

# TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

## Initial Inspection of Proposed New Service

<b>Tusla I.D:</b>	TU2025KE002
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<b>Name of Service:</b>	Scoil Beag Playschool
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<b>Address of Service:</b>	Oldtown Road, Celbridge, Co. Kildare W23RK80
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<b>Email Address:</b>	scoilbeagplayschool@yahoo.com
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<b>Name of Proposed Registered Provider:</b>	Shauna Kennedy
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<b>Type of Proposed Service:</b>	<b>Full Day Care</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Part-Time</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Drop-In</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<b>Sessional</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Childminding</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Temporary</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>Proposed service type:</b>	Sessional
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<b>Proposed Number of Children:</b>	20
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<b>Outcome of the F06 Inspection</b> (e.g., type of service, numbers, age ranges, times,)	Sessional service 11 children 2 years to 6 years
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<b>Registered service:</b>	Sessional Service
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<b>Inspection Undertaken by:</b>	R Phillips
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<b>Title:</b>	Early Years Inspector
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<b>Tusla Early Years Inspectorate Address:</b>	Level 7, Brunel Building, Heuston South Quarter, Kilmainham, Dublin 8.
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<b>Rationale for Inspection</b>
<b>Proposed New Service</b>

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

<b>Registration Status:</b>	Registered Sessional Service for 11 Children.
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<b>Date of Registration:</b>	29 <sup>th</sup> 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).

<b>Description of Service</b>	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.
<b>Premises</b>	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.
<b>Staffing</b>	The service employs three staff including the registered provider, who will manage the service and work directly with the children.
<b>Methodology</b>	<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>
<b>Acknowledgement</b>	The Inspector wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the proposed registered provider who was present on the day of the inspection.

### Part III - Management and Staff

 <p>An Ghníomhaireacht um Leanaí agus an Teaghlach Child and Family Agency</p>	<p>Child and Family Agency Act 2013</p> <p>Child Care Act 1991 (Early Years Services) Regulations 2016</p>	<p>Version 04 Implemented- Aug 2022 EYI-IR12.21 F06 FFP (New)</p>	<p>2 of 8</p>
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### 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:

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, one of the child care practitioners will provide support under the access and inclusion model (AIM).

### 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.

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<b>Requirement met:</b>	<p>The requirement has been met.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(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.</p>
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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.

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.

### 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 is met.

- The external environment and doors are secure.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• There are no hazards in the outdoor areas.</li> <li>• There are no loose cables, exposed bolts or sharp edges or pinch or crush points on toys or equipment.</li> <li>• There are visibility stickers in place on a glass door.</li> <li>• The service has an infection control policy in place to guide practice and avoid spread of infection.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Cleaning schedules are in place and cleaning materials are appropriately stored out of reach of children.</li> <li>• Fire exits are unobstructed.</li> </ul>
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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 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.

(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—

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- (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.

<b>Requirement met:</b>	<p>The requirement is met.</p> <p>(1)(a) The registered provider has stated that fire drills will be carried out on a monthly basis.</p> <p>(b) There is a record available relating to the number type and maintenance of fire fighting equipment and for the fire detection and system.</p> <p>(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.</p>
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### Part VI - Safety

#### Regulation 28 – Insurance

*A registered provider shall ensure that the pre-school service is adequately insured.*

<b>Requirement met:</b>	<p>The requirement has been met.</p> <p>Evidence that insurance is in place for the required number of children and type of service was observed.</p>
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### 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

<b>Requirement Met:</b>	<p>The requirement has been met.</p> <p>(a) Scoil beag will operate out of a new modular building built for the purpose of providing sessional preschool care.</p> <p>(b) The registered provider has taken appropriate measures to safeguard the premises.</p>
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	<p>(c) The care room is adequately lit with natural and artificial lighting.</p> <p>The care room is a comfortable temperature with thermostatically controlled wall mounted covered radiators. The windows and ventilation grills provide ventilation.</p> <p>(d) The premises and surrounding environment are clean and well maintained.</p>
<b>Requirement not met:</b>	<p>(e) There are two toilets and three sinks available. This is inadequate sanitary facilities for the proposed 20 children and three staff. A separate toilet for staff is required. There are adequate sanitary facilities available for 11 children and three staff who will be employed.</p> <p>The Early years inspector acknowledges there is thermostatically controlled hot water and cold water are available in the wash hand basins.</p>
<b>Response from Provider:</b>	Provider requested registration for 11 children at this time
<b>Summary Comment:</b>	The requirement is not met for 20 preschool children and three staff. The requirement is met for 11 children, and another toilet and wash hand basin available for staff.

### 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

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|  | <p>(1) Adequate clear floor space is provided for the work play and movement of the children attending the service.</p> <p>(2) (3) (4) A total clear floor space of 40.31m<sup>2</sup> 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.</p> |
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