

# TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

## Initial Inspection of Proposed New Service

<b>Tusla I.D:</b>	TU2026DN003												
<b>Name of Service:</b>	Eco Kidz Clogher												
<b>Address of Service:</b>	Scoil Iosagain, Aughavannagh Road, Crumlin, Dublin 12 D12W522												
<b>Email Address:</b>	therichardlynch@gmail.com												
<b>Name of Proposed Registered Provider:</b>	Richard Lynch												
<b>Type of Proposed Service:</b>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td><b>Full Day Care</b></td> <td></td> <td><b>Part-Time</b></td> <td></td> <td><b>Drop-In</b></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Sessional</b></td> <td>✓</td> <td><b>Childminding</b></td> <td></td> <td><b>Temporary</b></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	<b>Full Day Care</b>		<b>Part-Time</b>		<b>Drop-In</b>		<b>Sessional</b>	✓	<b>Childminding</b>		<b>Temporary</b>	
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<b>Proposed service type:</b>	Sessional												
<b>Proposed Number of Children:</b>	22												
<b>Outcome of the F06 Inspection</b> (e.g., type of service, numbers, age ranges, times,)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The service can accommodate 22 children who attend on a sessional basis (maximum of 3.5 hours).</li> <li>The service is proposing to operate from 8:30am to 12:00pm Monday to Friday on a school calendar basis catering for children aged 2 to 6 years.</li> </ul>												
<b>Registered service:</b>	Registered Sessional service for 22 children aged 2-6 years.												
<b>Date of Inspection:</b>	1   7   0   2   2   0   2   6												
<b>Inspection Undertaken by:</b>	S Quigley & H Sutherland												
<b>Title:</b>	Early Years Inspectors												
<b>Tusla Early Years Inspectorate Address:</b>	Tusla – Child & Family Agency, Trinity Building, IDA Business Park, Bray, Co Wicklow.												

### Rationale for Inspection

### Proposed New Service

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

<b>Registration Status:</b>	Registered Sessional service for 22 children
<b>Date of Registration:</b>	20 <sup>th</sup> March 2026

<b>Authority to Inspect</b>
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>	The proposed private childcare facility aims to provide sessional care and education for pre-school children aged 2 to 6 years of age. The proposed hours of operation are between 08:30hrs and 12:00hrs weekdays on a school calendar basis. The service propose to accommodate a maximum number of 22 children attending on a sessional basis. School aged care will be offered outside the opening hours of the preschool service within the premises.
<b>Premises</b>	The proposed premises are located on the first floor of the existing Scoil Iosagain boys primary school building in a residential area of Crumlin, Dublin 12. The service will consist of one large purposely adapted classroom, and a separate sanitary area which is available down the hallway from the classroom. There is an enclosed outdoor space to the rear of the premises which the preschool will have access to and a large indoor hall which is available for gross motor play.
<b>Staffing</b>	The registered provider has appointed a manager for the service and stated that a named person to deputise will be available. The registered provider stated that a minimum of three adults will be employed to work in the service. The registered provider confirmed that the manager and adults employed to work with children have attained or will have attained at least a major award in Early Childhood Care and Education at Level 5 on the National Framework of Qualifications, or a qualification deemed to be equivalent prior to commencing employment in the service.
<b>Methodology</b>	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

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	<p>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 Inspectors wish 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.*

<b>Requirement met:</b>	<p>The requirement has been met.</p> <p>(1)(a) The registered provider has ensured that there is a designated person in charge and stated a named person to deputise will be available.</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:**

The requirement has been met.

(1) The registered provider has stated that there will be an adequate number of adults working with the children attending the service. Two adults will be available to work in the service to ensure the required adult to child ratio is maintained. One of these adults are already employed by the registered provider in another service and the provider stated two further adults will be employed prior to the service opening.

**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 service comprises of one open plan care room. The room is bright and spacious and well laid out to cater for the age range of children which will be attending.

(1)(b) The registered provider stated they do not intend to accommodate sleeping children as the children proposed to attend will be aged over two years and be present in the service for a maximum of three and a half hours. A rest area with soft furnishings was available in the care room.

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(2)(a) There is an outdoor area provided on the premises. The area is located to the rear of the school building and has a natural grass surfacing. The area is secured by an appropriate perimeter fencing.

### 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.

The registered provider stated the service will not be providing food for the children. The provider stated a healthy eating policy will be available in the service and shared with the parents who will supply a snack for the children each day. Facilities were available in the classroom to store perishable foods and a supply of drinking water was available in the school building which the provider stated will be available in the care room each day. A supply of food was also available in the care room 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 has been partially met:

Mechanisms were in place to ensure external doors will be secured to prevent children from exiting the service unsupervised and to restrict unauthorised persons from gaining access to the service. The gate in the outdoor area is suitably secured. All window blind cords are secured. Cleaning schedules are in place.

#### Requirement not met:

- Five uncovered radiators were located at a low level and would be accessible to children in the care room. The surface temperature of one radiator was recorded to be 59.2°Celsius posing a risk of injury to a child.

