

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances



Tusla I.D: TU2018MN500

Name of Service Carrickroe Community Childcare

Address of Service: Deravoy, Carrickroe, Emyvale, Co. Monaghan.

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Name of Registered Provider: Ms. Rosemary Coyle

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

Proposed change: Change in Number of Children that can be Accommodated from 43 to 48 children using two preschool rooms in the main community centre.

Proposed Number of Children: 48

Recommended Change Following Inspection: Increase number of children from 43 to 48.

Registered change: Change in number of children that can be accommodated from 43 to 48.

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Inspection undertaken by: S. Skinnader

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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 Full Day Care Service for 48 Children
Date of Registration	24 th June 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).

Description of Service	Carrickroe Community Childcare is a community run full day care service providing sessional, part-time and full day care childcare. It caters for a maximum of 43 pre-school children aged between 0 - 6 years of age. The service participates in the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) scheme each weekday from 09:30 to 12:30.
Premises	This service operates from 3 buildings, a purpose - built building, a prefabricated building and 2 rooms in the local community centre in the rural area of Carrickroe outside Emyvale Co. Monaghan. There is an enclosed outdoor area adjacent to the purpose-built building an enclosed grass pitch to the rear of the centre and new community playground on the grounds to which the children will continue to have access to.
Staffing	Four staff members will work in the Preschool Room.
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 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 person in charge, staff and children who were present on the day of the inspection.

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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 has been met. The service has designated person in charge and a named deputy.

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.

The registered provider states that 4 staff members will be working directly with the 26 pre-school children that will attend the Preschool Rooms in the main community centre.

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

Requirement met:

The requirements of this regulation have been met.

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(1)(a) Adequate and suitable facilities have been provided for children to play indoors and outdoors during the day. A range of toys, equipment and designated interest areas are distributed between the 2 care rooms (rooms 1 and 2) in the community centre.

(b) Adequate and suitable facilities will be provided for the children to rest on if required. There is a cosy corner with a large soft mat and cushions and small plastic covered corner sofa. Stackable day beds are also available should a child require to lie down. It is proposed that Room 2 will be used as a sleep area and the children who are not sleeping will have access to Room 1 or the outdoor area.

(3)(a) An outdoor area which is safe, secure and suitable has been provided which is fenced and gated. The children also have access to the secured grass pitch area at the rear of the building and an on-site community owned playground.

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.

The children bring in lunches for their morning snack and these are stored in the fridge in the service. Those attending on a full day care basis will have a hot meal provided by an outside caterer and the afternoon snack will also be provided by the service. The children have access to potable drinking water, milk and their own drinks. The person in charge also stated food is available for any child that may forget their snack.

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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 has been met.

There are no identified safety issues. All storage areas and rooms off the main hall have been made inaccessible to the pre-school children. All doors have keypad locking systems on them including the internal main hall doors. There is a locked outdoor cupboard for the storage of cleaning equipment in the kitchen area and all cleaning agents and medications are stored up high out of reach of the children.

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:

The requirement has been met.

(1) The registered provider has ensured there is an adult with up to date First Aid Responder (FAR) training on the premises. Four valid FAR certificates are available for inspection.

(2)(a) A suitably stocked first aid box is provided in the service.

(b) The first aid box is available to the pre-school children at all times.

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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 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) There is a log in place to record any fire drills that will take place.

(b) There is a written record of the number type and maintenance record of firefighting equipment and smoke alarms in the premises dated the 23/5/23.

(4) There is a notice displayed of the procedures to be followed in the event of a fire.

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.

Insurance is in place for the preschool children which covers a maximum of 105 children and expires on the 27/03/25.

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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:

The requirement has been met.

(a) The service is operating from a premises which appears to be structurally sound.
 (b) The service is safe and secure with a locked entrance with keypad locks on the front door of the community hall, side entrance door and also on the pre-school and internal hall doors. The outdoor areas are fenced and secured.

(c) Lighting is provided by means of natural light and supplemented with covered fluorescent lights – 7 in Room 1 and 5 in Room 2. There are 3 openable windows in Room 1 and 2 openable windows in Room 2. Additionally, there is another window in the sanitary accommodation off Room 2 and covered ceiling lights in both sanitary areas. The additional sanitary accommodation off the main hall has 3 covered fluorescent lights and 2 openable windows.

The room temperatures in the 2 care rooms are adequate and comfortable. Heating is by means of oil - fired central heating and all radiators in the playrooms have thermostats applied to ensure the radiator surface temperatures do not exceed 50°C.

Ventilation: The care rooms and sanitary accommodations are ventilated by means of either openable windows or mechanical ventilation.

(d) The premises, toys and equipment are in a clean condition and in good repair. Cleaning schedules are available.

(e) Adequate and suitable sanitary accommodation is provided i.e. 1 toilet and hand basin off Room 1 and 1 toilet and hand basin off Room 2. A nappy changing mat is

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available should a child require their nappy to be changed. Two additional toilets and 2 wash hand basins are available for use off the main hall. There are also 2 toilets for the staff use. The sanitary areas have a continuous supply of thermostatically controlled running water, a supply of liquid soap and paper towels in a wall mounted dispensers and mechanical hand dryer.

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.

Requirement met:

The requirement has been met.

There is a combined space of 60m² between pre-school rooms 1 and 2 in the community centre which is adequate to accommodate 5 extra pre-school children on a full day care basis.