

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances

Tusla I.D.: TU2020CN003

Name of Service Angels Nest Creche

Address of Service: Ashford Downs, Grandard Street, Ballyjamesduff, Co. Cavan

Email Address: angelsnest2bjd@gmail.com

Name of Registered Provider: Ms. Cynthia McAuley

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

Proposed change:	To convert the school age room to the rear of the building and adjacent to the kitchen to a room for preschool children.
Proposed Number of Children:	No increase in number of children attending.
Recommended Change Following Inspection:	Approval to change the use of the school aged room for use as a pre-school room.
Registered change:	Approved use of an additional room in the service. No change to current registration details

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Inspection undertaken by: Ms. 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 65 pre-school children
Date of Registration	26 th August 2024

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	Angels Nest is a privately run full day care service providing sessional, part-time and full day care childcare which has been in operation since 2020, which caters for a maximum of 65 pre-school children aged between 2 - 6 years of age. The service operates from 8am - 6pm and participates in the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) scheme each weekday Monday - Friday.
Premises	This service operates from a purpose-built single-story building in a residential estate in the town of Ballyjamesduff Co. Cavan. There are currently 3 preschool rooms, 1 school age room, a kitchen and sanitary accommodation. There is an enclosed outdoor area to the rear of the premises. There is parking available outside the premises for drop offs and pickups.
Staffing	One staff member will work in the new preschool room.
Methodology	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)

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	<p>(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 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:

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

(1) The requirement has been met. The registered provider states that 1 staff member will be working directly with the 8 pre-school children that will attend the preschool room.

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,*

(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.*

Requirement met:

The requirements of this regulation have been met.

(1)(a) Adequate and suitable facilities have been provided for children to play indoors during the day. A range of toys and equipment are available in the care room. An outdoor area which is safe, secure and suitable has been provided which is fenced, walled and gated.

(b) Adequate and suitable facilities are 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 chair. Stackable day beds are also available should a child require to lie down. It is proposed that this room will be used as an additional sleep area if required and the children who are not sleeping will have access to one of the other preschool rooms or the outdoor area.

(2)(b) Not applicable as this service has not moved premises.

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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.

The children will bring in lunches for their morning snack and these will be stored in the new fridge in the room. Those attending on a full day care basis will have breakfast, a lunchtime “tea” and then a hot meal provided at 3pm. These are prepared 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.

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 partially met.

All storage areas and the kitchen have been made inaccessible to the pre-school children. The external doors are appropriately secured. All cleaning agents will be stored on a high shelf out of the reach of children and medications are stored in the kitchen.

Requirement not met:

1. There were unprotected sharp corners on the brown wooden shelving units in the preschool room and on the purple shelving unit in the outdoor area. These are a potential injury hazard.
2. The sink surround with cupboard was free standing and unsecured and a potential impact hazard.

Response from Provider:

1. Corner protectors have been placed on all sharp corners.
2. The sink surround with cupboard has been removed.

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Summary Comment:	The Inspectorate have reviewed the registered provider's response and photographic evidence. The requirements of the regulation have been met.
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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:	<p>The requirement has been met.</p> <p>(1) The registered provider has ensured there is an adult with up to date First Aid Responder (FAR) training on the premises. Two valid FAR certificates are available for inspection.</p> <p>(2)(a) An adequately stocked first aid box is provided in the service.</p> <p>(b) The first aid box is available to the pre-school children at all times.</p>
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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 August 2024.

(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 65 children and expires on the 27/3/25.

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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 partially 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. The outdoor areas are fenced and secured.
- (c) Lighting is provided by means of natural light and supplemented with 2 covered fluorescent lights in the care room and 1 in the storage area. There are 2 windows and 1 door with glass panels. There is fluorescent lighting in the sanitary area.
The room temperature in the care room is adequate and comfortable. Heating is by means of 2 electric radiators, under floor heating is not operational in this room. The radiators have wooden protective covers in place.
Ventilation: The care room and sanitary accommodation 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 in sanitary accommodation down the hallway from the care room. The sanitary area has a continuous supply of thermostatically controlled running water, a supply of liquid soap and a wall mounted mechanical hand dryer.

Requirement not met:

- (d)
 1. There was no back splash at the sink in the care room.
 2. The sink surround with cupboard had an unfinished surface and exposed wood pulp to 1 side.

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Response from Provider:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Back splash has been added behind the sink. 2. The sink surround has been removed.
Summary Comment:	<p>The Inspectorate have reviewed the registered provider's response and photographic evidence submitted and the requirement of the regulation has been met.</p>

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.*

Requirement met:	<p>(1) and (2) The requirement has been met.</p> <p>There is a floor space of 23m² which is adequate to accommodate 8 pre-school children aged 3-5 years on a full day care basis.</p>
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