

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Initial Inspection of Proposed New Service



Tusla I.D: TU2023MH005

Name of Service: Carlanstown Montessori & Afterschool

Address of Service: Normanstown, Carlanstown, Kells, Co. Meath.

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Name of Proposed Registered Provider: Geraldine Mc Cabe

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

Proposed service type: Sessional Service

Proposed Number of Children: 11

Outcome of the F06 Inspection
 Sessional Service
 Proposed number of children :11
 Proposed age range: 2 years to 6 years
 Proposed operating time: 09.30am to 12.30pm

Registered service: Registered Sessional Service for 11 children.

Date of Inspection: 1 8 0 8 2 0 2 3

Inspection Undertaken by: AM Cunningham

Title: Early Years Inspector

Tusla Early Years Inspectorate Address: Tusla Early Years Inspectorate, Family Resource Centre
 Commons Road, Navan, Co. Meath

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.

Date of Registration: 31st 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	The service is based adjacent to the registered providers own home in a separate building. The service proposes to accommodate 11 preschool children for a sessional service from 9.30am to 12.30pm each day and an afternoon service for school aged children operating from 14.00hrs to 18.00hrs each weekday.
Premises	There is one care room with sanitary accommodation just off the room in the hallway which consists of two toilets and two wash hand basins. A staff toilet is available within the registered provider's own home.
Staffing	The registered provider and one staff member will be employed in the service.
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, 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:

The requirement has been met.

The service has designated person in charge and a named deputy.

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 has ensured that an adequate number of adults will be working directly with the children attending the pre-school service. The registered provider and a staff member will be present with 11 preschool children.

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 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 has been met.

(1)(a) The pre-school room was laid out with defined interest areas including a home corner, construction area, arts and crafts area, train table, montessori equipment and a library area. Equipment and play materials available were easily accessible and visible to the children on open low-level shelves.

(b) Soft matting and cushions were provided in the library area of the room to create a rest area should a child wish to take a break from play activities to rest during the day.

(2) An outdoor area is available in the service with a grass surface.

Requirement not met:

(2) A suitable gate was not available for entry and exit in the outdoor area.

Response from Provider:

(2) A gate has now been put in place.

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	Photographic evidence submitted to inspectorate.
Summary Comment:	The response has addressed this requirement in Regulation 20. This regulation has now been met.

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:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The door to the pre-school will be secured and opened solely by a member of staff to control access to the service. It is proposed that parents will drop children to the preschool through the outdoor area and directly to the preschool room patio doors. A staff member will then greet children to the service. Emergency exits are unobstructed. All storage areas have been made inaccessible to pre-school children in the sanitary accommodation which is locked to prevent children gaining access.
Requirement not met:	1. The patio door to the outdoor area had a drop down to the ground level that would be difficult for children to manipulate as no step or otherwise was available.
Response from Provider:	A step has been put in place outside the patio door. Photographic evidence submitted to the inspectorate.
Summary Comment:	The response has addressed the requirement in Regulation 23.

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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 is available to the children attending the pre-school service at all times

Requirement met:

The requirement has been met.

(1) The service provided evidence that the staff member had up to date First Aid Responders (FAR) course.

(2)(a) A suitably stocked first aid box is provided in the service and is in a secure but accessible place. The first aid box is always available to the pre-school children.

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) A record sheet is available to record fire drills.

(b) A maintenance certificates for the fire extinguishers and smoke alarms are available. The fire extinguishers maintenance certificate was dated 03/07/2023 and the smoke alarms were last serviced on the 23/06/2023.

(4) A notice of the procedures to be followed in the event of a fire is displayed. A fire assembly point is available.

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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:

Full insurance was provided to the Registration Office for a Sessional Service with 11 children.

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:

This requirement was partially met.

(a) The premises appears to be in good condition throughout.

(b) The entrance doors leading directly into the room are kept locked at all times during the operational hours of the preschool service.

(c) Lighting

The premises is adequately lit by means of natural lighting supplemented by artificial lighting.

Heating

The premises is heated by means of electric radiators. The ambient temperatures of the care rooms and the sanitary accommodation are within the optimum care room temperature range of 18-22°C on the day of inspection.

Ventilation

Ventilation is predominantly provided by means of openable windows. The care room and sanitary accommodation benefitted from openable windows.

(d) Up to date documented cleaning schedules are on display in the service.

(e) A total of 2 toilets serviced with 2 wash hand basins provide adequate and suitable sanitary accommodation for children in the service.

Liquid soap is available for the pre-school children's use.

Requirement not met:

Paper towel for drying children's hands was not available.

Response from Provider:

A paper towel holder has now been put in the sanitary accommodation. Photographic evidence submitted to inspectorate.

Summary Comment:

The response has addressed the requirement in Regulation 29.

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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.

Requirement met:

The requirement has been met.

(1) There is adequate clear floor space available for the safety, play and movement of the children currently attending the service.

(2) The minimum space regulatory requirement can be met for the proposed 11 pre-school children at the service.

The registered provider is aware of the minimum clear floor space requirements as specified in Schedule 7.

- The clear floor space in the care room measured 43m² which meets the space requirements for the proposed maximum number of 11 pre-school children aged 2 years to 6 years attending the service on a sessional basis.