

# TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

## Initial Inspection of Proposed New Service

<b>Tusla I.D:</b>	TU2026TY001
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<b>Name of Service:</b>	Busy Bees St. Marys Hub
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<b>Address of Service:</b>	57 Irishtown, Clonmel, Tipperary, E91 T250
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<b>Name of Proposed Registered Provider:</b>	Vanessa Moriarty
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<b>Type of Proposed Service:</b>	<b>Full Day Care</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Part-Time</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Drop-In</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<b>Sessional</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Childminding</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Temporary</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<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,)	Sessional service for 20 children based on space requirements. Catering for children aged 2-6 years from 08:45 to 12:15.
<b>Registered service:</b>	Sessional service for 20 children

<b>Date of Inspection:</b>	1	7	1	2	2	0	2	5
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<b>Inspection Undertaken by:</b>	Antoinette McNamara
<b>Title:</b>	Early Years Inspector

<b>Tusla Early Years Inspectorate Address:</b>	Glenmorgan Building, Ferryhouse, Clonmel, Co Tipperary, E91RF38.
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<b>Rationale for Inspection</b>
<b>Proposed New Service</b>

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

<b>Registration Status:</b>	Registered Sessional service for 20 children
<b>Date of Registration:</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> January 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).

<b>Description of Service</b>	This proposed sessional service will provide care and education for children aged between 2 and 6 years old. A registered school age care service is already provided. The pre-school service will run Monday to Friday 08:45 to 12:15. This will include a daily three-hour session funded under the Early Childhood Care and Education Programme (ECCE) for eligible children, which will operate between 09:00 and 12:00.
<b>Premises</b>	The proposed service will be operated from a single-story building on the grounds of St. Mary's National School in Clonmel town. The premises consists of one activity room, sanitary accommodation and a kitchenette. The outdoor play area secure and located at the back of the premises.
<b>Staffing</b>	The registered provider won't work directly in the service. There will be three staff, including a designated person in charge, employed in the service who will work directly with the pre-school children each day.
<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.

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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 registered provider has an appointed person in charge in the service. A second named staff member is available to deputise as required.

### 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) It is proposed that there will be 3 staff working with up to 20 children who attend 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:

The requirement has been met.

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- (1)(a) The new playroom provided sufficient space. The room was set up with toys and equipment suitable for the number, age and stage of development of the children who will attend the service.
- (b) There was a rest area available to the children.
- (2) Children had access to a fully enclosed play area to the rear of the premises.

### 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 service has a healthy eating policy. It is proposed that the children bring a packed lunch and snacks to be eaten at the service at mealtimes. The registered provider proposes to have additional food available for children if they get hungry and have eaten what they brought.

### 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.

#### General safety:

Doors and gates were used to secure the premises and to prevent any unauthorized access to the premises.

The outdoor play area was secure.

#### Infection control:

The service had a policy on infection prevention and control, including a hand washing policy and a cleaning policy.

There were hand washing sinks in the sanitary accommodation areas and in the pre-school room, supplied with hot and cold running water, liquid soap, paper towels and lidded bins, for hygienic handwashing.

#### Fire safety:

Fire doors were free from obstruction.

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) Documentary evidence was available to demonstrate that staff were currently trained in first aid response (FAR) and will always be present on the premises.
- (2)(a) A suitable and fully equipped first aid box was available.
- (b) First aid box was stored in an easily accessible place.

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) The registered provider was familiar with the requirement to carry out monthly fire drills.
- (b) Fire-fighting equipment and smoke alarms were present, and contracts were in place for the regular service and maintenance of same.
- (4) A notice of procedures to be followed in the event of a fire was displayed in the playrooms and the fire assembly point was clearly identified.

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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.

An insurance certificate to demonstrate that insurance was in place was available.

Registration is contingent upon the registered provider 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 and outdoor spaces appear to be of sound and stable structure.

(b) There were adequate measures in place to ensure children could not leave unsupervised and unauthorized people could not enter.

(c) The playroom was lit and ventilated by natural light through openable windows on external walls, supplemented by artificial lighting when needed. All sanitary accommodation had ventilation.

The heating system consisted of radiators which could be thermostatically controlled so that the surface temperature of the radiators in each room does not exceed 50°C.

(d) The premises were clean, well maintained and in good repair. A cleaning policy and schedule was available for the service.

(e) The service had adequate sanitary accommodation for the number of children and staff who will be present in the service at any one-time. There are three toilets with wash hand basins.

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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 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 to accommodate the numbers of children who will attend the new premises.

(2) The room measured 35.17 m<sup>2</sup>. There was sufficient space available for up to 20 children aged between 2 and 6 years old to attend on a sessional basis at a space requirement of 1.818m<sup>2</sup> per child.