

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Initial Inspection of Proposed New Service

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Name of Service:	Maap Childcare Cluain Adain
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Address of Service:	Cluain Adain, Clonmagadden, Navan, Co Meath, C15CXF9
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Name of Proposed Registered Provider:	Audrey Murray & Annette Akerlind
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Type of Proposed Service:	Full Day Care	✓	Part-Time	✓	Drop-In	
	Sessional	✓	Childminding		Temporary	

Proposed service type:	Full Day Care, Part-Time & Sessional Service
Proposed Number of Children:	100
Outcome of the F06 Inspection (e.g., type of service, numbers, age ranges, times,)	Type of Service: Full Day Care, Part-Time & Sessional Service Number of Children: 100 children can be accommodated if all children are attending on a sessional basis (<3.5 hours). Where children are attending on a full time or part time basis, this number will be reduced in accordance with the numbers outlined in Regulation 30 of this report and in accordance with Schedule 7 of the Regulations. Age range: 0 to 6 years. Hours of operation 07:00 to 18:30
Registered service:	Registered Full Day Care/Part-Time/Sessional Service for 100 Children.

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Inspection Undertaken by:	D.Murray
Title:	Early Years Inspector

Tusla Early Years Inspectorate Address:	Tusla Early Years Inspectorate Meath Child & Parent Support Hub, Commons Road, Navan, Co. Meath
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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 Care/Part-Time/Sessional Service for 100 Children.
Date of Registration:	11 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 new service intends to provide full day care, part-time and sessional care to children from 0 to 6 years. It is proposed that the service will operate from 7:00 to 18:30 each weekday catering for a maximum of 100 children. The service proposes to participate in the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Programme. A school aged service will also be provided.
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<p>Premises</p>	<p>The service is purpose built consisting of 5 care rooms. The registered provider is purposing the following age ranges per room; however this may change depending on numbers and age ranges of children who attend:</p> <p><u>Rooms 1 & 2 Full Day Care ECCE rooms</u> will cater for children from 2 years 8 months to 6 years attending the service on a sessional, part time, full day care basis.</p> <p><u>Room 3 Baby Cruisers room</u> will provide care to children from 0 to 2 years attending the service on a full day care basis.</p> <p><u>Room 4 ECCE room</u> will provide care and education to children from 2 years 8 months to 6 years attending the service on a sessional basis. This room will be used for school aged children in the afternoon.</p> <p><u>Room 5 Toddler room</u> Will facilitate the care of children from 2 to 3 years attending the service on a full day care basis.</p> <p>Other rooms in the service also include kitchen, staff room, office, staff and children’s sanitary accommodation, laundry room and storage room.</p>
<p>Staffing</p>	<p>A service manager has been appointed to manage the service and will be the person in charge of operating the service. A deputy person in charge has also been appointed. The registered providers are purposing a total of 12 staff members to work in the service. The registered provider is aware of the adult to child ratio and will employ additional staff members to maintain these ratios.</p>
<p>Methodology</p>	<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</p>

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	administrative and legal processes. The contents of the report are compiled by the inspectorate body.
Acknowledgement	The Inspector wish to acknowledge the co-operation of the proposed registered provider, person in charge, general manager and operations manager 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:

(1)(a) The requirement has been met.

A manager has been appointed and will be the designated person in charge of operating the service. A deputy person in charge has also been appointed.

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.

A manager has been appointed along with a deputy person in charge and 10 childcare staff to work directly with the children attending the service. The registered provider is aware of the adult to child ratio and will employ additional staff members to maintain these 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:

(1)(a) The requirement has been met.

The care rooms have low shelving units available for the storage of toys and equipment for the children. Areas of interest are well developed with supporting equipment which incorporates natural and sensorial materials, art and crafts and a range of suitable toys.

The outdoor area was well equipped with a variety of play areas to support fine and gross motor play for example, balancing plank, sand and water trays, tuff trays, building blocks, tricycles, a wooden hut, balls, slides, counting stand and a pouring table.

(b) The requirement has been met.

A cot room is available with 11 cots for the younger children requiring sleep. Beds are available which will be placed in rooms 4 & 5 for the older children requiring sleep. Cosy areas consisting of soft furnishings, cushions and mats are available in all care rooms for children to take a break from activities and rest if needed.

(2)(a) The requirement has been met.

