

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances

Tusla I.D.:	TU2015WX097
Name of Service	Peek-A-Boo Playschool
Address of Service:	Monageer, Ferns, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford. Y21 D728
Email Address:	butlers4an@gmail.com
Name of Registered Provider:	Anne Butler

Type of Proposed Service:	Full Day Care	<input type="checkbox"/>	Part-Time	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sessional	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Drop-In	<input type="checkbox"/>	Childminding	<input type="checkbox"/>	Temporary	<input type="checkbox"/>

Proposed change:	To increase the number of children attending the sessional service from 22 to 33. Change in hours of operation from 9am to 12pm and 12pm to 3pm to 9am to 12pm.
Proposed Number of Children:	33
Recommended Change Following Inspection:	A sessional service for 33 children
Registered change:	Change in number of children from 22 to 33 children Change in hours of operation from 09:00 – 12:00 & 12:00 – 15:00 to 09:00 – 12:00

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Inspection undertaken by:	Lorraine O' Connor
Title:	Early Years Inspector

Tusla Early Years Inspectorate Address:	Primary Care Centre, Castle Park, Arklow, Co. Wicklow Y14 AE10
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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 Sessional Service for 33 Children
Date of Registration	21 st 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	<p>Peek-a-boo playschool is a sessional service located in Monageer, a village on the outskirts of Enniscorthy town. The service registered to accommodate 22 children age 2 to 6 years old on a sessional service basis. The service is registered to operate from 9am to 12pm and 12pm to 3pm through the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) scheme for 38 weeks annually. The registered provider proposes to increase the number of children attending the service from 22 to 33 and operate a morning session from 9am to 12pm only.</p>
Premises	<p>The service is located on the ground floor and is attached to a residential dwelling. There are two care rooms available, room one and room two. Room one is in operation and caters for 22 children aged 2 to 6 years old. It is proposed that room two will cater for the additional 11 children. The outdoor area is located to the rear of the premises and can be accessed through room one.</p>
Staffing	<p>There are three staff members currently employed within the service, including the registered provider who works directly with the children.</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) (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.
Acknowledgements	The inspector wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the registered provider, person in charge, staff and children who were 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:

(1)(a) The requirement has been met.

The registered provider is the designated person in charge on a daily basis and a named person 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 has been met.

(1) The registered provider is aware of the minimum ratio of adults to children specified in Part 2 of Schedule 6 and would ensure that an adequate number of adults would at all times work directly with the children in 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.

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<p>Requirement met:</p>	<p>The requirement has been met.</p> <p>(1)(a) The care room was resourced with a broad range of play materials and equipment to facilitate children to initiate and sustain meaningful play activities. Interest areas were clearly defined and included open-ended play including a dress up area, sand tray, construction areas and arts and crafts area. The play materials were stored at an accessible level to the pre-school children. The shelving units had tractors, cars, building blocks and jigsaws available for the children. Additional materials were available in the storage room which included dolls buggies, doll houses, larger tractors and transport play equipment, jigsaws, beading and threading materials.</p> <p>The service has an outdoor play area to the rear of the service which was fully enclosed by fencing and a concrete wall. The outdoor play area was observed to be suitable and secure, and no safety hazards were noted on the day of inspection. The outdoor area will provide children with open ended play opportunities. The children have access to an enclosed area with benches and a separate enclosed sand play area. Opportunities for movement were provided by tractor tyres to climb and varying heights of tree stumps for children to balance on. The space provided opportunities for children’s curiosity to be challenged through open ended and natural materials including a mud kitchen with real life crockery and pots, rock collection boxes with varying sizes and types of stones and a music wall with real life items including pots.</p> <p>(b) Rest areas were available in the care rooms with mats and child sized couches cushions provided to enable a child to rest and take a break from activities throughout the day if required.</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.

Requirement met:

The requirement has been met.

Children will bring their snack from home. The registered provider outlined that additional food was available within the service which included crackers, cold meat, cheese and fruit.

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 has been met.

There are no hazards observed by the inspector that would impact the health, safety or welfare of the children attending the service. Appropriate measures have been undertaken in the service to ensure the safety of the children.

- The external doors were appropriately secured to prevent children from exiting the service unsupervised and to restrict unauthorised persons from gaining access to the service.
- Thermostatically controlled running water was available at the wash hand basins in the service.
- The furniture and equipment were in good working order and suitable for the proposed age group.
- The fire exits are clearly marked and were unobstructed.
- The outdoor area was secure to prevent a pre-school child from exiting the area and prevent unauthorised access to the service.
- A fridge was available in the kitchen for the storage of perishable foods.

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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:

- (1) There is one staff member in the service who holds in-date first aid response (FAR) training.
- (2)(a)(b) The first aid box was suitably equipped and stored in readily accessible and conspicuous positions in the care room, available at all times for the children if necessary.

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) A template is available which would be used to record fire drills that would take place monthly at the service.
- (b) A record is maintained of the number, type and maintenance of the firefighting equipment and smoke detection system in the service. The firefighting equipment is certified as having been serviced on 10/01/2025 and the smoke alarm was serviced on the 23/07/2025.
- (4) Notices of the procedures to be followed in the event of a fire are displayed in the care rooms in 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.

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 provider 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.*

Requirement met:

The requirement has been met.

(a) No concerns about structural soundness were identified to the inspector.

(b) The premises were safe and secure. The entrance doors to the service were secured adequately to prevent children from exiting unsupervised and to prevent unauthorised access to the service.

(c) The care room has windows which provide the rooms with natural light. The natural light can be augmented with artificial ceiling lighting as required. Shatter proof coverings were provided on the ceiling lighting.

(d) The premises is in a clean condition and in a good state of repair.

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	<p>(e) Adequate and suitable sanitary accommodation including nappy changing facilities were available in the service. Two toilets and three wash hand basins were located between room one and two. In addition, one toilet and one wash hand basin was located in room one. Nappy changing facilities are available. A separate staff toilet is provided.</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.

(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.

Requirement met:	<p>(1) The requirement has been met. There is adequate clear floor space available for the children.</p> <p>(2) The clear floor space of room two was 51.06m² which provides sufficient space for the proposed increase of 11 children between the age of 2 to 6 years to be cared for in this room on a sessional care basis.</p>
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