

Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Report

Pre School

TUSLA Identifier:	TU2015WH039
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Name of Service:	Greenpark Montessori
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Address of Service:	128A, Green Park Meadows, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath
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Name of Registered Provider:	Mary Stenson
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Service type:	Sessional
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Date of Inspection:	22/04/2026
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No of pre-school children:	AM	20	PM	N/A
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Address of the Early Years Inspectorate:	Early Years Inspectorate, SAP Office, St Loman's Campus, Springfield, Mullingar, Co Westmeath, N91 N4XC.
Inspection undertaken by:	T. Duignan
Title:	Early Years Inspector.

Authority to Inspect

The Tusla Early Years Inspectorate carries out inspections of Early Years Services under Section 58(J) of the Child Care Act 1991 (as inserted by Section 92 of the Child and Family Agency Act 2013).

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Description of service

Greenpark Montessori is a privately owned sessional service operating in a housing estate in Mullingar since 2005. The service is registered to cater for preschool children aged 2 years 8 months to 6 years and has a morning and afternoon sessional service operating Monday to Friday.

Two care rooms are available to accommodate the children. The 'Sunflowers room' is located in the registered providers home and the 'Daisy room' is located in a standalone building in the outdoor area at the rear of the premises.

Staffing

The registered provider and two adults were working directly with the children on the day of the inspection. Four adults including the registered provider are employed in the service.

Methodology

Tusla's Early Years Inspectorate is the independent statutory regulator of early years services in Ireland. The Child Care Act 1991 (Early Years Services) Regulations 2016 define the duty of a registered provider to ensure the safety and well-being of children and to comply with these regulations. This Act also gives Tusla the authority to assess compliance with the regulations. The purpose of regulation in relation to early years services is to ensure that the care, safety, and well-being of children attending such services is upheld. Inspections of early years services are planned based on the following:

- Previous inspection history
- Any information received in relation to the service

The findings on inspection are based on:

- Information obtained through examination of documentation
- Direct observation
- Discussion with relevant staff

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The inspection focused on an examination of compliance under.

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- Regulation 9 (2)(a)(b)(c)(d), (4) - Management and recruitment.
- Regulation 11(1), (3), (8)(a) – Staffing Levels.
- Regulation 23 – Safeguarding health, safety, and welfare of child.
- Regulation 24 - Checking in and out and record of attendance.
- Regulation 25 (1), (2)(a)(b) – First aid.
- Regulation 26 – Fire Safety.
- Regulation 27 – Supervision.
- Regulation 28 – Insurance.

These findings are outlined within the relevant regulations within this report.

Inspection findings are documented in the inspection report which is first issued in draft format to the service with an opportunity to respond to any findings. Where statutory requirements are identified as not being met, the registered provider must demonstrate how they have rectified the non-compliance and will prevent any non-compliance from re occurring. The Corrective Action and Preventive Action plan (CAPA) will be used to inform decisions about compliance with regulatory requirements. Where the registered provider fails to meet the statutory requirements an escalation process may be commenced.

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.

Acknowledgments

The inspector wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the registered provider, staff and children who were present on the day of the inspection.

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Statutory Notices

Notice	Date Served	Detail
Immediate Action Notice IAN 1701	22/04/2026	International police vetting not available for one adult employed and working directly with the children.
Status	Action was taken by the registered provider immediately following service of the Notice and the registered provider submitted a written response which stated that the international police vetting was applied for. A preventive action was not received, and this will be reviewed on the next inspection.	

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Part III – Management and Staff

Regulation 9 – Management and recruitment

(2) A registered provider shall ensure that each employee, unpaid worker and contractor is suitable and competent taking into consideration the nature of the needs of children, including by-

(a) consideration of references from the person's past employers, if any, and in particular the most recent employer, if any,

(b) consideration of references from reputable sources in the case of a person who has no past employers,

(c) consideration of the vetting disclosure received from the National Vetting Bureau of the Garda Síochána in accordance with the Act of 2012 in respect of the person, and

(d) ensuring, insofar as is practicable, that where a person has lived in a state other than the State for a period of longer than 6 consecutive months, he or she provides police vetting from the police authorities in that state.

(4) A registered provider shall ensure that, without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (2) and subject to paragraphs (5) and (6), each employee working directly with children attending the service holds at least a major award in Early childhood Care and Education at Level 5 on the National Qualifications Framework or a qualification deemed by the Minister to be equivalent.

Compliance Information

The records for four adults were reviewed.

(2)

(a) Two written validated references were available from past employers or sources other than a previous employer in respect of the four adults whose records were reviewed.

(c) Garda Vetting disclosures were available for all adults.

