suitable, safe and secure.*

*(5) Where pre-school children attending a sessional pre-school service other than such a service to which paragraph (2) applies, a temporary pre-school service or a pre-school service in a drop-in centre have access to an outdoor space other than such a space specified in paragraph 4, the registered provider shall ensure that such outdoor space is suitable.*

Requirement met:	The requirement of the regulation is met:
	<p>(1)(a) The indoor and outdoor play areas are suitable to the children using them on a daily basis.</p> <p>(b) The service has a rest area within the playroom which includes small sofas in one of the corners of the room where children can freely rest and sit during the morning.</p> <p>(2)(b) The outdoor play area is suitable, safe, and secure for the children to access daily.</p> <p>(3)(a) Children have access to a courtyard area directly beside the playroom. Children also have access to the outside spaces of the school including a large yard and grass areas. The children had access to a plentiful supply of outdoor toys and equipment.</p> <p>(b) Not applicable.</p> <p>(4) The outdoor play areas are suitable, safe, and secure.</p> <p>(5) Not applicable.</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.*

#### Requirement Met:

#### The requirement of the regulation is met:

##### General Safety:

The entrance door to the service was safe and secure, it could only be opened from the inside which prevented unauthorised persons gaining access to the building. Facilities for storing cleaning products were safe and out of reach of children.

##### Infection control:

Warm water, liquid soap, and disposable hand towels were available for hygienic handwashing. A fridge was available for the storage of perishable foods. Cleaning schedules were maintained and displayed in the room.

### 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:

#### The requirement has been met:

(1)

Documentary evidence was available to demonstrate that staff were currently trained in first aid for children and will be present on the premises at all times.

(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.

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#### 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)

Records were available on the premises for recording of fire drills and 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 is 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 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.

**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.*

<b>Requirement met:</b>	<p><b>The requirement has been met:</b></p> <p>(a) The early years service is located in a room in the national school that appears to be a sound and stable structure.</p> <p>(b) The service is safe and secure.</p> <p>(c) The playrooms were warm and bright. Large windows provided natural light and fresh air. Light fixtures were covered with shattered proof covers.</p> <p>(d) The playrooms were well maintained and cleaning schedules were available to view.</p> <p>(e) There were adequate and suitable sanitary accommodation for the children and staff attending the service. Two toilets and wash hand basins were located within the playroom for the children and staff had access to the staff facilities in the school.</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.*
- (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.*
- (4) Where a registered provider contemporaneously provides—*
  - (a) a sessional pre-school service, and*
  - (b) a full day care service or a part-time day care service, or both, the minimum clear floor space applicable for the duration of the sessional preschool service in respect of the children attending that service shall be the floor space specified in paragraph (3).*
- (5) A registered provider of a temporary pre-school service shall ensure that a minimum of 2 square metres of clear floor space is available for each child attending the service.*

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<b>Requirement met:</b>	<b>The requirement has been met:</b>  (1) There is adequate clear floor space available for the proposed increase of children within the playroom. The room was measured at 40 sq. meters.  (2) There is adequate clear floor space available for the children within the newly extended playroom.  (3) There is a minimum of 1.818 square meters of clear floor space available for the children attending the service.  (4)(a)(b) There is adequate clear floor space available for the children within the playroom.  (5) Not applicable.
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