

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Initial Inspection of Proposed New Service

Tusla I.D: TU2026GY001

Name of Service: Blath Beag Creche and Afterschool.

Address of Service: Unit 4, 5 and 6, Castle court, Oranmore, Co Galway

Email Address: blathbeagcreche@gmail.com

Name of Proposed Registered Provider: Aoife O Driscoll

Type of Proposed Service:	Full Day Care	✓	Part-Time	✓	Drop-In	
	Sessional	✓	Childminding		Temporary	

Proposed service type: Full Day Care

Proposed Number of Children: 72

Outcome of the F06 Inspection
(e.g., type of service, numbers, age ranges, times,) Service can be considered for registration.

Registered service: Registration of this childcare service can be approved.

Date of Inspection: 0 7 0 5 2 0 2 6

Inspection Undertaken by: F Kelly

Title: Early Years Inspector

Tusla Early Years Inspectorate Address: Early Years Inspectorate, Quality and Regulation Directorate, Child and Family Agency, Clinical & Administration Building, Block A (1st Floor), Merlin Park, Galway.

Rationale for Inspection
Proposed New Service

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

Registration Status: Registered

Date of Registration: 18.05.2026

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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	This registered provider proposes to operate a full day care service from 08:00 to 18:00 from Monday to Friday. It proposes to cater for children from 2 to 6 years old.
Premises	This childcare service is located on the first floor in a commercial/residential building in Oranmore village. The service has an outdoor space located on the roof/balcony area of the premises and has use of two other outdoor areas near the service. These areas are located across in the road in the astro turf football pitches. This service has seven playrooms, sanitary areas, office/staff room and a kitchen area.
Staffing	The proposed number of staff to work in the service is 14 adults.
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 themes; Governance, Health, Welfare and Development of the Child, Safety and Premises. 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.
Acknowledgement	The Inspectors wish to acknowledge the cooperation of the proposed registered provider and the person in charge 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 service manager was the person in charge and there was a named person who could deputise as required.
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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.*
- (8) *Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) to (7)*
- (a) a registered provider of a pre-school service other than a child-minding service or a sessional pre-school service shall ensure that there are at least 2 adults on the premises at all times.

Requirement met:

- (1)(a) The requirement has been met. The registered provider will ensure that there is an adequate number of adults working with the children attending the service.
- (8)(a) The registered provider ensured that there were at least two adults on the premises at all times. A review of the staff roster indicated that at least two staff will be rostered to be on the premises at all times during the operational hours at the service.

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) On the day of inspection, the seven playrooms were stocked with toys and equipment considering the age profile of the children proposed to attend and the amount of time they propose to spend in the playrooms.
- (b) There were adequate and suitable rest facilities available for the proposed number of children that may attend. The children aged over 2 years will be put down to sleep in a playroom, assigned specifically for sleep when required.

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	There were an adequate number of stackable beds and linen available for children over 2 years of age to rest during the day. (2)(a) The outdoor area that was on the premises was located on the roof top area of the building. It was observed to be suitable and safe. The area was securely fenced to ensure that children using the areas were free from harm.
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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 has been met. The registered provider provided evidence in the form of a healthy eating policy that adequate, suitable, nutritious and varied food will be provided by the service for all the children attending the service. Food will be prepared off site and delivered to the service each 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 front entrance door to the crèche was secured, thus preventing children from exiting the premises unsupervised and prohibiting unauthorised persons from entering the service.
- Practices in relation to administration of medication were not observed on the day of inspection. The adults demonstrated knowledge of safe practices with regard the procedures.
- The playrooms and the sanitary areas and nappy changing areas were clean and well maintained.

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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:

- (1) The requirement has been met as the staff has current paediatric First Aid Responder Course completed.
- (2)(a) The registered provider has ensured that the service is equipped with first aid boxes.
- (b) The first aid boxes were available to children when required.

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) Arrangements were in place to record fire drills.
- (b) A record of the number, type and maintenance record of firefighting equipment and fire alarms in the service was on file. A record of the maintenance of the fire alarms system equipment stated they were checked in March. 2026 and a record of the maintenance of the firefighting equipment stated they were checked in March 2026.
- (4) A notice of the procedures to be followed in the event of a fire was displayed in the hallways.

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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 as adequate insurance has been provided for the number of children proposed to attend 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) On visual assessment the building appears to be of sound and stable structure.
- (b) The indoor areas appear to be safe and secure.
- (c) Adequate lighting was provided throughout the crèche and there was ample natural lighting and mechanical ventilation in all the playrooms.
- (d) The premises and play equipment were clean and well maintained.
- (e) There were adequate and suitable sanitary areas adjacent to the playrooms.

Liquid soap and paper towels were also available.

There were eight children's toilets and wash hand basins upstairs to accommodate toilet trained children. There were two staff toilet and wash hand basin to accommodate the staff working in the service. There was 1 nappy changing area located in the sanitary accommodation adjacent to playrooms 7 and 8.

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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.
- (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.
- (4) Where a registered provider contemporaneously provides—
 - (a) a sessional pre-school service, and
 - (b) 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).
- (5) A registered provider of a temporary pre-school service shall ensure that a minimum of 2 square metres of clear floor space is available for each child attending the service.

Requirement met:

The requirement has been met.

(1-5) Adequate floor space is provided for in the playrooms for the free movement of children to play.

(5) A summary of the overall floor measurement of each of the 7 playrooms.

Room number	Room size
Room 1	37 m ²
Room 2	22 m ²
Room 3/4	41 m ²
Room 5	39 m ²
Room 6	29 m ²
Room 7	34 m ²
Room 8	36 m ²

(5) The minimum space requirement for the different profiles of the children attending.

Full Day Care Service	
Age Range of children Attending	Clear Floor Space
2 -3 Years	2.35 square metres
3-6 Years	2.3 square metres
Sessional Service	

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	2 to 6 years	1.818 m ²
	The service has adequate space to accommodate the 72 children, the proposed number of children to register.	