The service demonstrated compliance with the Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Notice requiring services to renew Garda vetting every three years.

(4) Four staff members employed and working directly with children attending the service held a major award in Early Childhood Care and Education on the National Framework of Qualifications.

Non-Compliance Information

(d) See Statutory Notice section in relation to Immediate Action Notice IAN 1701 served.

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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.

(3) Subject to paragraph (5), a registered provider of a sessional pre-school service shall ensure that at all times the minimum ratio of adults to children specified in column (3) of Part 2 of Schedule 6 opposite a particular reference number specified in column (1) of that Part in respect of the age range of the children specified in column (2) therefore at that reference number is satisfied.

Compliance Information

(1) There were twenty children attending the service being supervised directly by three adults.

(3) The minimum ratio of adults to children was adhered to during the day.

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.

Compliance Information

General Safety:

The entrance to the service was secured and managed by the staff to ensure the safety of the children within. The outdoor area in the service was secured. A daily indoor room and outdoor risk assessment was completed and maintained to ensure a safe play and work environment for the children and staff. The service met the necessary safety requirements in respect of the indoor environment, toys and equipment and safe storage of cleaning agents. The staff members were aware of the potential choking risks that grapes posed when asked by the inspector. They advised they were observant of any food provided that had the potential risk of choking and immediately removed or cut the food into smaller pieces. They also advised the inspector they would remove any beaded necklace if they observed that a child was wearing one.

Infection Control:

The staff members supervised the children's handwashing and handwashing routines were well established. Thermostatically controlled hot running water, liquid hand soap and paper towels were readily available for hygienic hand washing and drying.

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Children's lunches were refrigerated on arrival at the service.

The room environments were observed to be visually clean. Toys and equipment were easily cleanable, and cleaning schedules were available.

Administration of Medication:

Medicine was not given at the time of the inspection. The staff members were familiar with the required practices when administering medication in the service.

Safe Sleep:

Rest areas were available in the two care rooms for any child who wished to take a break from activities and rest.

Fire Safety:

The staff members were familiar with the fire evacuation procedures from the service. Fire exits were not obstructed. The fire assembly sign was noted at the front of the service.

Outings:

The registered provider confirmed that outings were conducted and an outings policy was in place to guide practice.

Part VI - Safety

Regulation 24 - Checking in and out and record of attendance

(1) A registered provider shall ensure that each pre-school child attending the service is checked in and out of the service by an employee or an unpaid worker.

(2) Where there are more than 15 children attending a pre-school service in a drop-in centre, the registered provider shall ensure that one employee or unpaid worker is assigned responsibility for the checking in and out of children.

(3) A registered provider shall ensure that-

(a) no person other than-

(i) pre-school child attending the service,

(ii) a person dropping or collecting such a child,

(iii) an employee, or

(iv) an unpaid worker, can enter the premises without his or her entry being approved by an employee, and

(b) a daily record in writing is kept of the entry on the premises of any such person.

(4) A registered provider shall ensure that a record in writing referred to in paragraph (3)(b) is retained for a period of one year from the date to which it relates.

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Compliance Information

- (1) The registered provider ensured that each child was checked in and out of the service. This was confirmed by the written attendance records maintained in the two care rooms.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) (a), (b) The registered provider ensured that any person entering the service was approved and a record in writing was maintained. The inspector's visit to the service was documented in the visitor's book.
- (4) The registered provider confirmed that the records were retained in storage for the required period.

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.*

Compliance Information

- (1) Two staff members present were trained in in first aid response (FAR) and were immediately available to the children attending the service.
- (2)
 - (a) The first aid equipment was safely stored, in a conspicuous position in the service.
 - (b) A suitably equipped first aid box for children was available at all times to the adults caring for the children in the two care rooms attending the service.

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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.

Compliance Information

- (1)
- (a) A written record was available of fire drills completed in the service. The last recorded fire drill took place on 25 March 2026.
- (b) A record was kept of the number, type and maintenance of the firefighting equipment and smoke alarms in the premises. The firefighting equipment and the smoke alarm were serviced on 29 August 2025.
- (4) Notice of the procedures to be followed in the event of a fire were conspicuously displayed in the service.

Part VI - Safety

Regulation 27 – Supervision

A registered provider shall ensure that pre-school children attending the service are supervised at all times.

Compliance Information

Children were observed being supervised by the staff caring for them in their care rooms, in the sanitary areas and in the outdoor area.

Part VI - Safety

Regulation 28 - Insurance

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

Compliance Information

There was evidence of current insurance cover for twenty two children attending the service. The expiry date was noted to be 27 March 2026.