

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Initial Inspection of Proposed New Service



Tusla I.D: TU2022CN001

Name of Service: Mini Me's ECCE and Afterschool

Address of Service: 5 Old Coach Glebe
Castlerahan
Ballyjamesduff
Co.Cavan

Email Address: minimesplayschool1@gmail.com

Name of Proposed Registered Provider: Ms. Anita Clarke

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

Proposed service type: Part-time & sessional service
Proposed Number of Children: 22 children
Registered service: Part-time and Sessional Service for 22 children

Date of Inspection: 1 4 0 1 2 0 2 2

Inspection Undertaken by: S. Skinnader
Title: Early Years Inspector

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Monaghan

Rationale for Inspection

Proposed New Service

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

Registration Status: Registered Part time and Sessional service for 22 children
Date of Registration: 21st January 2022

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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	The applicant is proposing to operate a sessional and part-time service to cater for a maximum of 22 children aged 3-6 years. It is proposed that there will be 1 care room in operation.
Premises	The premises is located in the rural area of Castlerahan Co. Cavan. A purpose-built building has been constructed onto the side of the registered provider's house. The service will consist of one preschool room, a kitchen, a disabled access toilet, and sanitary accommodation for the children. There is a room upstairs for the school age children. There is parking on the grounds of the house and also off-street parking for drop offs and pick-ups in a layby at the gates to the house. There is currently 1 outdoor area to the back of the house.
Staffing	It is proposed that there will be 3 adults working directly with the children.
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 two themes; Governance, and Safety.</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 presented to the Registration Panel for consideration of a decision in relation to the service receiving continued registration. 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>
Acknowledgement	The Inspector wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the registered provider and staff member 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:

There is a designated person in charge and a designated deputy in charge. The requirement has been met.

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 applicant is aware of the requirements in relation to adult : child ratios and will ensure that they are met when the service commences.

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—

(a) of a full day care service, a part-time day care service, a sessional preschool service or a childminding service that is registered for the first time on or after 30 June 2016, or

(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.

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Requirement met:	<p>(1)(a) The new Pre-school Room provides adequate and suitable facilities for children to play indoors, some defined interest areas have been developed. There are an adequate number of tables and chairs available.</p> <p>(b) There is a cosy area consisting of a window seat with cushioned seating and cushions.</p> <p>(2)(a) There is a secured concreted outdoor play area with a large covered outdoor area to the rear of the premises. All hazards have been removed from the area. The registered provider has given assurances that the 2 unsecured outdoor areas to the front of the premises will not be accessed by the children. The requirement has been met.</p>
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Part V – Care of Children in Pre-School Services

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:	<p>The requirement has been met.</p> <p>The lunches will be provided by parents and stored in the kitchen fridge. A further substantial snack will be provided by the service for those children attending the service to 2pm.</p> <p>Potable drinking water will be available at all times to the children.</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:	<p>The requirement has been met.</p> <p>The door keys are kept up high out of reach from the children. Emergency exits are unobstructed. The kitchen has been made inaccessible to the children with a stair gate across the doorway. All cleaning equipment will be stored out of reach of the children on a high shelf in the playroom. It is proposed that medications will be stored out of reach of the children in a filing cabinet. There is a safety gate at the bottom of the stairs.</p>
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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:

The requirement has been met.

(1) All 3 staff members have up to date training in paediatric first aid or FAR training. Certificates of training were available at the time of inspection.

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

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 new fire alarm system and extinguishers have been installed with an installation date of 6/1/22 and 20/12/21 respectively. A template is available to record fire drills.

(4) A notice of the procedures to be followed in the event of a fire was available and displayed in the service.

Part VI - Safety

Regulation 28 – Insurance

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

Requirement met:

There was insurance cover for up to 22 children in a sessional / part-time facility expiring 12/1/23.

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

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(e) equipped with adequate and suitable sanitary facilities

Requirement met:	<p>The requirement has been met.</p> <p>(a) The service is located on the ground floor of a 2-storey purpose-built extension onto the side of the registered providers home which on visual inspection appears to be structurally sound. The building consists of 1 large preschool room, sanitary accommodation and a kitchen.</p> <p>(b) The service is safe and secure with locked entrance doors.</p> <p>(c) Lighting: Lighting in the care room is provided by means of natural light – 4 openable windows and a further large bay window with 2 small openings. It is further supplemented with 3 covered fluorescent lights. There are additional lights and windows in the sanitary accommodation.</p> <p>Heating: The room temperature in the care rooms was adequate on the day of inspection. Heating is by means of oil-fired central heating. There are 3 radiators which are thermostatically controlled in the room.</p> <p>Ventilation: Ventilation in the care room is by means of openable windows. In the sanitary accommodation mechanical ventilation is in operation and this is in addition to 1 openable window in each toilet.</p> <p>(d) The premises, toys and equipment are in good repair. Documentation to record cleaning schedules is available.</p> <p>(e) Adequate and suitable sanitary accommodation is provided i.e.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two toilets and two hand basins are provided for the children outside the care room, one of which has a disabled access. An adult toilet is also available upstairs. <p>These areas all have a supply of thermostatically controlled running water, a supply of liquid soap and paper towels.</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*

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(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).

Requirement met:	There is adequate space available to accommodate 22 pre-school children <ul style="list-style-type: none">A floor area of 52m² is available in the preschool room.
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