

# TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

## Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances

**Tusla I.D.:** TU2021CE003

**Name of Service** Play and Learn Preschool

**Address of Service:** Broadford Community Hall, Coolagh, Broadford, Co Clare

**Email Address:** playandlearnbroadford@gmail.com

**Name of Registered Provider:** Michelle McNamara

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

<b>Proposed change:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Relocate to 2 newly refurbished preschool rooms</li> <li>○ Age profile change from 3 to 6 years to 2 to 6 years</li> </ul>
<b>Proposed Number of Children:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ No change in number of children in attendance</li> </ul>
<b>Recommended Change Following Inspection:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ To add the 2 newly refurbished rooms to the service</li> <li>○ Age profile from 2 to 6 years</li> </ul>
<b>Registered change:</b>	<p>The following changes have been approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Two newly refurbished rooms added to the service</li> <li>➤ Change of age profile to 2 to 6 years</li> </ul>

**Date of Inspection:** 0 2 0 9 2 0 2 4

**Inspection undertaken by:** E Browne

**Title:** Early Years Inspector

**Tusla Early Years Inspectorate Address:** Tusla, Early Years Inspectorate, Estuary House, Henry St Limerick

**Rationale for Inspection:**  
**Proposed Change of Circumstance**

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

<b>Registration Status:</b>	Registered full day care and sessional service for 33 children.
<b>Date of Registration</b>	12 <sup>th</sup> September 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).

<b>Description of Service</b>	<p>This sessional and full day service operates from a renovated community centre in the village of Broadford in the southeast of County Clare. The service has its own enclosed play area in the grounds of the adjoining primary school which will be used daily. The service operates from 08:00 to 18:00 from Monday to Friday each week.</p> <p>The service is proposing to move from the hall to 2 newly refurbished preschool rooms.</p>
<b>Premises</b>	<p>The service will be proposing to operate the preschool service from the 2 designated preschool rooms in the community centre.</p> <p>There are children's and adult sanitary facilities, nappy changing station and a kitchen.</p> <p>The pre-school premises is set on a site adjacent to Broadford national school and parking for drop off and collection of children is to the front of the premises.</p>
<b>Staffing</b>	<p>The service will be managed by the registered provider with the assistance of four adults.</p>
<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 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>
<b>Acknowledgements</b>	<p>The Inspector wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the registered provider, person, staff and children who were present on the day of the inspection.</p>

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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:

(1)(a) There will be a person in charge and a person who is able to deputise always working in the service.

### 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 registered provider will always ensure that there will be an adequate number of adults working directly with the children. The registered provider and four staff are working each day to care for 27 pre-school children attending the service in September 2022.

### 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 or

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<b>Requirement met:</b>	<p>(1)(a) The registered provider ensured that adequate and suitable play facilities are available for the proposed number of children who will attend the service.</p> <p>(b) Sleep beds are available for the pre-school children to rest/sleep. All children attending will be over two years of age. Soft seating will be in place in each preschool room for the children to rest as required throughout the day.</p> <p>(3)(a) The outdoor play area to the rear of the premises is currently being resurfaced with soft all-weather matting and will be ready for outdoor play in the coming days. However, the children do have scheduled access to the school playground, the green field and the fully enclosed outdoor playground for all types of play.</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.*

<b>Requirement met:</b>	<p>Food and drinks will be served in the preschool rooms. The service will be providing the children's snacks in the afternoon. All other snacks, hot food and drinks will be provided by the parents and the service have the facility to reheat their food.</p> <p>A fridge is available in the kitchen for the safe storage of perishable items.</p>
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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 entrance door is secured preventing unauthorised access and preventing a child leaving the service.

Drinking water is readily available to the children.

Storage for cleaning materials and equipment is provided in a secure area in a cupboard out of reach of the children.

Water temperatures at the wash hand basins are maintained at or below 43°C.

There are no window blinds in place in the 2 preschool room. However, the registered provider is proposing to put blinds in place and is aware that all cords must be secured and made safe due to the potential hazard to the children.

Blinds with cords are in place in the large hall and all are secure and safe.

Toys and play equipment are safe and suitable for the age of children using them.

Risk assessment safety checklists are available for both indoors in the playroom and in the outdoor play area.

### 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) The registered provider and one staff member have a valid First Aid Responder course and certification was available for inspection.
- (2)(a) The registered provider ensured that a suitably equipped first aid box is available in a conspicuous position in the premises.

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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:

- (1)(a) Provision for the recording of fire drills is available.
- (b) A record of the type, number, and maintenance record of firefighting equipment and smoke alarms is in place. Maintenance record is dated August 2024.
- (4) A notice of the procedure to be followed in the event of a fire specific to the pre-school service is in place.

### Part VI – Safety

#### Regulation 28 – Insurance

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

#### Requirement met:

There is adequate insurance in place for the full day facility.

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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:

On visual examination the premises appeared to be:

- (a) Of sound and stable structure.
  - (b) Safe and secure as entrance and exit doors are secured.
  - (c) Natural lighting and artificial lighting is available. Natural ventilation is available with openable windows in the 2 preschool rooms. The heating is an oil-based system and newly installed in August 2024.
  - (d) The rooms and sanitary areas are clean, and cleaning checklists are documented.
  - (e) Suitable sanitary facilities are available as there are three children’s toilets and three wash hand basins located off one of the playrooms. Nappy changing facilities are provided.
- Adult sanitary accommodation are also available in the premises.

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:**

- (1) The requirement has been met as the premises can accommodate the proposed number of 33 pre-school children.
- The clear floor space available to the children in the 2 preschool rooms is as follows:
- Room 1 = 26 m<sup>2</sup>
  - Room 2 = 40 m<sup>2</sup>,
  - Total floor space = 66 m<sup>2</sup>.
- (2) The minimum amount of clear floor space will be available to each pre-school child attending the service on a sessional, part-time, and full day care basis.