

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Initial Inspection of Proposed New Service

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Name of Service:	Mountcollins Preschool
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Address of Service:	Saint Marys National School Mountcollins Co Limerick
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Email Address:	mountcollinspreschool@gmail.com
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Name of Proposed Registered Provider:	Eilish McEnery
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Type of Proposed Service:	Full Day Care	<input type="checkbox"/>	Part-Time	<input type="checkbox"/>	Drop-In	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Sessional	<input type="checkbox"/>	Childminding	<input type="checkbox"/>	Temporary	<input type="checkbox"/>

Proposed service type:	Sessional
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Proposed Number of Children:	11
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Outcome of the F06 Inspection (e.g., type of service, numbers, age ranges, times,)	Sessional service with a maximum of 11 children attending.
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Registered service:	Registered Sessional Service for 11 children.
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Inspection Undertaken by:	J Ryan
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Title:	Early Years Inspector
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Tusla Early Years Inspectorate Address:	Tusla Early Years Inspectorate 2 nd floor Estuary House Henry Street Limerick
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Rationale for Inspection

Proposed New Service

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

Registration Status:	Registered Sessional Service for 11 children.
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Date of Registration:	22 nd August 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).

Description of Service	Mountcollins preschool is a proposed sessional service located outside the village of Mountcollins in Co. Limerick. Operational hours will be from Monday to Friday 9:30 - 12:30 for 38 weeks of the year with a maximum of 11 children attending.
Premises	The service proposes to operate from a room within the national school. There is one playroom indoors and the service has sole access to an outdoor play area located at the side of the service. It has suitable sanitary facilities for both adults and children.
Staffing	There will be one staff employed in the service who has childcare qualifications.
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.

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 service has a designated person in charge and a named person 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) There will be an adequate number of adults working in the service as it proposes to have 1 adult supervising a maximum of 11 preschool ECCE children at any one time.
- (8)(b) Not applicable
- (c) A second person familiar with the operation of the service and in a position to provide assistance if required is available in the event of an emergency.

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.*

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(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) Facilities for children to play indoors and outdoors were suitable as there were clearly defined interest areas in the room and sufficient play equipment was evident in the outdoor play area. (2)(a) A safe secure outdoor space is available on site for outdoor play for the children. (3) Not applicable (4) Not applicable (5) Not applicable
Requirement not met:	(1)(b) Suitable facilities for a pre-school child to rest during the day were not available in the quiet/rest corner.
Response from Provider:	A couch has been added to the rest area for the preschool children.
Summary Comment:	The actions as stated by the proposed registered provider meet with the regulatory requirements of Regulation 20 (1)(b).

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:	Nutritious snacks and drinks will be provided by parents and refrigerated where required.
Requirement not met:	A healthy eating policy was not documented.
Response from Provider:	The healthy eating policy for the service has been documented and is available.
Summary Comment:	The actions as stated by the proposed registered provider meet with the regulatory requirements of regulation 22.

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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 was secured preventing unauthorised access and preventing a child leaving the service.
- Drinking water was readily available to the children.
- Storage for cleaning materials and equipment was provided in a secure area in a cupboard out of reach of the children.
- Water temperatures at the wash hand basins were not recorded on inspection as the system is linked to the national school and the heating was not switched on at the time of the inspection. The registered provider was advised that water temperatures must be maintained at or below 43°C.
- Window blinds cords did not pose a potential hazard as tension devices were attached to them to make them safe.
- Toys and play equipment were safe and suitable for the age of children using them.

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:

- (2)(a) A suitably equipped first aid box for children was available.
(b) The first aid box will be available to the children attending the pre-school service at all times.

Requirement not met:

(1) A person trained in first aid for children was not immediately available to the children proposing to attend the pre-school service.

Response from Provider:

(1) Two staff have completed the first aid responder training with documentary evidence submitted.

Summary Comment:

The actions as stated by the proposed registered provider meet with the regulatory requirements of regulation 25 (1).

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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) Arrangements are in place to record any fire drill that will take place in the premises.
- (1)(b) The number, type and maintenance record of firefighting equipment and smoke alarms in the premises was available. Fire extinguishers were last service in June 2023. Smoke alarms were serviced in May 2023.
- (4) A notice of the procedures to be followed in the event of fire was displayed in a conspicuous position in the premises. The fire assembly point was clearly identified and visible in the school yard.

Part VI - Safety

Regulation 28 – Insurance

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

Requirement met:

The Insurance certificate for the service was available for sessional service with 11 children and had an expiry date of 28/08/2024.

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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 was

- (a) of sound and stable structure.
- (b) safe and secure.
- (c) kept adequately lit, heated and ventilated. The heating system was serviced in May 2023.
- (d) cleaned, maintained and repaired, as required.
- (e) equipped with adequate and suitable sanitary facilities. There were 2 children's toilets and two wash hand basins available near the playroom. Adult sanitary accommodation was also available in the school.

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:

- (1) Sufficient clear floor space is available in the room for the number of children proposing to attend the pre-school service.
- (2) The measurements of the Playroom were recorded as
5.10 x 6.30 meters = 32.13 sq. meters.
Total space available is 32.13 sq. meters.
- (3) A minimum of 1.818 square metres of clear floor space is available for each child proposing to attend the service.
- (4) Not Applicable
- (5) Not Applicable