

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances



Tusla I.D.: TU2025KE002

Name of Service: Scoil Beag Playschool

Address of Service: Oldtown Road, Celbridge Co. Kildare W23RK80

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Name of Registered Provider: Shauna Kennedy

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

Proposed change: Change in number of children from 11 to 20 children, with additional sanitary facility for staff use

Proposed Number of Children: 20

Recommended Change Following Inspection: Change in number of children from 11 to 20 children

Registered change: Change in number of children from 11 to 20 children

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

Inspection undertaken by: R Phillips

Title: Early Years Inspector

Tusla Early Years Inspectorate Address: Level 7, Brunel building, Heuston South Quarter, Kilmainham, D08X01F

Rationale for Inspection:
Proposed Change of Circumstance

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

Registration Status:	Registered Sessional Service for 20 Children
Date of Registration	23 rd 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	Scoil Beag Playschool will provide sessional childcare for preschool children from 2 years and 8 months to 6 years. The service will operate from 09:30 -12:30, Monday to Friday 38 weeks of the year. The service offers the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) scheme.
Premises	Scoil Beag playschool consists of a new purpose built demountable building, with a large open plan care room, sanitary facilities and two distinct large outdoor areas, one with tarmacadam, and one with natural grass and two climbing structures and a tunnel and ample play equipment.
Staffing	The service employs three staff including the registered provider, who will manage the service and work directly with the children.
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 the following themes: Governance, Health, Welfare and Development of the child, Safety and Premises.</p> <p>The findings on inspection are 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 registering the change in circumstance. 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>
Acknowledgements	The Inspector wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the registered provider, staff and children 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 service has a designated person in charge and a named person to deputise as 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 requirement has been met.

The registered provider proposes to provide a sessional service from 09:30- 12:30.

Three adults including the registered provider will be employed to work directly with the children

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—

(c) of a full day care service, a part-time day care service, a sessional preschool service or a childminding service that moves premises 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.

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- (1)(a) The care room is fully equipped with a range of play materials and equipment suitable to the age of the children who will be attending. There are low level tables and chairs and open shelving so the children will be able to access the materials for manipulative creative, sensory and imaginative play.
- (1)(b) The care room has a suitable rest area, with a soft mat and cushions available for children to take a break from activities.
- (2)(a) The 2 enclosed outdoor areas adjacent to the premises provide ample space for the children who will be attending to promote their gross motor development, with ride on toys, footballs, goals, slide and climbing structures and sensory experiences with sand, water and artificial grass covered tunnel. Both outdoor areas are fully enclosed and secured to prevent unauthorised entry or a child exiting unsupervised. The outdoor areas are new, well maintained and no hazards were observed.

Part V - Care of Child in Pre-school Service

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.

Parents will provide a packed lunch, which will be stored in a fridge to prevent spoiling of perishable foods. The service has a healthy eating policy. The registered provider stated that alternative snacks will be available if required.

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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 external environment and doors are secure.
- There is a system in place to enter via one gate and exit via another as per planning conditions. The car parking area is a safe distance from the entrance and entrances to outdoor areas.
- There are no hazards in the outdoor areas.
- There are no loose cables, exposed bolts or sharp edges or pinch or crush points on toys or equipment.
- There are visibility stickers in place on a glass door.
- The service has an infection control policy in place to guide practice and avoid spread of infection.
- There is provision for the appropriate storage and disposal of waste with the use of pedal operated bins in the sanitary area and care room.
- Cleaning schedules are in place and cleaning materials are appropriately stored out of reach of children.
- Fire exits are unobstructed.

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 is met.

- (1) An adult who has in date First Aid Responder training will be available to the children at all times of opening. Two more adults are enrolled to undertake FAR training in October.

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(2) (a)(b)

A suitably equipped first aid box is provided. It is stored in an easily accessible conspicuous place, off the 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 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 is met.

(1)(a) The registered provider has stated that fire drills will be carried out on a monthly basis.

(b) There is a record available relating to the number type and maintenance of fire fighting equipment and for the fire detection and alarm system.

(4) The notice of procedures to be followed in the event of a fire is displayed conspicuously in the care room and the fire assembly point is clearly identifiable

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 that insurance is in place for the required number of children and type of service was observed.

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) Scoil Beag playschool will operate out of a new modular building built for the purpose of providing sessional preschool care.

(b) The registered provider has taken appropriate measures to safeguard the premises.

(c) The care room is adequately lit with natural and artificial lighting.

The care room is a comfortable temperature with thermostatically controlled wall mounted covered radiators. The windows and ventilation grills provide ventilation.

(d) The premises and surrounding environment are clean and well maintained.

(e) There are two toilets and three wash hand basins adjacent to the care room, within the service for the proposed 20 children.

There is thermostatically controlled hot water, which is maintained below 43°C. There is liquid soap and paper towels available.

A separate sanitary facility is available in the registered providers house adjacent to the playschool to provide another toilet and sink for the staff.

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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.
- (4) Where a registered provider contemporaneously provides—
- a sessional pre-school service, and
 - 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

- Adequate clear floor space is provided for the work play and movement of the children attending the service.
- (3) (4) A total clear floor space of 40.31m² is available in the care room for a proposed 20 preschool children ranging in age from two years and eight months and six years on a sessional basis.