

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Initial Inspection of Proposed New Service

Tusla I.D:	TU2024CW001
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Name of Service:	Glynn Preschool
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Address of Service:	Glynn National School, St. Mullins, Co. Carlow
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Email Address:	mapletreedaycare@gmail.com
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Name of Proposed Registered Provider:	Catriona and John Brennan
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Type of Proposed Service:	Full Day Care		Part-Time		Drop-In	
	Sessional	√	Childminding		Temporary	

Proposed service type:	Sessional
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Proposed Number of Children:	22 children
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Outcome of the F06 Inspection	Sessional service 9.30am to 12.30pm 2 to 6 years of age. 22 children. 38 weeks per year
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Registered service:	Registered Sessional Service 22 children.
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Inspection Undertaken by:	C. Ryan N. Thornton
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Title:	EYI
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Tusla Early Years Inspectorate Address:	Tusla Child and Family Agency Early Years Inspectorate Ely Hospital Ferrybank Wexford
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Rationale for Inspection	New Sessional service
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Note: For Office use only, to be completed by Registration Office

Registration Status:	Registered Sessional Service 22 children.
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Date of Registration:	28 th August 2024
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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	Glynn Preschool proposes to operate a sessional service for children aged between 2 and 6 years of age for 38 weeks per year. The service proposes to open from 9.30am to 12.30pm Monday to Friday and will have space to accommodate up to 22 children.
Premises	The service will operate from a prefabricated building to the rear of the national school in the rural village of Glynn. The premises consists of an entrance lobby, a playroom and toilets. The school is located beside the church where parents can park to bring and collect children from the preschool. The preschool has a designated outdoor play area which is fully enclosed to the side of the building.
Staffing	The registered provider has two staff employed to work with the children. The registered provider will not work directly in the sessional 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 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 registered provider and designated person in charge 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 of the regulation is met.

The registered provider has employed two staff. One will be the designated person in charge and work directly in the service. There is a second staff will be the 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.

(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:

The requirement of the regulation is met.

The registered provider is familiar with the Child Care Act 1991 (early years services) Regulations 2016, Schedule 6 Staff: Child ratios and will ensure that there are always adequate numbers of staff working directly with the children attending the service. The registered provider has employed two staff to work with the children attending the service.

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 of the regulation is met.

(1)(a)

The playroom provided sufficient space for the proposed number of children. It was warm, clean and lit by natural light. The room was set up and equipped with toys and materials suitable to the ages and stage of development of the children proposed to use the room. Interest areas such a home corner, construction, library and art and craft materials were readily available.

(1)(b)

There was a rest area or cosy corner within the playroom for a child to sit and/or rest which consisted of soft sofas.

(2)(b)

The outdoor play area consisted of an enclosed fenced play area directly off the playroom. There was sufficient space for the children. The area was covered with grass. The registered provider had toys and equipment outside and had further plans to develop the outdoor area.

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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 of the regulation is met.

The service has a healthy eating policy. Parents will be asked to supply the mid-morning snack for their children. These will be stored in the fridge in the room.

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:

Infection control:

Warm water, liquid soap and disposable hand towels for hygienic hand washing were available and water thermostatically controlled not to exceed 43°C. The service was clean and well maintained, with cleaning schedules ready.

Administration of medication:

There was a policy on the safe administration of medications to children attending the service. An area for the safe storage of medication was identified.

General safety:

The registered provider had carried out a risk assessment of the premises and outdoor areas including the carpark. Parents are required to bring their children from the carpark directly to the preschool and collection from the preschool.

The service and outdoor space are large enough to accommodate the number of children attending the service.

Requirement not met:

General safety:

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	<p>1. The service had no phone number registered or available to the service for staff and parents.</p> <p>Infection Control:</p> <p>2. A foot operated bin was required for the playroom.</p>
Response from provider:	<p>1. A new mobile phone number is now available.</p> <p>2. New foot operated bins were purchased.</p> <p>Photographs of the new bin and the new service number sent to the inspector.</p>
Summary comment:	The requirement of the regulation is met.

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 of the regulation is met.

1(a)

Documented evidence was available to demonstrate that staff were currently trained in FAR first aid for children and will be present on the premises at all times.

(2)(a)(b)

A suitable and fully equipped first aid box was available on the premises and stored in an easily accessible place for staff.

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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>	
Requirement met:	<p>The requirement of the regulation is met.</p> <p>(b)</p> <p>Fire-fighting equipment and smoke alarms were present and contracts are in place for the regular service and maintenance of same.</p>
Requirement not met:	<p>(1)(a)</p> <p>Record sheets were not available on the premises for recording of fire drills. The registered provider was familiar with the requirement to carry out monthly fire drills.</p> <p>(4)</p> <p>A notice of procedures to be followed in the event of a fire was not displayed in the preschool room to identify the fire assembly point.</p>
Response from provider:	<p>Record sheets for recording of fire drills and the evacuation plan are now on site.</p> <p>Copy of these sent to the Inspector.</p>
Summary Comment:	<p>The requirement of the regulation is met.</p>

Part VI – Safety

Regulation 28 – Insurance

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

Requirement met:	<p>The requirement of the regulation is met.</p> <p>The service is adequately insured for 22 children from 01/09/2024 to 27/03/2025.</p>
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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,

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- (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*

<p>Requirement met:</p>	<p>The requirement has been met.</p> <p>(a) The registered provider stated that premises appear to be of sound and stable structure.</p> <p>(c) The playroom was lit and ventilated by natural light through openable windows on external walls, supplemented by artificial lighting when needed. All sanitary accommodation had natural ventilation. The playroom was heated by storage heaters controlled by the school.</p> <p>(d) The premises were clean, well maintained and in good repair. The premises was freshly painted.</p> <p>(e) The service had adequate sanitary accommodation for the proposed number of children and staff who will be present. There were two toilets available for the children and one staff toilet on the premises.</p>
<p>Requirement not met:</p>	<p>(b) The front door entrance to the service required additional means of security to ensure it was safe and secure to ensure unauthorised people could not enter and children could not exit unsupervised.</p> <p>(c) The heaters in the room when turned on were very hot and required adjustments to ensure they did not exceed 50°C. A room thermometer was required to ensure ambient room temperature was maintained</p>
<p>Response from provider:</p>	<p>The front door has now been secured and a doorbell installed.</p> <p>Adjustments to the heaters were made to ensure the playrooms remains within the recommended temperature. A guide to using the heaters is available to the staff.</p> <p>Photographs of the entrance door and heating user guidance note submitted to the inspector.</p>
<p>Summary comment:</p>	<p>The requirement of the regulation is met.</p>

Part VII – Premises and Space Requirements

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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.

Requirement met:

The requirement has been met.

(1)

The service consisted of one playroom available to the children. The room had sufficient space to accommodate the 22 preschool children attending. The room measures at 44sq.meters and can accommodate 22 children.