

# TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

## Initial Inspection of Proposed New Service

**Tusla I.D:** TU2024DR001

**Name of Service:** Play and Learn Childcare and Education

**Address of Service:** Glenamuck Manor, Carrickmines, Dublin 18.

**Email Address:** carrickmines@playandlearn.ie

**Name of Proposed Registered Provider:** Allison Farrell

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

**Proposed service type:** Full Day Care

**Proposed Number of Children:** 101

**Outcome of the F06 Inspection**  
(e.g., type of service, numbers, age ranges, times,)  
Space is available to cater for the proposed 101 children. The number of children attending each room must be in accordance with those outlined under Regulation 30

**Registered service:** Registered Full Day Care Service for 101 Children

<b>Date of Inspection:</b>	1	0	0	7	2	0	2	4
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**Inspection Undertaken by:** Olivia Quill and Sarah Quigley

**Title:** Early Years Inspector

**Tusla Early Years Inspectorate Address:** Tusla Child and Family Agency  
Loughlinstown Health Centre  
Loughlinstown County Dublin.

<b>Rationale for Inspection</b>
<b>Proposed New Service</b>

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

**Registration Status:** Registered Full Day Care Service for 101 Children

**Date of Registration:** 29<sup>th</sup> July 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).

<b>Description of Service</b>	The proposed private childcare facility aims to provide full day care, for pre-school children aged 1 – 6 years. The proposed hours of operation are between 07:00 – 18:30 Monday to Friday. The service proposes to accommodate a maximum number of 101 children at full capacity.
<b>Premises</b>	The premises is located in a purpose-built facility at ground floor level in a residential development in Carrickmines Dublin 18. There are six care rooms and one separate cot room provided; a kitchen, office and staff room are also available. There is a large enclosed outdoor space on the premises.
<b>Staffing</b>	The registered provider has appointed a manager and deputy manager for the service. Six adults have been recruited by the registered provider. There will be approximately twenty adults employed to work with children when the service is fully operational.
<b>Methodology</b>	<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>
<b>Acknowledgement</b>	The Inspectors wish to acknowledge the cooperation of the proposed person in charge and two area Managers 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 has been met.

(1)(a) The registered provider has ensured that there will be a designated person in charge and a named person to deputise when 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:

(1) The registered provider has stated that there will be an adequate number of adults working with the children attending the service. The area Manager stated adults have been recruited to work in the new 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

#### Requirement met:

The requirement has been met.

(1)(a) The service comprises of six pre-school rooms. The rooms are bright and spacious and suitably laid out to cater for the needs of children who will be attending in each room.

(1)(b) One cot room with a total of eight cots is located adjacent to Wobbler 2 care room. The person in charge reported that additional foldable cots and approved floor

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	<p>beds will be available for children aged one to two years where a cot is no longer suitable and once an individual sleep plan has been conducted.</p> <p>The person in charge stated that a designated sleep time will be in place for the children attending the Wobbler 2 room within the care room. However, cots will be made available to a child in the designated sleep room outside of this time should a child require sleep. Care practices surrounding children’s sleep needs will be assessed during future inspections of the service. Suitable sleep low level beds are available for children over 2 years of age. All care rooms have suitable rest areas provided.</p> <p>(2)(a) There is an enclosed outdoor area provided on the premises. The area which is directly accessed from three care rooms has a small, paved path and an artificial grass surface. There were no ponds, pits or other hazards observed in the outdoor area.</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.*

<b>Requirement met:</b>	<p>The requirement has been met.</p> <p>The registered provider has employed a cook, and all snacks and meals will be provided by the service. There are facilities available for the provision of adequate food and drink for children. All food will be provided by the service. A three-week rolling menu plan is available to demonstrate that varied nutritious food will be provided. The registered provider will notify the relevant health authority regarding the preparation of food on the premises.</p>
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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 requirement has been met.

External doors are secured to prevent children from exiting the service unsupervised and to restrict unauthorised persons from gaining access to the service. A key fob access system is in place on all care rooms and the front door of the service for authorised adults.

In the care rooms suitable locks were fitted on low level shelving making storage areas inaccessible to children. Play equipment and furniture was in good working order. Emergency escape fire safety signs were in place and emergency exits doors were unobstructed. The fire assembly point was clearly identified and visible. There is provision for the appropriate disposal and storage of waste including the provision of foot pedal operated bins throughout the service. The outdoor area is suitably secured by a high wall and gate.

### 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) Evidence was provided to confirm staff are trained in first aid for children.

(2)(a), (b) Suitably equipped first aid boxes were available and stored in an easily accessible position in the service.

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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:

The requirement has been met.

- (1)(a) A written recording system was available to record monthly fire drills as conducted when the service is operational.
- (1)(b) There is a record available relating to the number and type of firefighting equipment and for the commissioning and servicing of the fire detection and alarm system.
- (4) Notices of the procedures to be followed in the event of fire were displayed conspicuously throughout the premises.

### Part VI - Safety

#### Regulation 28 – Insurance

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

#### Requirement met:

Evidence of insurance for the required number of children valid from 03/07/2024 – 02/07/2025 has been submitted the registration office and is.

The registered provider must ensure that adequate insurance is in place prior to the commencement of the service. Registration of the service is contingent on the registered provider's compliance with Regulation 28.

### 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) The proposed service is purpose built and appears to be of sound and stable structure.

(b) There is one point of entry to the service. The front door is secured with a fob keypad access for authorised adults. The outdoor area is secured to prevent a child leaving the area unsupervised and to prevent unauthorised access to the area.

(c) There was a good level of natural lighting throughout the premises. There is supplemental artificial lighting also provided from covered fluorescent ceiling lights in all care rooms. Ventilation in the care rooms was by means of windows, doors and mechanical ventilation and mechanical ventilation is provided in the sanitary areas. The radiators are serviced by a central heating system with a centrally controlled air conditioning system also available.

(d) The premises and its environs are clean and well maintained.

(e) Adequate and suitable sanitary facilities have been provided. Thermostatically controlled hot water was available (which did not exceed 43 degrees Celsius). There are six toilets and wash hand basins designated for children's use. There are four nappy changing units with wash hand basins also available. Two toilets and wash hand basins have been provided for adults.

### 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) Adequate clear floor space has been provided for the work, play and movement of children proposing to attend the service as demonstrated.

(2)

Room	Wobbler 1	Wobbler 2	Toddler 1	Toddler 2	Pre-School 1	Pre-School 2
Clear floor space	28.9 sqm	25.1 sqm	47.9 sqm	46.6 sqm	54.8 sqm	50.9sqm
Proposed age range	1-2 years	1-2 years	2-3 years	2-3 years	3-5 years	3-5 years
Maximum number of children	10	9	20	20	23	22

In summary there is adequate space for the proposed number of 101 pre-school children to attend on a full day care basis.