

# TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

## Initial Inspection of Proposed New Service

**Tusla I.D:** TU2024KE009

**Name of Service:** Parkview Creche

**Address of Service:** Linden Gate, Dunboyne Road, Maynooth, Co. Kildare, W23 R20W

**Email Address:** linden@parkviewcreche.ie

**Name of Proposed Registered Provider:** Erica Duffy

<b>Type of Proposed Service:</b>	<b>Full Day Care</b>	✓	<b>Part-Time</b>	✓	<b>Drop-In</b>	
	<b>Sessional</b>	✓	<b>Childminding</b>		<b>Temporary</b>	

**Proposed service type:** Full Day Care

**Proposed Number of Children:** 60

**Outcome of the F06 Inspection (e.g., type of service, numbers, age ranges, times,)**  
The registered provider proposes a maximum number of 60 children, aged 1-6 years of age may be accommodated.

**Registered service:** Full Day Care 60 children.

**Date of Inspection:** 0 5 1 2 2 0 2 4

**Inspection Undertaken by:** Therese Duignan

**Title:** Early Years Inspectorate

**Tusla Early Years Inspectorate Address:** Vista Primary Care Centre, Ballymore Eustace Road, Naas, Co. Kildare, W91 X38W

**Rationale for Inspection**  
**Proposed New Service**

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

**Registration Status:** Full Day Care 60 children.

**Date of Registration:** 12<sup>th</sup> December 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 to children from 1-6 years of age. The service is proposing to accommodate 60 children. The proposed hours of operation are from 07.45am to 18.00pm for 51 weeks of the year.
<b>Premises</b>	The proposed premises is a purpose-built facility located in a housing development in a residential estate on the outskirts of Maynooth, Co. Kildare. There are four care rooms, one cot room, a kitchen, office, sanitary facilities, staff room and storage space provided. There is an enclosed outdoor space at the front and side of the building.
<b>Staffing</b>	The proposed registered provider has appointed a manager for the service and a designated person to deputise as required. It is proposed that twelve childcare staff and one chef will commence working in the service when it opens.  The proposed childcare staff working directly with the pre-school children will hold qualifications in Early Childhood Care and Education as recognised on the National Framework of Qualifications.
<b>Methodology</b>	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.  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.

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<b>Acknowledgement</b>	The Inspector wish to acknowledge the cooperation of the proposed registered provider and the manager 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.*

<b>Requirement met:</b>	The requirement has been met.  (1) (a)  There is a designated person in charge and a named person is available to deputise as required.
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### 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.*

<b>Requirement met:</b>	The requirement has been met.  (1) The proposed registered provider has stated that there will be an adequate number of adults working directly with the children attending the service.
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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 service comprises of four pre-school rooms which are bright and spacious. They are located on the ground floor off the main entrance lobby. The care rooms have been constructively planned and presented to cater for the needs of the children in each room. Each care room has a variety of age-appropriate toys and learning equipment available at an accessible height to facilitate a child-led learning environment. There are clearly defined areas of interest including home corners, construction areas, dress up, sensory play, small world and rest areas with libraries. A variety of play and learning materials included puzzles, jigsaws, interconnecting manipulative equipment, blocks, cars, dolls and an assortment of props for the interest areas. Wobbler and Toddler 1 rooms were equipped with interactive toys, push/pull equipment, shape sorters and stacking toys, mirrors, sensorial equipment, wooden jigsaws and puzzles, water mats and a variety of suitable art and craft materials to cater for the younger age groups.

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(b) A cot room attached to the Wobbler room has six standard cots provided for any child less than two years of age requiring sleep. An additional six collapsible cots and mattresses are stored in a cupboard for use within the Wobbler room. Stackable beds are available for children over 2 years of age requiring a period of sleep when attending on a full day or part time basis. Suitable rest areas with child sized couches are provided in each care room.

(2)

(a) There is an enclosed outdoor area provided on the premises with direct access from each of the care rooms. The area has an impact absorbent surface. There is plenty of space for children to run around freely. The area is enclosed by a high-level fence and there are two gates at each end of the outdoor. The gates are secured with a key pad magnetic locking mechanism to prevent a child from leaving unnoticed and to restrict unauthorised access. There are no ponds, pits or other hazards observed in the outdoor area.

