

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Initial Inspection of Proposed New Service

Tusla I.D: TU2023GY005

Name of Service: Cheeky Monkeys Childcare

Address of Service: Crumlin National School, Ballyglunin, Tuam, Co. Galway. H54 VY03.

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Name of Proposed Registered Provider: Ms. Brenda Hannon

Type of Proposed Service:	Full Day Care		Part-Time	✓	Drop-In	
	Sessional	✓	Childminding		Temporary	

Proposed service type: Part Time Service.

Proposed Number of Children: 22 Children at any given time.

Outcome of the F06 Inspection
(e.g., type of service, numbers, age ranges, times,)

Proposed Part-time service, catering for a maximum of 22 children on a part time / sessional basis.

The proposed age range is 2 years to 6 years of age.

The proposed opening hours of the service is from 8 am to 1 pm.

Proposed 2 staff will always work directly with the children during the operational hours of the service.

Registered service: Registered Part Time / Sessional Service for 22 children.

Date of Inspection:

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Inspection Undertaken by: S. Meehan.

Title: Early Years Inspector.

Tusla Early Years Inspectorate Address: Tusla - Child and Family Agency, Early Years Inspectorate, Quality Assurance Directorate, Clinical & Administration Building, Block A- (1st Floor-Green Corridor), Merlin Park, Galway.

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Rationale for Inspection

Proposed New Service

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

Registration Status:	Registered Part Time / Sessional Service for 22 children.
Date of Registration:	29 th August 2023

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	This privately-owned, part-time service known as Cheeky Monkeys is located in Crumlin national school, in a rural area of county Galway. The preschool proposes to offer an Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE), sessional care and proposes to offer a part-time care programme from 8 am to 1 pm, Monday to Friday, for 38 weeks of the year. The service proposes to provide a child centred play based preschool curriculum.
Premises	The premises has a playroom, sanitary facilities which includes a nappy changing area and a kitchenette. There is an outdoor play area at the entrance of the service.
Staffing	The proposed registered provider is the person in charge and a deputy is also appointed. The proposed person in charge and deputy both hold at least a major award in Early Childhood Care and Education at a Level 5 and over on the National Qualifications Framework, or a qualification deemed by the Minister to be equivalent. It is proposed that all staff employed to work with children will require the same minimum qualification.
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 four 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 the registering application. 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 proposed registered provider who was 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:

(1)(a) The requirement has been met, as the proposed registered provider has ensured that the service will have a named designated person in charge and a named deputy who can deputise as required.

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:

(1) It is proposed that the minimum ratio of adults to children will be maintained which will be reflected in the staff roster. It is proposed that 2 adults will work directly with the 22 preschool children.

(8)(a) Not applicable as the service does not operate a childminding service.

(b) Not applicable as the service is not operated single-handedly.

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, 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 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 pre-school children attending the service have access on a daily basis to a suitable outdoor space.
- (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:

- (1)(a) This requirement has been met. Adequate space has been provided for children to play indoors and outdoors. There is a well-resourced classroom divided into areas of interest which includes a small world area, creative writing space, selection of jigsaws and puzzles, Montessori equipment and an arts area with arts equipment, drawing paper and bibs for messy play. There was also a water and sand play area, transport area, farm area, block building area and natural materials section. There was a fully equipped household area with a variety of household items. The play room also had a soft seated area with a selection of books.
- (b) Suitable soft seating was available for children to rest during the day. Stackable beds with linen are available for children attending on a part time basis.
- (2) (b) The service has its own enclosed play area and a sheltered outdoor area. There was a selection of play and sports equipment for children to play with during the session.
- (3)(a) Arrangements are in place for daily outdoor activities regardless of weather, the service has an outdoor sheltered area.

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- (b) Not applicable.
(4) Not applicable.
(5) Not applicable.

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:

(22)

The service has a healthy eating policy in place. The service had a 3-week menu plan which is suitable balance and varied. Fridges are available for children attending on a sessional basis for the storage of perishable items. Water is proposed to be available in the playroom and during outdoor play.

