

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Initial Inspection of Proposed New Service

Tusla I.D: TU2025CC005

Name of Service: Julie Bee's Preschool

Address of Service: Gurranes NS, Garranewaterig, Innishannon, Cork
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Name of Proposed Registered Provider: Julie Butler

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

Proposed Number of Children: 11

Outcome of the F06 Inspection
(e.g., type of service, numbers, age ranges, times,)
Sessional service to accommodate 11 children from 2 to 6 years from 08:50am to 11:50am each day Monday to Friday.

Registered service: Registered Sessional Service for 11 Children

Date of Inspection: 1 1 0 8 2 0 2 5

Inspection Undertaken by: M. O' Reilly

Title: Early Years Inspector

Tusla Early Years Inspectorate Address: Early Years Inspectorate, Child & Family Agency
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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: 19th August 2025

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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	Julie Bee's Preschool proposes to operate a sessional service catering for children aged from two to six years and for children attending the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) scheme. It will be a privately owned single-handed operated service. On opening the service proposes to cater for up to a maximum of 11 children on the premises at any one time. The proposed opening times that the service will be carried out are from 08:50 to 11:50 hours each day Monday to Friday.
Premises	The service is located in one of the classrooms in Gurrans National School located in Innishannon Co Cork. The room has been suitably adapted to cater for an early years' service. There is one playroom, adequate number of designated children's and staff toilets. The service proposes to have their own designated secured outdoor play area within the grounds of the national school.
Staffing	Initially it is proposed that the registered provider will work single handedly in the service. The registered provider will have completed a major award in Early Childhood Care and Education.
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

Requirement met:

The requirement has been met.
(1)(a) A named person in charge has been appointed for the single-handed operated service.

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)—
(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 has been met.
(1) The fit for purpose inspection was carried out in the absence of children. It is proposed that the registered provider will operate the service single-handedly. The service proposes to have a maximum of 11 children as the ratio is: 1 staff to 11 children. Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE).
(8)(c) It is proposed that the registered provider will have a second person familiar with the operation of the service. The second person will at all times be within close distance of the service and in a position to provide assistance to the person in charge in the event of an emergency.

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.*
- (3) *A registered provider of a full day care service, a part-time day care service or a childminding service, other than such a service to which paragraph applies, shall ensure that—*
- (a) *a suitable, safe and secure outdoor space to which the pre-school children attending the service have access on a daily basis is provided on the premises, or*

Requirement met:

The requirement has been met.

(1)

(a) There are low shelves provided in the playroom that are accessible to the children. The shelves are stocked with a large selection of activities, equipment and play materials that were all functioning and maintained in good condition. There is a designated outdoor play area available beside the service.

(b) There was a designated rest area provided in the playroom consisting of cushions and a floor mat.

(2)(a), (3)(a) There is a designated outdoor play area provided beside the premise. The outdoor play area has an all-weather tile surface and is enclosed with a high metal fence and gate. The gate has a lock at adult height that will be secured when the children are playing outdoors. There is a kitchen unit, sand unit, push, pull and ride on toys. There is a child size bench seating. There is a storage unit in place to store the outdoor play equipment when not in use.

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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.

- It is proposed that the parents will provide all the food and drink requirements for the children while attending the service.
- A fridge is provided to store perishable foods provided by parents.

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 requirements have been met.

- The preschool service has their own designated entrance door in the school premise that leads to a corridor where the entrance door to the playroom is located. Both doors are key operated. Both keys will be stored by the respective doors at adult height to reduce the risk of unauthorised access by a person onto the premise or the leaving of an unsupervised child.
- The emergency fire exit doors were unobstructed at time of inspection.
- The cupboards under the sink at child height have a childproof lock in place.
- All toys and play equipment in the proposed playroom are safe and in good condition.
- At time of inspection there were no loose and accessible electrical cables in the service.
- All bins in the service will be pedal operated and lidded.
- There was antibacterial liquid soap, and a wall mounted disposable paper hand towel dispenser available at the wash hand basins for hand washing and hand drying in the adult and children's toilet facilities and in the playroom.
- There are a number of openable windows in the playroom. There are openable windows in the children's and adult toilet facilities.
- Cleaning equipment and materials will be stored in areas that are inaccessible to children.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safe storage is provided for the children's belongings which includes their coats and bags that will be stored on hooks in the school corridor beside the entrance door to the playroom.
Requirement not met:	<p>General Safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The thermostatically controlled hot water when checked in the wash hand basins in the children's toilet area was reading at 50° Celsius at time of inspection. Thermostatically controlled warm water in wash hand basins for children's use shall be maintained at 43° Celsius and below during the hours of operation.
Response from Provider:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The registered provider has stated in her reply that the water thermostat located under the wash hand basins in the toilet area has now been set to ensure the water temperature is maintained at 43° Celsius and below during the hours of operation.
Summary Comment:	The requirement has been met.
Part VI - Safety	
Regulation 25 – First Aid	
<p>(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.</p> <p>(2) A registered provider shall ensure that a suitably equipped first aid box for children—</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(a) is safely stored in an easily accessible and conspicuous position on the premises, and</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(b) is available to the children attending the pre-school service at all times</p>	
Requirement met:	<p>The requirement has been met.</p> <p>(1) One adult in the service has a current first aid responder (FAR) training</p> <p>(2)</p> <p>(a) The first aid box is stored in a conspicuous location at adult height in the playroom.</p> <p>(b) First aid supplies will be available to the children at all times throughout the hours of operation.</p>