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. A number of electrical cables, including from a plug-in electric heater, were trailing in the care room and would be in reach of children posing a risk of harm or injury to a child.</li> <li>3. The vinyl covering of a padded mat in the children’s rest area was torn with internal foam exposed and could not be effectively cleaned.</li> <li>4. An unlidged bin was in use for disposal of waste in the care room where a lidded pedal operated bin is required.</li> </ol>
<b>Response from Provider:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Radiator temperatures in the room were reduced using the room temperature control and are all now within regulation and recommended temperatures. Photos attached of temperature checks.</li> <li>2. Cables are no longer accessible to children. See photo attached.</li> <li>3. The old mat has been removed and a new mat purchased and placed in the same part of the room. See photos attached.</li> <li>4. The bin without a lid has been removed from the room and the pedal bin left in there. See photos attached.</li> </ol>
<b>Summary Comment:</b>	The requirement has been met.

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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 has been met.

(1) The proposed person in charge held a current certification in first aid responder (FAR) training for children. The registered provider stated they were aware that an adult with FAR training was required to be on the premises at all times.

(2)(a)(b) A suitably equipped first aid box was provided in the service. The box was clearly identifiable and readily accessible.

### 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 partially met:

(1)(a) The registered provider has indicated that fire drills will be carried out when the service is operational and had an online form available to record drills when they occur.

(4) Notices of the procedures to be followed in the event of a fire are displayed conspicuously in the service. The fire assembly point is identified to the rear of the premises.

#### Requirement not met:

(1)(b) It is acknowledged that a maintenance record for the fire detection and alarm system was available and that the maintenance had been carried out within the

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	required timeframe. However, the record available for the maintenance of the firefighting equipment stated maintenance had not occurred since January 2025 which is outside the required timeframe.
<b>Response from Provider:</b>	The record of maintenance was submitted.
<b>Summary Comment:</b>	The requirement has been met.

### Part VI - Safety

#### Regulation 28 – Insurance

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

<b>Requirement met:</b>	Evidence of an adequate quotation for the insurance of the proposed new service was provided to the inspector prior to the onsite inspection taking place. 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*

<b>Requirement met:</b>	The requirement has been partially met:  (b) There is a large gate for staff vehicles and a pedestrian gate leading into the school grounds which the registered provider stated are secured during the school and proposed service hours. The main door which allows access directly into the school was secured as was a door which leads directly to the stairwell from the school yard up to the care room. The outdoor area is secured to prevent a child leaving the area unsupervised and to prevent unauthorised access to the area.
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<p><b>Requirement not met:</b></p>	<p>(a)(c)(d)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Areas of discolouration consistent with suspected fungal growth were observed on areas of the ceiling and at a low level around some skirting boards within the care room. This poses a potential significant risk to children increasing the risk of varying health conditions.</li> <li>2. Two holes were present in the ceiling of the care room.</li> <li>3. A ceiling light in place had no protective covering on it exposing the glass lightbulbs inside.</li> </ol> <p>(e)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. The sanitary area which the registered provider stated the children would be using was inadequate as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- There were no paper towels available for hand-drying in the event that a young child could not use the electrical hand-dryers in place, and no pedal operated bin to dispose of waste.</li> <li>- There was no toilet paper available in the toilets. A dispenser was mounted outside the children’s bathrooms in the corridor where the provider indicated children would need to take tissue from to take into the bathroom area.</li> <li>- There were no nappy changing facilities available to a child should they require it.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
<p><b>Response from Provider:</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Areas affected by mould in the room have been cleaned with soap and water regularly since the fit for purpose inspection. Every Friday, the team has used anti-mould spray before leaving the setting and left it to work over the weekend for 3 weekends running. The service are now satisfied that the issue has been resolved. The service has also added mould checking precautions to our cleaning schedule to ensure that if any mould returns, that it is discovered at the earliest stage and removed.</li> <li>2. The holes in the ceiling have now been repaired and the access shaft lid put back in the correct place.</li> <li>3. The light is now fitted with a protective cover.</li> </ol>

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	<p>4.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The service has a newly installed paper towel holder with paper towels, installed at a height accessible to Early Years children.</li> <li>- The second toilet roll holder has now been repaired. The service now has sole use of the first two cubicles only. They are both labelled as the services.</li> <li>- The service purchased a nappy mat which will always be available in cases where it is required.</li> </ul>
<b>Summary Comment:</b>	The requirement has been met.

### 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.*

<b>Requirement met:</b>	<p>The requirement has been met.</p> <p>(1) (3) Adequate clear floor space has been provided for the work, play and movement of the proposed 22 children attending the service as demonstrated below:</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th style="text-align: center;"><b>Care room</b></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><b>Clear floor space</b></td> <td style="text-align: center;">85.95sqm</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Proposed age range</b></td> <td style="text-align: center;">2 – 6 years</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Proposed number of children</b></td> <td style="text-align: center;">22</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		<b>Care room</b>	<b>Clear floor space</b>	85.95sqm	<b>Proposed age range</b>	2 – 6 years	<b>Proposed number of children</b>	22
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