

# TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

## Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances

<b>Tusla I.D.:</b>	TU2020LK004
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<b>Name of Service</b>	Temple Óg's Preschool
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<b>Address of Service:</b>	Templeglantine Primary School, Templeglantine East, Templeglantine, Co. Limerick
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<b>Email Address:</b>	amandamooi@hotmail.com
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<b>Name of Registered Provider:</b>	Amanda Mooi
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<b>Type of Proposed Service:</b>	<b>Full Day Care</b>		<b>Part-Time</b>	√	<b>Sessional</b>	√
	<b>Drop-In</b>		<b>Childminding</b>		<b>Temporary</b>	

<b>Proposed change:</b>	Change in service type from Sessional service to Part time & Sessional Change in opening hours to 9.00 to 14.00
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<b>Proposed Number of Children:</b>	Sessional 22 Part time 16
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<b>Recommended Change Following Inspection:</b>	Change in service type from Sessional to Part time & Sessional Change in opening hours to 9.00 to 14.00
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<b>Registered change:</b>	Change in service type from Sessional to Part time & Sessional Change in opening hours from 09:15 – 12:15 to 9.00 to 14:00 Number of children from 22 to 22(Max 16 part-time) children
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<b>Date of Inspection:</b>	0	1	0	9	2	0	2	5
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<b>Inspection undertaken by:</b>	M Riordan
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<b>Title:</b>	EYI
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<b>Rationale for Inspection:</b>
<b>Proposed Change of Circumstance</b>

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

Registration Status:	Registered Part-Time & Sessional Service for 22(Max 16 Part-Time) Children
Date of Registration	3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2025

### 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>	Temple Óg is a sessional pre-school service located in a standalone premises next door to Templeglantine Primary School in west Co. Limerick. The service operates each morning between the hours of 9.15am to 12.15pm, Monday to Friday. The service can cater for a maximum of 22 sessional preschool children at any one time. The service proposes to offer a part time service from 9.00am to 2.00pm.
<b>Premises</b>	The service operates from 1 large well-resourced pre-school room. Sanitary accommodation and nappy changing facilities are located next to the preschool room. An outdoor play area is available to the front and the side of the building. Children have exclusive use of this area each morning.
<b>Staffing</b>	The registered provider is the owner and the manager of the service. There are 2 additional staff working at the service. Each staff member holds an appropriate qualification in Early Childhood Care and Education. There is a staff member available at all times who is able to administer first aid if required.
<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 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</p>

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	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.
<b>Acknowledgements</b>	The Inspector wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the registered provider, 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:

The following requirements have been met.

(1)(a) The registered provider is the designated person in charge of the service and a named person to deputise is available if needed.

### 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 following requirement has been met.

(1) The registered provider has employed 2 additional staff members who will be on the premises each morning for the sessional service. A second staff member will be rostered to work each afternoon for the duration of the part time service.

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	<p>(8)(b) Not applicable as the proposed service is not a childminding service.</p> <p>(c) Not applicable as this is not a sessional service that operates single handedly.</p>
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### 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 following requirement has been met.

- (1)(a) Adequate and suitable facilities are provided for children to play indoors and outdoors. The preschool room is bright and spacious and well laid out with various equipment and play materials on open, low level shelving units.
- (b) There are adequate facilities for children to rest during the day if required. A large soft couch is available in the relaxation area of the room. A soft floor mat is also

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available if needed. Lots of blankets, pillows and soft cushions are available to create a rest area if required by children.

(3)(a) The service has its own outdoor play area to the front and side of the premises. The area is fully enclosed and is equipped with outdoor play materials. A sheltered area outside is also accessible.

(3)(b) Not applicable.

(4) Not applicable.

(5) Not applicable.

### 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 following requirement has been met.

A healthy eating policy is in place. A kitchen area is available in the service with facilities to safely store perishable foods sent in by parents for meal and snack times. The parents will provide a mid-morning snack for all children attending the sessional service. The service will provide a second lunch to all children who remain at the service until 2pm.

### 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 following requirements have been met.

All doors were adequately secure to ensure the safety of the children within and to avoid unauthorised persons accessing the service or children exiting unsupervised.

The entrance door to the preschool room was locked with the key accessible to adults only. All fire exit doors were unobstructed.

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Outdoors a locked gate prevented unauthorised access to or exit from the outdoor play area.

An infection control policy was in place to inform practice. The policy and the associated procedures detailed all measures to reduce the likelihood of infection spreading in the facility.

Cleaning programmes were in place to ensure a good standard of operational hygiene was in place.

### 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 following requirement has been met.

(1) Certification was available to evidence that a person with first aid responder training was available at all times in the service.

(2) A suitably equipped first aid box was available in the service and stored in a conspicuous location which was easily accessible on the premises.

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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 following requirement has been met.

(1)(a) Fire drills take place once a month. Written documentation was available to support this practice.

(b) There was a record available to indicate the number, type and the maintenance record of the fire extinguishers in the service. The extinguishers were serviced last in March 2025.

### Part VI – Safety

#### Regulation 28 – Insurance

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

#### Requirement met:

The following requirement was met.

Evidence that the service is adequately insured for the change in type of service proposed has been submitted to the registration office.

### 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 following requirements has been met.

(a) The premises appeared to be of sound and stable structure.



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	<p>(b) There was one entrance door to the preschool room which was appropriately safe and secure with a lock in situ. The outdoor area was secure to prevent a child exiting the area unsupervised. A keypad lock was fitted to the gate leading onto the road. A new car park has been provided at the rear of the school facilitating parents dropping children in a safe location away from the main road in front of the school.</p> <p>(c) The service was adequately lit with lots of natural light available in all areas. Adequate ventilation was in place through openable windows in all areas of the building.</p> <p>(d) Cleaning schedules were in place in the service.</p> <p>(e) There was a sufficient number of toilets and wash hand basins in the service for the proposed number of children and adults attending the service. Nappy changing facilities are available if required.</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.*

<b>Requirement met:</b>	<p>The following requirement was met.</p> <p>(1) An area of 48.3 square metres in the preschool room is available. This is sufficient to accommodate the proposed 22 sessional preschool children</p>
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each morning and the proposed 16 part time preschool children each afternoon.

(2) The preschool room has adequate clear floor space for a service that provides part-time and sessional care for children aged 2 years to 6 years.

(3) Not applicable.

(4) There was adequate floor space to accommodate children to attend both a sessional and a part time basis at any one time.

(5) Not applicable.