

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Initial Inspection of Proposed New Service

Tusla I.D:	TU2025CN001								
Name of Service:	Krafty Kidz Cavan								
Address of Service:	O Raghallaigh Park, Cavan Town, Cavan, H12 XT68								
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Name of Proposed Registered Provider:	Ciaran McManus								
Type of Proposed Service:	Full Day Care	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Part-Time	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Drop-In	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Sessional	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Childminding	<input type="checkbox"/>	Temporary	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed service type:	Service type; Full Day, Part Time and Sessional care. Proposed number of children: 30. Age profile: 0 – 6 years. Hours of operation: 8:00am to 5:30pm.								
Proposed Number of Children:	30								
Outcome of the F06 Inspection (e.g., type of service, numbers, age ranges, times,)	Service type; Full Day, Part Time and Sessional care. Number of children: 30. Age profile: 0 – 6 years. Hours of operation: 8:00am to 5:30pm.								
Registered service:	Registered Full Day, Part Time and Sessional care for 30 children								
Date of Inspection:	1	0	0	7	2	0	2	5	
Inspection Undertaken by:	S Mc Kenna								
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, Part Time and Sessional care for 30 children
Date of Registration:	29/07/2025

Authority to Inspect

 An Ghníomhaireacht um Leanaí agus an Teaghlach Child and Family Agency	Child and Family Agency Act 2013 Child Care Act 1991 (Early Years Services) Regulations 2016	Version 04 Implemented- Aug 2022 EYI-IR12.21 F06 FFP (New)	1 of 7
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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	<p>The proposed new service is a community run not for profit service, which will be one of a chain of five services located within the county of Cavan.</p> <p>The service proposes to operate 50 weeks per year, from 8am to 5:30pm Monday to Friday catering for a maximum of 30 children aged 0 – 6 years.</p> <p>The service proposes to participate in the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) scheme.</p>
Premises	<p>The proposed new service is located within a single storey community building in a housing estate in Cavan town. The building is owned by Cavan County Council.</p> <p>There are two care rooms named; Playroom 1 and Playroom 2. An office, a kitchen, sanitary areas and a sleep room are also provided.</p>
Staffing	<p>The service proposes to employ a total of 9 staff. A service manager, 6 childcare staff, a cook and a cleaner.</p>
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	<p>The Inspector wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the company's CEO and service manager who were present on the day of the inspection.</p>

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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.

The service has a designated person in charge and a named person to deputise in their absence.

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.

The registered provider advised that a total of 7 staff will work directly with the children within the 2 care rooms, which includes the service manager.

The registered provider is aware of the requirements of this regulation in relation to adult: child ratios.

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 requirements of this regulation have been met.

(1) (a) Adequate and suitable facilities have been provided for children to play indoors during the day. A range of toys, equipment and resourced interest areas are available in each of the care rooms.

(b) Adequate and suitable facilities are provided for the children to rest on if required.

A cot room with 6 cots is located off Playroom 1. Stackable beds are available for children over 2 who may require a sleep.

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There are cosy areas with soft child sized seating, cushions and floor mats within each of the care rooms.

(3) A secure outdoor area is available to the children attending the service, which is located to the side and rear of the premises.

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.

The service will provide all breakfast, snacks and meals to the children in attendance.

A 4-week menu is available. It is proposed that the service cook will prepare and cook all snacks and hot meals on a daily basis. The children will have access to potable drinking water. A fridge is available in the kitchen for the storage of perishable food items.

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.

- The main entrance door is secured by a key coded magnetic lock, openable by staff through a press and release button. The entrance door that leads directly into the Playroom 1 is via a door with a secure thumb lock. This prevents children from exiting the service unsupervised and to restrict unauthorised access.
- The emergency exit doors were unobstructed throughout the inspection.
- There was provision for the appropriate disposal and storage of waste including the provision of foot pedal operated bins throughout the service.
- Cleaning schedules are available for the service. Cleaning materials will be stored out of reach of children in lockable cupboards.
- Thermostatically controlled hot water for hand washing purposes was provided to a maximum temperature of 43°C.
- There is one designated fire assembly points located to the front of the premises.

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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 ensured that there are two adults with up to date First Aid Responder (FAR) training on the premises.
- (2) (a) and (b) An adequately stocked first aid box is located in the manager's office, and is available to the children at all times.

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) The registered provider demonstrated that a template to record fire drills when the service is operational was available.
- (b) There was a record available relating to the number and type of firefighting equipment, with an installation date of July 2025 and the commissioning of the fire detection and alarm system carried out on 03 July 2025.
- (4) The procedures to be followed in the event of a fire are displayed throughout the service.

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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.

An insurance quote was provided which covers a maximum of 30 preschool children in attendance on a Full day Care basis and expires on the 27/03/2026.

The registered provider advised that insurance will be in place once Tusla has confirmed the opening date and registration status of 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) On visual inspection the building appears safe and sound. The registered provider confirmed that they had no knowledge of any structural defects.

(b) The service is adequately secured to prevent children exiting unsupervised and unauthorised persons gaining entry.

(c) The service is adequately lit and heated. The lighting is provided by a mixture of natural light leading from openable windows, which is supplemented with fluorescent ceiling lights which were fitted with protective covers. The service is heated through oil central heating. The sanitary facilities are ventilated by means of a mixture of openable windows and mechanical ventilation. The sleep room off Playroom 1 is ventilated by means of three openable windows.

(d) Cleaning schedules were available and in place, and the premises was maintained in a clean condition.

(e) The sanitary facilities in the service were equipped with total of 3 toilets and 3 hand basins available for children located directly off the care rooms. One nappy changing unit was provided in the main sanitary area. Thermostatically controlled hot water, liquid soap and single use paper hand towels was available at all of the hand wash sinks.

There is one toilet and one wash hand basins available for the 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.
- (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.
- (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).
- (5) A registered provider of a temporary pre-school service shall ensure that a minimum of 2 square metres of clear floor space is available for each child 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 within the 2 care rooms.

(2) The size of the care rooms ensures that the required floor space for a maximum number of 30 children was provided.

The floor space available in the proposed Playroom 1 room was 24.5m². The space available could cater for 7 children aged 0 to 1 years on a full day care basis, or 8 children aged 1 to 2 years on a full day care basis, or 10 children aged 2 to 3 years on a full day care basis,

The floor space available in the proposed Playroom 2 room was 53m². The space available could cater for 29 children aged 3 to 6 years on a sessional basis, or 23 children aged 3 to 3 years on a full day care basis, or 22 children aged 2 to 3 years on a full day care basis.