

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances



Tusla I.D.: TU2015CC243

Name of Service: Little Treasures Pre-school

Address of Service: Scoil Na Tríonóide, Pound Hill, Garraunawarrig Upper, Newmarket, Cork, P51 KW83

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Name of Registered Provider: Bernadette O'Connor

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

Proposed change:	Change of service address
Proposed Number of Children:	20
Recommended Change Following Inspection:	Address change recommended
Registered change:	Change of Service Address from Boys National School, West End, Newmarket, Cork, P51 CP23 to Scoil Na Tríonóide, Pound Hill, Garraunawarrig Upper, Newmarket, Cork, P51 KW83

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Inspection undertaken by:	F Collins
Title:	Early Years Inspector

Tusla Early Years Inspectorate Address:	Second Floor, Estuary House, Henry Street, Limerick

Rationale for Inspection:
Proposed Change of Circumstance

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

Registration Status:	Registered Sessional Service for 20 Children
Date of Registration	12 th August 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	Little Treasures pre-school is a privately run sessional pre-school service proposing to be located in the Scoil Na Tríonóide Junior Campus, Pound Hill, Newmarket in North Cork. The registered provider proposes to operate the service from a single room in the national school and has use of the schools', children's and adult toilets. The service will have daily access to the outdoor playground which will be used at different times to the children attending the primary school. The registered provider proposes to provide a service to children aged between 2 years and 5 years. The service is proposed to open from 9.00-12.00 Monday to Friday during the academic year of 38 weeks.
Premises	The new premises is a single classroom of the Scoil Na Tríonóide Junior Campus in Newmarket.
Staffing	The service will be staffed by two adults, the registered provider and a deputy person in charge.
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 the following 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 registering the change in circumstance. 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.
Acknowledgements	The Inspector wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the 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:

(1) (a) The requirement for this regulation has been met with the registered provider working as the person in charge and a named deputy person in charge.

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)—

(c) service single-handedly, a second person familiar with the operation of the service and in a position to provide assistance to the person in charge in operating the service is, at all times, within close distance of the service and available to attend the service to assist the person in charge in the event of an emergency.

Requirement met:

(1) The registered provider proposes to have two staff on the premises at all times.
(8) (c) Not applicable as the registered provider does not propose to operate the service single handedly.

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—

(b) of a full day care service, a part-time day care service, a sessional preschool service or a childminding service that moves premises 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) There are adequate facilities for the children proposed between 2 and 5 years to play indoors and outdoors.
(b) There are adequate facilities for the pre-school children to rest during the day with a child height couch provided in a quiet area with books available.

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(2) (b) The children attending the service will have daily access to the school playground with access to tarmacadam areas and to an area with soft matting.

Part V - Care of Child in Pre-school Service

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 registered provider will continue with her policy of parents/guardians providing the snack for the children attending the service. The healthy eating policy has already been issued to the parents/guardians for the children commencing in Sept 2026.

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 requirements for this regulation have been met.

- There is access to a fridge in the care room for the suitable storage of perishable items contained in children's snacks.
- There is access to hot water, liquid hand soap and to paper towels at each of the children's and adult wash hand basins.
- The hot water in the sinks used by the children was recorded with a maximum temperature recorded at 42.6°C.
- There is a double lidded pedal operated bin available for the disposal of contaminated and recyclable materials in the care room.
- There are no full-length glass doors which the children could walk into.
- The windows are high and out of reach of the children with no furniture under the windows that would allow the children climb and gain access to them.
- Cleaning agents are stored out of the reach of children in a press locked with a child-proof lock.
- The school playground is fitted with secure fencing and with gates to both sides.
- The toys and equipment assessed are free from pinch and crush points.
- There were no high shelving units that could be pulled down easily.

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- The blind cords were secured to the wall with cleats.
- There are no ponds, pits or other hazardous areas in the outdoor area.
- All electric cords and cables observed are in good condition. And the cables to the back of the television unit were secured away and fixed to the wall.
- The kettle is stored in the locked press and is not accessible to the children.
- The fire exit doors were unobstructed on inspection.

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 requirements for this regulation have been met.
- (1) The registered provider has ensured that both staff have up to date First Aid Responder training. This will ensure that there is an adult available to the children at all times who has suitable and up to date training in first aid.
 - (2) (a) There is a first aid box available in the room, this was adequately stocked and is accessible to the staff in the event it is required.
 - (b) The first aid box is accessible if required.

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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 firefighting 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 requirements have been met.

(1) (a) The registered provider has a system of recording all fire drills that will be completed monthly. The fire assembly point is at the front of the building beside the main gate.

(b) The servicing of the firefighting equipment was completed on 16.09.2025

The servicing of the smoke alarms was completed on 16.06.2026.

(4) The procedures to be followed in the event of a fire were available.

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 has been received for the service to operate until 27.11.2026. The registered provider must ensure that adequate insurance is in place before the commencement of the change. The change approval is contingent on the registered provider's compliance with Regulation 28.

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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.*

Requirement met:

- (a) The premises appeared to be of sound and stable structure.
- (b) There is one main entrance into the school which is secured with a keypad electromagnetic lock. The playground to the rear of the school is secured with high fencing and high wire gates which were secured with running bolts, these were difficult to open without assistance.
- (c) The lighting for the care rooms is via four large windows and ceiling fluorescent lights. The toilets are lit by artificial lights and through windows.
The care room is heated by oil fired radiators. The care room temperature was recorded at 22.2°C. This would afford the children comfort when playing and doing activities. Ventilation is through openable windows. The children's toilets are ventilated through openable windows.
- (d) The premises was clean, well maintained and appeared to be in a good state of repair.
- (e) The service has access to four children's toilets with wash hand basins. A further sink was available in the care room. The adults have access to the staff toilet and wash hand basin.

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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.*
- (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.*

Requirement met:

- (1) The registered provider has adequate clear floor space for the number of children registered to attend the service (20 children).
- (3) The service measured 40.05SqM. which was adequate for the numbers registered for this service to accommodate.