

# TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

## Initial Inspection of Proposed New Service

**Tusla I.D:** TU2025MN002

**Name of Service:** Little Green Giants Childcare

**Address of Service:** The Demense, Castleshane, Monaghan. H18 WP71

**Email Address:** littlegreengiantschildcare@gmail.com

**Name of Proposed Registered Provider:** Nicole Mc Nally

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

**Proposed service type:** Full Day Care

**Proposed Number of Children:** 37

**Outcome of the F06 Inspection**  
(e.g., type of service, numbers, age ranges, times,) Full Day Care service for 33 Children (due to sanitary facilities available as per Regulation 29) from aged 0-3 years from 08:00 to 18:00.

**Registered service:** Registered Full Day Care Service for 33 Children

**Date of Inspection:** 2 1 0 8 2 0 2 5

**Inspection Undertaken by:** S Mc Kenna

**Title:** Early Years Inspector

**Tusla Early Years Inspectorate Address:** Early Years Inspectorate, Hampton Court, Cootehill Road Drumalee, Co Cavan. H12 YY84

### Rationale for Inspection

#### Proposed New Service

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

**Registration Status:** Registered Full Day Care Service for 33 Children

**Date of Registration:** 26<sup>th</sup> 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).

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<b>Description of Service</b>	Little Green Giants Childcare is a proposed new privately operated service located in Co Monaghan. The service proposes to operate from 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday, catering for a maximum of 33 children aged 0 to 3 years.
<b>Premises</b>	The proposed new service will operate from a converted premises using the ground floor only. There are two care rooms named the Nursery and the Toddler room. An office, a kitchen, a sleep room and sanitary accommodations are also provided. An outdoor play area is located to the side of the building. Car parking is provided to the front of the premises.
<b>Staffing</b>	The service proposes to employ a total of 12 staff. The registered provider will work in the service alongside 11 childcare staff.
<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

#### 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 a designated person in charge who is the registered provider, and a named person to deputise in their absence.

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#### 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.*
- (2)

#### Requirement met:

The requirement has been met.

The registered provider advised that a total of 12 staff will work directly with the children, with 8 confirmed staff due to commence employment when the service opens.

The registered provider is aware of the requirements of this regulation in relation to adult: child 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:

The requirements of this regulation have been met.

(1) (a) Adequate and suitable facilities have been provided for children to play indoors during the day. A range of toys, equipment and resourced interest areas are available in each of the two care rooms.

(b) Adequate and suitable facilities are provided for the children to rest on if required.

A cot room with 7 cots is located off the Nursery room.

Stackable beds are available for children over 2 years old who may require a sleep.

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There are cosy areas with soft child sized seating, cushions and floor mats within each of the care rooms.

(3) A secure outdoor area is available to the children attending the service, which is located to the side of the premises, and accessible directly off the Nursery room.

### 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.

It is proposed that the service will provide all breakfast, snacks and meals to the children in attendance. A 2-week menu is available detailing breakfast, morning snack, dinner and afternoon snack options. The menu details snacks and meals that are suitable, nutritious and varied. It is proposed that the service will purchase premade dinners from an external catering company and reheat daily for children attending on a full day care basis. The children will have access to potable drinking water. A fridge is available in the kitchen for the storage of perishable food items.

### 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.

- The main entrance accessible by staff only is secured by a thumb turn lock. The registered provider proposes that children will be brought to and collected directly from their care rooms via the external door in each care room. The external doors are secured by thumb turn locks. This prevents children from exiting the service unsupervised and to restrict unauthorised access.
- The emergency exit doors were unobstructed throughout the inspection.

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- There was provision for the appropriate disposal and storage of waste including the provision of foot pedal operated bins throughout the service.
- Cleaning schedules are available for the service. The service was presented in a clean manner.
- Thermostatically controlled hot water for hand washing purposes was provided to a maximum temperature of 39.9°C.
- The designated fire assembly point is located to the front of the building, on the opposite side of the car park.

### 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 registered provider will ensure that there is an adult with up to date First Aid Responder (FAR) training on the premises at all times. One staff member holds current in date FAR training, with the remainder of the new staff team booked into training between 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> September.

(2) (a) and (b) Adequately stocked first aid boxes are located in each care room, and is available to the children 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.

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<b>Requirement met:</b>	<p>The requirement has been met.</p> <p>(1) (a) The registered provider demonstrated that a template to record fire drills when the service is operational was available, and that fire drills will be carried out on a monthly basis.</p> <p>(b) There was a record available relating to the number and type of firefighting equipment, with an installation date of April 2025 and the servicing of the fire detection and alarm system carried out on 21 August 2025.</p> <p>(4) The procedures to be followed in the event of a fire were displayed throughout the service.</p>
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### Part VI - Safety

<b>Regulation 28 – Insurance</b>	
<i>A registered provider shall ensure that the pre-school service is adequately insured.</i>	
<b>Requirement met:</b>	<p>The requirement has been met.</p> <p>An insurance certificate was provided which covers up to 37 preschool children in attendance on a Full Day Care basis and expires on the 27/03/2026.</p> <p>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.</p>

### Part VII – Premises and Space Requirements

<b>Regulation 29 – Premises</b>	
<i>A registered provider shall ensure that the premises of the service are—</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>(a) of sound and stable structure,</i></li> <li><i>(b) safe and secure,</i></li> <li><i>(c) kept adequately lit, heated and ventilated,</i></li> <li><i>(d) cleaned, maintained and repaired, as required, and</i></li> <li><i>(e) equipped with adequate and suitable sanitary facilities</i></li> </ul>	
<b>Requirement met:</b>	The requirement has been met.

(a) On visual inspection the building appears safe and sound. The registered provider confirmed that they had no knowledge of any structural defects.

(b) The service is adequately secured to prevent children exiting unsupervised and unauthorised persons gaining entry.

(c) The service is adequately lit and heated. The lighting is provided by a mixture of natural light leading from openable windows, which is supplemented with fluorescent ceiling lights which were fitted with protective covers. The service is heated by oil central heating. The toilet in the Toddler room is ventilated by an openable window. The care rooms are ventilated by openable windows. The two nappy changing areas and the cot room are ventilated via mechanical ventilation.

(d) Cleaning schedules are available and in place, and the premises is maintained in a clean condition.

(e) The sanitary facilities available in the service can cater for a maximum of 33 children.

- One toilet and one wash hand basin are available for children's use located off the Toddler room.
- One nappy changing unit and a wash hand basin is provided for the Toddler room.
- One nappy changing unit and a wash hand basin is provided for the Nursery room.

Thermostatically controlled hot water, liquid soap and single use paper hand towels is available at all of the hand wash sinks.

There is one toilet and one wash hand basin available for the adults.

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:**

The requirement has been met.

(1) Adequate clear floor space has been provided for the work, play and movement of children within the 2 care rooms.

(2)

- The floor space available in the proposed Nursery room is 67m<sup>2</sup>.
- The floor space available in the proposed Toddler room is 46m<sup>2</sup>.