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:

GENERAL SAFETY:

- The main entrance door at the rear of the primary school, into the pre-school was secured to prevent unauthorised entry by a person or the unsupervised exiting by a pre-school child.
- Toys and play equipment were safe and in good condition in the playroom.
- Fire doors were unobstructed to ensure the safe evacuation in the event of a fire or other emergency.
- The utility storage area was secured to prevent preschool children having access to chemicals or cleaning agents.
- All flexes and cables were out of reach of children or secured.
- The cords of the blinds were secured / fastened and therefore posed no risk to preschool children.
- There was a fridge for the storage of perishable items from children's lunch boxes for their snack times.
- The proposed registered provider had a risk assessment system. A system of checking toys and equipment was in place i.e., that they were not broken, clean and maintained in a good state of repair.
- There were no pits or ponds to cause any risk of danger to preschool children.
- The proposed registered provider had a daily record of attendance book to be kept for all the children attending the playroom.

	<p>INFECTION CONTROL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was a cleaning schedule available and a sample cleaning record for the playroom, sanitary area, and outdoor play area. • Hand washing facilities were provided with a supply of warm water, liquid hand soap and disposable paper hand towels. • A supply of hand sanitiser was available at the entrance, corridors of the primary school and the playroom. • Thermostatically controlled warm water was available for use by the children to facilitate hygienic hand washing with a temperature reading of less than 43°C. • The nappy changing area had disposable gloves, aprons and a leak proof self-sealing bin for the disposal of nappies. • Foot pedal bins were used in the sanitary areas, the playroom and the kitchenette. <p>SAFE SLEEP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was child size soft seating in a cosy corner in the playroom where children could rest or relax if they so choose. • Stackable beds were available for children attending on a part time basis.
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Part VI - Safety

Regulation 25 – First Aid	
<p>(1) <i>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.</i></p> <p>(2) <i>A registered provider shall ensure that a suitably equipped first aid box for children—</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(a) <i>is safely stored in an easily accessible and conspicuous position on the premises, and</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(b) <i>is available to the children attending the pre-school service at all times</i></p>	
Requirement met:	<p>(1) The proposed provider has a certification as a first aid responder training valid until December 2024.</p> <p>(2)(a)(b) There was a suitably equipped first aid box available in the kitchenette and is available to the 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:

- (1)(a) Provision for the recording of fire drills was available.
- (b) The type, number and maintenance record of the fire -fighting equipment and smoke alarms was available. The equipment was maintained in July 2023.
- (4) A notice of the procedure to be followed in the event of a fire specific to the early year's service was available. There was a clearly identified fire assembly point at the side of the building.

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 available in the service for 22 children. The insurance is valid until the 27th of March 2024.

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:

- (a) The service consists of a classroom and play area which has recently been refurbished into a playroom.
- (b) The indoor and outdoor areas are safe and secure. The outdoor area is at the front entrance and at the side of the building.
- (c) Adequate lighting is provided by florescent lights protected by diffusers. The playroom is well lit by natural light. The windows are openable and the room and sanitary areas are well ventilated. The service has thermostatically controlled heating system.
- (d) Cleaning equipment is safely stored and secured away from the main play area.
- (e) Adequate and suitable sanitary facilities were provided. The playroom has 2 toilets and two wash handbasins which is sufficient for all the children attending the service. A maximum of 22 children can be accommodated that are toilet trained. The service also has a designated nappy changing area with 1 nappy changing area.

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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.

Requirement met:

The requirement has been met.

(1)

- The proposed registered provider of the proposed part-time pre-school service ensured that a minimum of 2.35 square metres of clear floor space was available for each child attending the playroom between 2-3 years of age and a minimum of 2.3 square metres of clear floor space was available for each child attending the playroom between 3-6 years of age.
- The proposed part- time playroom measured 77 square meters.
- Adequate floor space was provided in the proposed playroom for the free movement of children to work and play.

(2) The minimum space regulatory requirement is met for the proposed 22 pre-school children in the part time service.

(3) Not applicable as the service proposes to offer a part-time service.

(4)(a) The required floor space of (1.818 square meters) is applied for the duration of a sessional service in a part time day care service.

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	<p>(b) The required floor space of 2.35sq. meters is applied for the duration of a part-time service for children age range 2-3 years of age.</p> <p>The required floor space of 2.3 sq. meters is applied for the duration of a part-time service for children age range 3-6years of age.</p> <p>(5) Not applicable as this service is proposing to operate as a part-time service.</p>
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