

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Initial Inspection of Proposed New Service

Tusla I.D:	TU2024CC008
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Name of Service:	Youghal Together Pre-School & After School Club
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Address of Service:	South Abbey National School, Golf Links Road, Youghal, Co. Cork.
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Email Address:	carletonwharfpreschool@gmail.com
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Name of Proposed Registered Provider:	Deirdre O' Sullivan
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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Childminding	<input type="checkbox"/>	Temporary	<input type="checkbox"/>

Proposed service type:	Sessional
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Proposed Number of Children:	22
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Outcome of the F06 Inspection (e.g., type of service, numbers, age ranges, times,)	Sessional service for 22 children, aged two to six years. Morning hours of operation from 8.15am to 11.45am and afternoon hours of operation from 12.00pm to 3.00pm.
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Registered service:	Registered Sessional Service 22 children.
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Inspection Undertaken by:	D Prendergast
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Title:	Early Years Inspector
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Tusla Early Years Inspectorate Address:	Early Years Inspectorate Administration Building St Mary's Health Campus Gurranabraher Cork
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Rationale for Inspection
Proposed New Service

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

Registration Status:	Registered Sessional Service 22 children.
Date of Registration:	29 th August 2024

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	Youghal Together Pre-School & After School Club proposes to offer sessional care for early years children, aged two years and eight months to six years. It proposes to cater for children attending the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Scheme over 38 weeks of the year, with two daily sessional services; the first from 8.15am to 11.45am and the second from 12.00pm to 3.00pm. A school age service is also proposed to be accommodated.
Premises	It is proposed that the sessional service will operate from a classroom within South Abbey National School, in Youghal, Co. Cork. Adjoining child sanitary facilities are available and a staff sanitary facility is accessible within the main school. There is a designated outdoor play space beside the building.
Staffing	It is proposed that two staff members will work at the setting and a relief staff member will also be in place. The registered provider will not be based at the premises.
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:

The requirement has been met.

The registered provider has assigned a person in charge to oversee the day-to-day operation of the service and a deputy person in charge has also been identified. Written information to this effect is visible on the care room wall.

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 has been met.

(1) It is proposed that the sessional service will cater for up to 22 children, aged two years and eight months to six years, who will be cared for by two adults.

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 has been met.

(1)

(a) The available play resources and materials within the indoor environment are developmentally appropriate and sufficiently varied to accommodate the proposed number and age range of the children who will attend. Suitable equipment is also provided in the outdoor play space.

	<p>(b) Any child who may wish to rest or relax during the sessional period will have access to a cosy area, located within the main care room. This is suitably furnished with a cushioned sofa, vinyl floor mats, cushions and well stocked bookshelves.</p> <p>(2)</p> <p>(a) There is an age appropriate, securely enclosed outdoor environment available onsite, at the proposed new service.</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:

The requirement has been met.
A Healthy Eating policy is available and will be implemented. The children’s snacks will be supplied by their parents or guardians, with perishable items to be stored in a refrigerator. Appropriate crockery and cutlery is in place and drinking water will be accessible to children throughout their attendance.

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 has been met.

General safety:

- There is secured storage available for cleaning agents and adult’s bags.
- Blind cords are tethered with suitable tension devices.
- The first aid box is stored on top of a high-level storage cupboard, which is out of the children’s reach.
- Fire exit routes are free from obstruction.
- Firefighting equipment is wall mounted.

Infection control:

- Adequate handwashing and drying facilities are in place; warm running water, liquid soap, paper towel dispensers and foot pedal operated bins are available at the wash hand basins.
- A refrigerator is provided to store perishable foods.
- The children’s coats and bags will be stored above floor level, on the wall hooks provided.

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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) One of the proposed staff members holds current First Aid Response (FAR) certification and the registered provider has confirmed that this adult will be available to the children at all times.
- (2)
 - (a) The first aid box is stored on top of a high-level cupboard, which is easily accessible by adults, while out of reach of children.
 - (b) The first aid box will be readily available throughout the hours of operation.

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 firefighting 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) Monthly fire drills will be conducted and a template is in place to record the descriptions of same.
 - (b) There is a written record available, which contains details regarding the number and type of firefighting equipment and smoke alarms. Servicing records indicate that the firefighting equipment was checked on 20 December 2023 and the smoke alarm was last tested on 24 June 2024.
- (4) The written fire evacuation procedure is displayed on the care room wall. Signage is also in place to denote the fire assembly point.

Part VI - Safety

Regulation 28 – Insurance

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

Requirement met:

The requirement has been met.

A record of insurance cover is available for a maximum of 22 children to attend a sessional service. The certificate is valid from the 2nd of September 2024 until 27th of March 2025.

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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:

The requirement has been met.

- (a) Following a visual assessment, the premises appears to be of sound and stable structure.
- (b) The risk of unauthorised access is prevented through a key lock mechanism on the exterior of the main entrance door. There is a thumb turn lock on the interior, along with a door sensor alarm, which will sound if said door is opened. Outdoors, the play space is enclosed by fencing and the building walls.
- (c)
 - A supply of natural lighting in the care room is supplied through a number of windows and there are seven fluorescent ceiling lights, with protective covers. Natural light is also provided in the children’s sanitary facilities and is supplemented with LED lighting. The staff sanitary is fitted with LED lighting.
 - The premises is heated by an oil fired condensing boiler. There is a ceiling mounted radiator in place in the care room, which had an air temperature reading of 20.01°C. Air temperatures within the sanitary facilities also fell with the required range of 18°C to 22°C.
 - There are openable windows in both the care room and adjoining children’s toilet facilities. Mechanical ventilation is installed in the staff sanitary facility.
- (d) It was noted that the proposed care room presented in a clean and hygienic condition. There is a cleaning schedule in place and cleaning records will be maintained.
- (e) Two children’s toilets and two wash hand basins are located adjoining the care room. Both are stocked with a supply of liquid soap and paper towels, along with foot pedal operated bins. Staff will have access to one toilet and one wash hand basin within the main primary school. It is proposed that all of the children will be toilet trained and therefore, a nappy changing unit will not be required. The premises is serviced by a public water and sewage system.

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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.
- (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 has been met.

- (1) Adequate clear floor space is ensured to facilitate children’s play, exploration and freedom of movement.
- (3) A sessional service is proposed and a minimum of 1.818 square meters will be available for each of the proposed 22 children. The room was measured at 67.63m².