

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Initial Inspection of Proposed New Service

Tusla I.D: TU2025CC008

Name of Service: Curious Minds Glantane FDC

Address of Service: Glantane National School, Brittas, Mallow, Co. Cork
P51 PK65

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Name of Proposed Registered Provider: Marie Sheehy

Type of Proposed Service:	Full Day Care	<input checked="" 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: Full Day Care

Proposed Number of Children: 44

Outcome of the F06 Inspection
(e.g., type of service, numbers, age ranges, times,)
Full Day Care and Sessional service for 22 children aged 2 to 6 years from 7.00am to 6.00pm.

Registered service: Registered Full Day Care & Sessional service for 22 children

Date of Inspection: 1 6 0 9 2 0 2 5

Inspection Undertaken by: N O'Donoghue

Title: Early Years Inspector

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Rationale for Inspection

Proposed New Service

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

Registration Status: Registered Full Day Care & Sessional service for 22 children

Date of Registration: 26th September 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	Curious Minds Glantane proposes to register as a full day care service for early years children aged 2 to 6 years. It proposes to operate from 7.00am to 6.00pm, Monday to Friday, 52 weeks of the year. The service also proposes to facilitate children attending the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Scheme, from 9.00am to 12.00pm.
Premises	The proposed premises is located within a dedicated classroom in Glantane National School. The children's sanitary facilities are located within the proposed care room, the adult sanitary facilities are situated down the corridor from the care room. The designated outdoor area is accessible by the proposed care room to the front and side of the building.
Staffing	The service proposes to employ three staff to work directly with the children. The registered provider will not be service based.
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 and person in charge who were present on the day of the inspection.

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:	<p>The requirement has been met.</p> <p>(1) (a) A person in charge has been appointed to oversee the operation of the proposed service. The role of a deputy has also been fulfilled.</p>
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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.

Requirement met:

The requirement has been met.

(1) There will be an adequate number of adults involved in the direct care of the children. The proposed care room will facilitate up to 22 children aged 2 to 6 years, with 3 adults working directly with the children attached to this room.

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 proposed care room is bright and spacious. A broad range of developmentally appropriate play resources are available on low-laying, open shelving. The outdoor area has access to equipment such as slides, sand-play, planting boxes which promote both fine and gross motor development.
 - (b) The proposed care room has access to a rest/cosy area within the room for children who require sleep. There are four beds available, and the registered provider is aware that additional beds may be required depending on the needs of the children. The children’s parents will provide the linen for the stackable beds.
- (2)
- (a) A suitable, safe and secure outdoor play environment is located to the front and side of the building.

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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 copy of the services healthy eating policy will be shared with parents/guardians.
- Parents/guardians will provide snacks and meals to the service. This will be reheated by staff on site. Additional snacks will be kept by the service should a child require extra food.
- The children will have access to drinking water both during and outside of mealtimes.
- Suitable crockery and cutlery are easily accessible for use.

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:

- Cables from electrical equipment are maintained out of the children's reach.
- Blind cords are securely out of reach of children.
- Fire exits are clear and free from obstruction.
- Firefighting equipment is safely wall mounted.
- Thermostatically controlled warm water is available at all of the wash hand basis and all water temperature readings were noted to be below 43°C.

Infection control:

- Warm running water, liquid soap and paper towels are provided for hygienic handwashing and drying. Foot pedal operated bins are also in place and foot pedal operated nappy bins have been ordered.
- Disposable gloves and aprons are readily accessible for use during nappy changing procedures
- The premises is maintained in a notably clean and hygienic condition.
- There is a refrigerator in the care room for the safe storage of perishable foods.

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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) The registered provider has assured that the three proposed staff will complete First Aid Responder (FAR) training. At least one of these adults will be available to the children at all times. The date of the training has been organised and staff from a sister service with the relevant certification will work in the premises to ensure a staff member with this training will be on the premises at all times.

(2)

- (a) The first aid box is accessible in the service and adequately stocked.
- (b) The first aid supplies will be available and accessible 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 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) Monthly fire drills will be stored and maintained on the services mobile application.
- (b) A list, which details the number and type of firefighting equipment is maintained on file. The records indicated that the smoke detection system was commissioned on 27 August 2025 and the firefighting equipment was installed on 06 November 2024.

(4) The fire evacuation procedure, outlining details of the steps to be followed in the event of a fire, is displayed in various locations throughout the premises. The fire assembly point is clearly signposted.

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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.

- Adequate insurance is in place.
- The proposed service is covered to provide full day care and the policy is valid until 27 March 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—

- of sound and stable structure,*
- safe and secure,*
- kept adequately lit, heated and ventilated,*
- cleaned, maintained and repaired, as required, and*
- equipped with adequate and suitable sanitary facilities*

Requirement met:

The requirements have been met.

- The service is operating within a classroom of the local national school and the proposed care room appears to be of a sound and stable structure.
- The entrance door to the service is secured by a keypad lock system which is not accessible to the children. This reduces the risk of unauthorised access and a child leaving the service unsupervised. The designated outdoor play area is enclosed by an iron fencing and a gate.
- The care room is provided with a supply of natural light, through glass windows and doors. This is supplemented by LED ceiling lights, with protective covers, which are also available in the sanitary facilities. Adequate ventilation is provided in the care rooms through openable windows. Mechanical ventilation is in place in the sanitary facilities.
- The service appeared to be clean and well maintained, and in a good state of repair. A written cleaning schedule was available for the service.
- A total of two toilets and two wash hand basins are available across the children's sanitary facilities. There is also one nappy changing unit in place, which allows for up to 11 children in nappies to be accommodated. One toilet and one wash hand basin are accessible for staff. 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.*
- (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.*
- (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) There is adequate clear floor space available in the premises for the work, play and movement of the children planning to attend the additional preschool service.
- (2) The proposed new care room was measured at 95.15m².
- (3) The registered provider proposes to contemporaneously cater for children attending the sessional service and the full day care service. The Preschool room allows for the children attending the sessional service, to have a minimum of 1.818 square metres of clear floor space during this time.