### 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 registered provider has employed a chef and there are facilities available for the provision of adequate food and drink for children. The service is using an outside caterer to provide the main meals which are reheated onsite. The chef will prepare snacks and the afternoon meal for the children. A four-week menu plan is available to demonstrate that varied nutritious food will be provided. Drinking water is available in the service and will be available at all times for the children.

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.

Access to the pre-school service is electronically controlled by staff at the main entrance to prevent children from exiting the service unsupervised and to restrict unauthorised persons from gaining access to the service. The internal door from the entrance lobby has a keypad system in place with electromagnetic release mechanism. The outdoor area is suitably secured with a perimeter wall and two secured gates at both entrances to the outdoor area. All windows have been fitted with fire-safe restrictors and visibility stickers are in place on the full-length glass doors and windows. All cupboards are fitted with safety catches.

There is sufficient storage space in the premises for cleaning materials. There is also sufficient storage space for large miscellaneous items. All emergency exits are clear.

Thermostatically controlled hot water, liquid soap and paper towels are available in the sanitary and nappy changing accommodation for hygienic hand washing and drying. Paper hand towel, hygienically dispensed from wall mounted dispensers are available at the sinks in the care rooms.

Foot pedal operated bins are located in the sanitary areas for the disposal of used nappies and in each pre-school room for the hygienic and safe disposal of used paper hand towel, tissues and waste.

A refrigerator is provided in the ECCE room for children’s snacks.

A pest control contract is in place for the premises.

The premises is maintained in a clean and hygienic condition and detailed cleaning schedules are in place for all room environments.

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) Current certification in relation to First Aid Response (FAR) training, is available for three staff members.
- (2)
- (a)(b) Suitably equipped first aid boxes are easily available and accessible to children at all times in each care room.

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) Documentation is available to record monthly fire drills.
- (b) The firefighting equipment has been recently installed and dated 14 October 2024 and the fire/smoke alarm system has been commissioned with supporting documentation dated 15 October 2024.
- (4) A notice of the procedures to be followed in the event of fire is displayed conspicuously and the fire assembly points are identified.

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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:

The requirement has been met.

Evidence of insurance was available indicating cover for 62 children attending a full day care service. The insurance certificate expires on 27/03/2025.

### 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:

(a) The proposed premises has been recently built and decorated and visually is in a state of good repair.

(b) The entrance/exit doors to the premises and gates to the outdoor area are electronically secured and will be controlled by staff to prevent unauthorised access to the service and to prevent children from exiting the service unsupervised. The outdoor play area is surrounded by a high perimeter fence.

(c) The premises benefits from high levels of natural light via large windows and glass doors in the care rooms. There is supplemental artificial lighting also provided from recessed square ceiling lights with protective covers in each care room. Window coverings are in place in the sleep room to support a dimmed environment for the comfort of sleeping children.

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There are openable windows and doors in each care room. A mechanical extraction/ventilation system has been installed for the simultaneous ventilation of the sanitary and nappy changing areas.

An integrated air management system provides air-conditioning and/or heat to all care rooms and the sleep room. This system can be regulated by the staff members from wall mounted control panels in each care room. Environmental room temperatures were maintained between the recommended 18-22°Celsius and between 16-20°Celsius in the sleep room.

(d) Daily cleaning schedules are in place for all care room environments and sanitary areas.

(e) The sanitary facilities provided in the service include:

- Four toilets and four wash hand basins designated for children's use.
- Two nappy changing units and two wash hand basins are located in Wobbler and Toddler 1 rooms
- A disability access toilet with one wash hand basin and an adult toilet and one wash hand basin are currently designated for adult use.

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.
- (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).

**Requirement met:**

The requirement has been met.

(1),(2) Adequate clear floor space has been provided for the work, play and movement of the number of children proposing to attend the service as demonstrated below:

<b>Room</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> room RHS main corridor referred to as Wobbler 1	Clear floor space	<b>27.5 m<sup>2</sup></b>
<b>Room</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> room RHS main corridor referred to as Toddler 1	Clear floor space	<b>34.1 m<sup>2</sup></b>
<b>Room</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> room RHS main corridor referred to as Toddler 2	Clear floor space	<b>46 m<sup>2</sup></b>
<b>Room</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> room LHS main corridor referred to as ECCE room	Clear floor space	<b>55 m<sup>2</sup></b>

(4)(a)(b) The required floor space for 60 pre-school children in the proposed age range, 1-6 years old, attending the service is met.