

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Initial Inspection of Proposed New Service

Tusla I.D:	TU2025LD001							
Name of Service:	Wiggles and Giggles							
Address of Service:	School Land, Ballinalee, Longford, N39 C7K2.							
Email Address:	wigglesandgiggles1@hotmail.com							
Name of Proposed Registered Providers:	Aoife McGauran & Ciara Gilna							
Type of Proposed Service:	Full Day Care	<input type="checkbox"/>	Part-Time	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Drop-In	<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"/>
Proposed service type:	Part -Time/Sessional							
Proposed Number of Children:	22							
Outcome of the F06 Inspection (e.g., type of service, numbers, age ranges, times,)	<p>A maximum number of 22 children aged 2-6 years attending for the Early Childhood Care and Education programme on a sessional basis.</p> <p>A maximum number of 20 children aged 2 - 3 years of age attending for Part time care may be accommodated.</p> <p>A maximum number of 21 children aged 3-6 years of age attending for Part time care may be accommodated.</p> <p>The service opening hours will be 9:00am – 14:00 hours.</p>							
Registered service:	Registered Part-Time/Sessional Service for 22 Children (Max 21 Part-Time)							
Date of Inspection:	3	0	0	7	2	0	2	5
Inspection Undertaken by:	Therese Duignan							
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 Part-Time/Sessional Service for 22 Children (Max 21 Part-Time)
Date of Registration:	13 th August 2025

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	The proposed private childcare facility aims to provide part-time and sessional care for children from 2-6 years of age. The service is proposing to accommodate 22 children. The proposed hours of operation are from 09:00 to 14:00 hours, Monday to Friday.
Premises	The proposed premises is a refurbished change of use building located beside but separate from, the registered providers own residence on the outskirts of Ballinalee, Co. Longford. There is one large care room, sanitary facilities and storage space available. There is a secured spacious outdoor play area at the front of the proposed premises.
Staffing	The proposed registered providers are the designated persons in charge. The proposed registered providers working directly with the pre-school children hold qualifications in Early Childhood Care and Education as recognised on the National Framework of Qualifications.
Methodology	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

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	<p>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 providers 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)</p> <p>There is a designated person in charge and a named person is available to deputise as required.</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:	<p>The requirement has been met.</p> <p>(1) The proposed registered providers have stated that there will be an adequate number of adults working directly with the children attending the service.</p>
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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 service comprises of a large care room which is bright and spacious. The proposed care room has been constructively planned and presented to cater for the developmental and play requirements of the children who will be attending. The proposed care room has a variety of age-appropriate toys and learning equipment available at an accessible height to facilitate a child-led learning environment. There are clearly defined areas of interest including home corners, construction areas, sensory play, small world and a rest area with a reading corner. A variety of play and learning materials included puzzles, jigsaws, interconnecting manipulative equipment, magnets, blocks, cars, dolls and an assortment of props for the interest areas.

The proposed outdoor play area is equipped with a sand and water table, slides, rockers, a digging / growing area, a child sized integrated seat and table and a ride on tractors with trailers, scooters, and ride on toys.

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	<p>(b) Facilities for sleep are available and currently include two stackable beds with sheets and blankets for children over 2 years of age requiring a period of sleep when attending on a part time basis.</p> <p>A suitable rest area with child sized comfortable sofas and seating are provided in the proposed care room beside the book corner.</p> <p>(2)</p> <p>(a) The proposed outdoor play area in front of the service has plenty of space for the children to run freely and enjoy playground games. There is direct access from the proposed care room to the outdoor play area.</p> <p>The proposed outdoor area is enclosed by medium height wooden fence with three secured metal gates to prevent unauthorised entry or the unsupervised exit of a child from the premises.</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 is met.

The service has a healthy eating policy in place.

Parents will be requested to provide one healthy snack for children attending on a sessional basis and a lunch for the children attending on a part-time basis. Water is freely available to the children at all times.

A fridge is available for the storage of the children’s food.

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.

Access to the proposed pre-school service is controlled by staff at the main entrance to prevent children from exiting the service unsupervised and to restrict unauthorised

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persons from gaining access to the service. The proposed outdoor area is suitably secured with a medium height wooden perimeter fence and a secured gate at the entrance to the service. Visibility stickers are in place on the full-length glass doors. There is sufficient storage space in the premises for cleaning materials and equipment, arts and crafts resources for the service and sleep equipment. The emergency exit is clear.

Thermostatically controlled hot water, liquid soap and paper towels hygienically dispensed from wall mounted dispensers are available for the hygienic hand washing and drying at the sinks in the proposed sanitary areas.

Foot pedal operated bins are located in the proposed sanitary areas for the disposal of used nappies and in the proposed care room for the hygienic and safe disposal of used paper hand towel, tissues and waste.

A refrigerator is provided in the proposed care room.

The registered providers are managing pest control for the premises and written records are maintained.

The proposed premises is maintained in a clean and hygienic condition and a detailed cleaning schedule is in place for all room environments.

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) Current certification in relation to First Aid Response (FAR) training, is available for one of the registered providers.

(2)(a)(b) One suitably equipped first aid box is easily available and accessible to children at all times and is placed in a conspicuous position in the proposed care room.

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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:

The requirement has been met.

(1)

(a) Documentation is available to record monthly fire drills.

(b) The firefighting equipment has been recently installed and dated 1 May 2025, and the fire/smoke alarm system has been commissioned with supporting documentation dated 20 May 2025.

(4) A notice of the procedures to be followed in the event of fire is displayed conspicuously in the proposed care room and the fire assembly point is identified in the proposed outdoor play area.

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.

The registered provider must ensure that adequate insurance is in place prior to the commencement of the service. Registration of the service is contingent on the registered provider's compliance with Regulation 28.

An insurance certificate is available indicating cover for 22 children attending a part-time care service. The insurance certificate expires on 27 March 2026.

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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*

Requirement met:

- (a) The proposed premises has been refurbished, decorated and visually is in a state of good repair.
- (b) The entrance/exit door to the proposed premises and gates in the proposed outdoor area are secured and will be controlled by the registered providers to prevent unauthorised access to the service and to prevent children from exiting the service unsupervised. The proposed outdoor play area perimeter is secured by a medium level wooden fence. Three gates, two placed on the right-hand side and left-hand side of the perimeter fence for access and the gate at the bottom of the ramp leading to the entrance door are all secured by combination locks
- (c) The proposed premises benefits from natural light via six windows and a double glass door in the care room. There is supplemental artificial lighting also provided from five strip lights with protective covers in the care rooms. The windows have a tint applied to minimise the sun glare in the proposed care room.
There are two openable windows in the proposed sanitary area.
- (d) Daily cleaning schedules are in place for the proposed care room environment and sanitary area.
- (e) There are adequate sanitary facilities in the proposed service.
 - Two toilets and two wash hand basins are provided for children’s use in the proposed sanitary area.
 - One nappy changing unit and one wash hand basin is provided in the proposed sanitary area.

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- Sanitary facilities including one toilet and one wash hand basin facilities are available for the staff in the proposed service.

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.
- (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.

(1),(2) Adequate clear floor space has been provided for the work, play and movement of the number of children proposing to attend the service as demonstrated below:

Room	Wiggles and Giggles	Clear floor space	49 m ²

(4)(a)(b) The required floor space to enable a maximum number of 22 children aged 2 years 8 months to 6 years attending for the Early Childhood Care and Education programme on a sessional basis is met.

The required floor space to enable a maximum number of 20 children aged 2 - 3 years of age attending for part time care is met.

The required floor space to enable a maximum number of 21 children aged 3-6 years of age attending for part time care is met.