

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Initial Inspection of Proposed New Service

Tusla I.D:	TU2025LH002							
Name of Service:	Periwinkles Ltd							
Address of Service:	Main street, Clougherhead, Co. Louth A92EKD7							
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Name of Proposed Registered Provider:	Louise Coates							
Type of Proposed Service:	Full Day Care	<input type="checkbox"/>	Part-Time	<input 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:	Sessional							
Proposed Number of Children:	22							
Outcome of the F06 Inspection (e.g., type of service, numbers, age ranges, times,)	Sessional Service for 21 children based on the space available as per Regulation 30 from 2 to 6 years from 09.00am to 12.00pm							
Registered service:	Registered Sessional Service for 21 Children							
Date of Inspection:	1	3	0	8	2	0	2	5
Inspection Undertaken by:	AM Cunningham							
Title:	Early Years Inspector							
Tusla Early Years Inspectorate Address:	Meath Child & Parent Support Hub, Commons Road, Navan, Co. Meath							
Rationale for Inspection								
Proposed New Service								

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

Registration Status:	Registered Sessional Service for 21 Children
Date of Registration:	27 th 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).

Description of Service	The service is based on the main street in Clougherhead. The building has been converted from a shop to a childcare facility. The service is operating from one room and entering the building is through the main entrance door off the street to the front of the building. The service proposes to accommodate 21 preschool children for a sessional service from 9.00am to 12.00 each day
Premises	There is one care room with sanitary accommodation adjoining the room with one toilet and wash hand basin and a second sanitary accommodation available in the hallway consisting of one toilet and wash hand basin. A staff toilet is available within the building which also accommodates the nappy changing area. A kitchenette is available to the back of the building through which offers access to the outdoor area.
Staffing	Two staff members will be employed in the service.
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 who was 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. The service has designated person in charge and a named deputy

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 registered provider has ensured that an adequate number of adults will be working directly with the children attending the pre-school service. Two staff members will be present with 21 preschool 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—

(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:

This requirement has been met.

(1)(a) The care room has low shelving units available for the storage of toys and equipment for the children. A wide range of defined interest areas were available, such as child-initiated play was enabled through the provision of resourced home corner areas, construction areas, arts and craft areas, sand and water table, and library areas, fine motor development toys, threading, pegs and boards.

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(b) A cosy area consisting of mats and soft seats are available to the children in the care room to enable the children to take a rest as they require throughout the day.
(2)(b) A suitable secure outdoor area is available to the side and back of the service.

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:

This requirement has been met.
Children will take in their snack and drink from home. Drinks will be available on low level shelving to the children throughout the day.

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 door to the school will be secured and opened solely by a member of staff to control access to the service. A staff member will greet children to the service. A safety gated area will be present inside the main entrance door which opens directly into the care room, to ensure children cannot leave the service unsupervised at drop off and collection times.
- Gates at the outdoor area are secured, walls and fencing surround the outdoor area.
- Emergency exits are unobstructed.
- All storage areas have been made inaccessible to pre-school children.

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 service provided evidence that the staff member had up to date First Aid Responders (FAR) course.

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(2)(a) A suitably stocked first aid box is provided in the service and is in a secure but accessible place. The first aid box is always available to the pre-school children.

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) A record sheet is available to record fire drills.

(b) A maintenance certificates for the fire extinguishers and smoke alarms are available. The fire extinguishers maintenance certificate was dated July 2025 and the smoke alarms were serviced.

(4)A notice of the procedures to be followed in the event of a fire is displayed. A fire assembly point is available.

Part VI - Safety

Regulation 28 – Insurance

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

Requirement met:

Full insurance was provided to the Registration Office, valid from July 2025 to 27th March 2026 for 22 children on a sessional basis.

This service's registration is contingent upon the registered provider maintaining up-to-date insurance coverage that accurately reflects the number of children attending the service.

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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:

The requirement has been met.

- (a) The premises appears to be in good condition throughout.
- (b) The main entrance door leading into the care room is kept locked at all times during the operational hours of the preschool service.
- (c) The premises is adequately lit by means of natural lighting supplemented by artificial lighting. The premises is heated by means of gas. The ambient temperatures of the care rooms and the sanitary accommodation are within the optimum care room temperature range of 18-22°C on the day of inspection. Ventilation is predominantly provided by means of openable windows. The care room and the nappy changing area benefitted from openable windows and the children's sanitary accommodation is ventilated by mechanical ventilation fans.
- (d) Up to date documented cleaning schedules are on display in the service.
- (e) A total of 2 toilets serviced with 2 wash hand basins provide adequate and suitable sanitary accommodation for children in the service. A nappy changing area is available in the staff toilet, if required. Liquid soap, and paper hand towel are available for the pre-school children's use.

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.

(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 for the safety, play and movement of the children currently attending the service.
- (3) The minimum space regulatory requirement can be met for the proposed 21 preschool children at the service. The registered provider is aware of the minimum clear floor space requirements as specified in Schedule 7.

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	The clear floor space in the Care Room measured 38m ² which meets the space requirements for the proposed maximum number of 21 pre-school children aged 2 years to 6 years attending the service on a sessional basis.
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