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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 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:	<p>The requirement has been met.</p> <p>(1)</p> <p>(a) The requirement is met in relation to the provision of a form for recording monthly fire drills.</p> <p>(4) The service has a designated assembly point that is signposted, in the event of a fire.</p> <p>A notice of procedures to be followed in the event of a fire is displayed on the wall of the playroom.</p> <p>The registered provider stated that she is booked to attend a course on fire safety in preschools next week.</p>
Requirement not met:	<p>(1)(b)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There were no mains operated smoke alarm system in place in the preschool service. 2. The registered provider informed the inspectorate that the the fire equipment was serviced in the national school in 2023. Fire equipment is required to be serviced on a yearly basis. <p>A referral was made to Cork County Fire Safety Officer to review the fire safety measures in the service.</p>
Response from Provider:	<p>(1)(b) The following was forwarded to the early years inspector.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Photographic evidence of a mains operated smoke alarm system has now been installed in the preschool room and in the school corridor outside the preschool room 2. A copy of a certificate of the inspection and maintenance of the portable fire extinguishers in the school where the preschool service is located. The certificate stated that the fire extinguishers were serviced on the 11 September 2024 and not in 2023 as was previously indicated at time of inspection. <p>Cork County Fire Safety Officer Department acknowledged receipt of the fire safety referral.</p>
Summary Comment:	<p>The requirement has been met.</p>

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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.
An insurance certificate was available indicating cover for 22 children attending a sessional service. The insurance certificate expires on the 15 June 2026.

Registration is contingent upon the registered provider maintaining up-to-date insurance coverage that accurately reflects the number of children attending the service.

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 provider proposes to operate a sessional service in a facility that has been adapted to provide an early year's service. From a visual assessment, the premises appears to be of sound and stable structure. No mould or cracks were visible.

(b) The entrance door to the preschool room is adequately secured to prevent access by an unauthorised adult or unsupervised access by a preschool child.

(c) Natural ventilation is supplied through openable windows in the proposed playroom and in the children's and adult sanitary facilities. Adequate light in the care room and toilet facilities is supplied by a combination of natural light and ceiling lights. Heating is provided by one switch operated wall mounted electric heater and by four oil operated radiators in the playroom. There is one oil operated radiator in the children's and adult toilet area. The playroom air temperature and toilet area air temperatures were recorded at between 19 and 20°C during the inspection. The care rooms and toilet area temperature should be maintained between 18°C and 22°C.

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	<p>(d) Cleaning schedules templates were available, and all the play materials were clean and in good condition.</p> <p>The water source is from a private well. The water was tested recently and there is a planned testing of the water again from the private well in the Autumn 2025. At time of inspection the registered provider had purchased bottled drinking water for the children's use while attending the service. The bottled water was stored in the fridge located in the playroom.</p> <p>There is a pest control system in place in the school. The pest control company come every three months; last check was in June 2025. No activity observed at time of inspection.</p> <p>(e) There is one designated toilet, and one wash hand basin provided for the children. There is one designated toilet and one wash hand basin available for use by the adult.</p>
Requirement not met:	(c) There was no protective covers on the fluorescent ceiling lights in the preschool room.
Response from Provider:	(c) The fluorescent lights that were present at time of inspection were removed. Photographic evidence of the new fluorescent ceiling lights with a protective cover that were installed in the preschool room were forwarded to the early years inspector.
Summary Comment:	The requirement has been met.

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 floor space is provided in the preschool room to enable the free movement of children, as they engage in play and learning activities.

(2) The available clear floor space meets the requirement for a maximum of 18 children. The room measured 32.79m². The playroom has sufficient floor space for the proposed 11 (ECCE) early years children to attend the single operated service each morning.

(3) The total floor space of 32.79 m² in the preschool room allows for the proposed 11 sessional children with a minimum of 1.818 m² of clear floor space available for each child attending the proposed sessional service each morning.