

# TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

## Initial Inspection of Proposed New Service

<b>Tusla I.D:</b>	TU2023KE008
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<b>Name of Service:</b>	Moyglare Hall Montessori
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<b>Address of Service:</b>	29 The Walk, Moyglare Hall, Maynooth, Co. Kildare, W23 TH5W.
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<b>Email Address:</b>	<a href="mailto:moyglaremontessori@gmail.com">moyglaremontessori@gmail.com</a>
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<b>Name of Proposed Registered Provider:</b>	Emma O’Keeffe
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<b>Type of Proposed Service:</b>	<b>Full Day Car</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Part-Time</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Drop-In</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<b>Sessional</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Childminding</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Temporary</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>Proposed service type:</b>	Sessional Service
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<b>Proposed Number of Children:</b>	22
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<b>Outcome of the F06 Inspection</b>	Sessional service for 22 children aged 2-6 years. The proposed service will operate from 8:30am – 12:00 hours and 12:30 – 16:00 hours, Monday to Friday for 38 weeks of the year.
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<b>Registered service:</b>	Registered Sessional Service for 22 Children
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<b>Date of Inspection:</b>	0	4	0	9	2	0	2	3
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<b>Inspection Undertaken by:</b>	Therese Duignan
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<b>Title:</b>	Early Years Inspector
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<b>Tusla Early Years Inspectorate Address:</b>	Suite 7, Vista Primary Care, Ballymore Eustace Road, Naas, Co. Kildare
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<b>Rationale for Inspection</b>
<b>Proposed New Service</b>

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

<b>Registration Status:</b>	Registered Sessional Service for 22 Children
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<b>Date of Registration:</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> September 2023
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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>	The proposed private childcare facility, Moyglare Hall Montessori aims to provide a sessional service for pre-school children aged 2 to 6 years of age. The proposed hours of operation are between 8:30am - 12:30hrs and 12:30 – 16:00 hours Monday-Friday for 38 weeks of the school year. The service proposes to accommodate a maximum number of twenty-two children.
<b>Premises</b>	The proposed premises is located in a ground floor converted commercial unit located in a housing development on the outskirts of Maynooth, Co. Kildare. The accommodation consists of a pre-school room with adjoining sanitary facilities.  A secured and enclosed outdoor area is available at the side of the service.
<b>Staffing</b>	It is proposed that two adults will work in the service.
<b>Methodology</b>	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.  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.
<b>Acknowledgement</b>	The Inspector wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the proposed registered provider and person in charge 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:**

The requirement is met.

(1)(a) The registered provider has ensured that there is a designated person in charge and a named person to deputise if 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.*

**Requirement met:**

The requirement is met.

(1) The registered provider stated that there will be an adequate number of adults working with the children attending the service. Two adults are available to work in the service to ensure the required adult to child ratio is maintained.

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.*

**Requirement met:**

The requirement is met.

(1)

(a) The proposed pre-school room has suitable play materials and equipment for children aged from 2 years and 8 months to attend an Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) sessional service. The proposed environments have been developed with dedicated play areas that included a home/kitchen area, construction area, library area, small world materials, puzzles, jigsaws, art materials and equipment for fine and gross motor activity skills were displayed on low level shelving. A sufficient and appropriate number of child sized tables and chairs to cater for the proposed number of children were available.

(b) The rest area was cosy and comfortable. It consisted of a floor mat, two child sized armchairs with foot stools and a large, seated unit that doubled as a storage box. They were all placed in the vicinity of the library area. It was available for any child wishing to take a break from activities and rest.

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(2)(a) The outside play area was safe, suitable and secure. Equipment included mud kitchen, art and chalk easel, sand and water play, a nature growing table and space for chalking. There were soft impact tiles on the ground surface.

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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:

The requirement is met.

The service has a healthy eating policy in place.

Parents will be requested to provide one healthy snack for children attending on a sessional basis. Water is freely available to the children at all times.

A fridge is available for the storage of children’s snacks.

### 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 is met.

Access to the proposed pre-school service will be controlled by the staff at the exit and entrance door.

Cleaning agents are safely stored out of the reach of preschool children.

There is storage space in the proposed pre-school room to store children’s personal belongings safely.

Thermostatically controlled hot water, liquid hand soap, paper hand towels are available in the proposed pre-school room and sanitary areas for the hygienic hand washing and drying. Foot pedal operated bins are provided in the sanitary areas and pre-school room for the hygienic and safe disposal of used paper towel and tissues.

The fire exit was clearly marked and unobstructed.

### Part VI - Safety

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Regulation 25 – First Aid	
<p>(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.</p> <p>(2) A registered provider shall ensure that a suitably equipped first aid box for children—</p> <p>(a) is safely stored in an easily accessible and conspicuous position on the premises, and</p> <p>(b) is available to the children attending the pre-school service at all times.</p>	
<b>Requirement met:</b>	<p>The requirement is met.</p> <p>(1) Current certification in relation to first aid for children was available for the staff members that will be working in the service. This included an adult, qualified in First Aid Responder (FAR) training.</p> <p>(2)(a)(b) A suitably equipped first aid box is available and accessible to children. It was observed to be stored in a conspicuous position in the pre-school room.</p>

### Part VI - Safety

Regulation 26 – Fire Safety Measures	
<p>(1) A registered provider shall ensure that a record in writing is kept of—</p> <p>(a) any fire drill that takes place in the premises, and</p> <p>(b) the number, type and maintenance record of firefighting equipment and smoke alarms in the premises.</p> <p>(4) A notice of the procedures to be followed in the event of fire shall be displayed in a conspicuous position in the premises.</p>	
<b>Requirement met:</b>	<p>The requirement is met.</p> <p>(1)</p> <p>(a) Documentation was available for recording monthly fire drills.</p> <p>(b) There was a record available of the number, type and maintenance of firefighting equipment and the smoke alarm which were August 2023 and 1 July 2023, respectively.</p> <p>(4) A notice of the procedures to be followed in the event of fire was clearly displayed within the pre-school room.</p> <p>A fire assembly point had clear signage displayed at a point in front of the premises.</p>

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### Part VI - Safety

#### Regulation 28 – Insurance

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

#### Requirement met:

The requirement is met.

The registered provider had evidence of insurance cover for 44 preschool children. The insurance cover is valid from 23/08/23 until 20/06/24.

### 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 is met.

(a) The proposed premises is in a state of good repair.

(b) The entrance/exit door to the service in the premises is secure and will be controlled by staff to prevent unauthorised access to the service and to prevent children from exiting the service unsupervised. A doorbell is fitted on the outside wall beside the entrance.

(c) The ambient environmental temperature of the preschool room was maintained between 18<sup>o</sup>-22<sup>o</sup> Celsius.

The windows in the care room do not open however there is a mechanical ventilation system installed to meet the requirements for ventilation of the room.

Supplemental artificial lighting is provided from ceiling fitted round LED lights in the preschool room and sanitary areas.

The pre-school room and sanitary areas are heated by wall mounted radiators that are thermostatically controlled.

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(d) Daily cleaning schedules were in place for the pre-school room environment and sanitary areas.

(e) There are two toilets and two wash hand basins in the adjoining sanitary area for the children and one toilet and one hand wash basin for staff.

There are no nappy changing facilities as the registered provider has stated in the statement of purpose and function for the proposed service that all children attending must be toilet trained.

### 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.*
- (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.*

#### Requirement met:

The requirement is met.

(1), (3) A total clear floor space of 40.4m<sup>2</sup> is available in the proposed pre-school room for the maximum daily attendance of twenty-two pre-school children ranging in age from 2 years 8 month – 6 years attending for the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Scheme.