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An outdoor space is located to the rear of the premises, which is enclosed with walls and has 2 secure side gates. The surface area consists of an artificial grass surface and a small, cemented area.

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.

A healthy eating policy is available for the service. The ECCE children will bring their own morning snack from home. The service will provide the remainder of the meals which will be prepared onsite. The service has a 4-week menu plan with a variety of dishes ranging from meat, chicken and fish. A constant supply of water will also be available and accessible to the children in the care rooms.

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:

On the day of inspection both the indoor and outdoor environment appeared safe.

Risk assessments will be conducted on a daily basis. The manager and deputy person in charge has a clear understanding of her role and range of responsibilities to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the 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) An adequate number of staff are available with up to date First Aid Responders course.

(2)(a) and (b) The first aid boxes are suitably equipped and safely stored in a readily accessible and conspicuous position throughout the service and is available 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) A template is available to record fire drills that take place in the service.

(b) A record is maintained of the number, type and maintenance of the firefighting equipment which was last serviced in May 2025. The smoke detection system was serviced on the 25/05/2025.

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(4) A notice of the procedures to be followed in the event of a fire is displayed in each care room. The fire assembly point is located at the back wall in the outdoor space.

Part VI - Safety

Regulation 28 – Insurance

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

Requirement met:

The registered provider ensured that the service was adequately insured for the number of purposed children attending the service. The policy showed that the service was insured from 27/05/2025 to the 27/03/2026.

This service's registration is contingent upon maintaining up-to-date insurance coverage that accurately reflects the number of children attending 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) The premises appears to be of sound and stable structure.

(b) The main entrance door is secure, and the outdoor area is enclosed by walls with 2 secure side gates.

(c)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The care rooms have windows which provides these areas with natural light. Artificial lighting is also provided through ceiling panels in all rooms and sanitary areas. The heating system in the service is regulated by a thermostatically controlled Air to Water heat pump. The temperature of the care rooms ranges between 19°C to 20°C on the day of inspection. Mechanical ventilation is available in the sanitary areas. Air conditioning and an air filtration system is in place in the remainder of the service. <p>(d) The service is clean with all maintenance work completed.</p> <p>(e) The following sanitary facilities are available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two staff sanitary closet. The service also has a wheelchair accessible sanitary closet with a toilet 2 sink and a nappy changing unit. In total the service has 11 children’s toilets with partitions and doors. Fifteen sinks and 6 nappy changing units. Warm water not exceeding 43°C, liquid soap and hand paper towel is provided for hand washing.
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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.*

Requirement met:	<p>The requirement has been met.</p> <p>(1) The registered provider ensured that adequate clear floor space was available in the premises for the work, play and movement of children attending the pre-school service.</p>
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(2) Based on the measurements of the care room the registered provider ensured that the minimum amount of clear floor space is available for each child proposing to attend the service on a part- time basis.

Room 1 Full Day Care ECCE

Free floor space available is 36.34 square meters. This provides sufficient space for the proposed:

20 children between the age of 2 years 8 months to 6 years attending the service on a sessional basis.

15 children between the age of 2 to 3 years attending the service on a full day care/part-time basis.

16 children between the age of 3 to 6 years attending the service on a full day care/part-time basis.

Room 2 Full Day Care ECCE

Free floor space available is 41.81square meters. This provides sufficient space for the proposed:

23 children between the age of 2 years 8 months to 6 years attending the service on a sessional basis.

18 children (> 2 years) attending the service on a full day care/part-time basis.

Room 3 Baby Cruisers room

Free floor space available is 40.92 square meters. This provides sufficient space for the proposed:

11 children between the age of 0 to 1 years attending the service on a full day care/part-time basis.

14 children between the age of 1 to 2 years attending the service on a full day care/part-time basis.

This room has sufficient space to care for 23 children on a sessional basis.

Room 4 ECCE room

Free floor space available is 29.64 square meters. This provides sufficient space for the proposed:

16 children between the age of 2 years 8 months to 6 years attending the service on a sessional basis.

If children attend on a full day or part-time basis, 13 children (> 2 years) can be accommodated in this room.

Room 5 Toddler room

Free floor space available is 32.86 square meters. This provides sufficient space for the proposed:

14 children between the age of 2 years to 3 years attending the service on a full day care/part-time basis.

If children attend this care room on a sessional basis (<3.5 hours), 18 children can be accommodated.