

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances



Tusla I.D.: TU2015GY059

Name of Service Wild Roots Preschool & Afterschool Limited

Address of Service: Croi an Bhaile, Carrabane, Athenry, Co Galway, H65 Y766

Email Address: info@wildrootspreschool.ie

Name of Registered Provider: Nicola Gavaghan

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

Proposed change: Change of service type from sessional to sessional and part time

Proposed Number of Children: No change in the number of children attending

Recommended Change Following Inspection: Recommended change from sessional to sessional and part time can be approved.

Registered change: Addition of a service type from sessional to part time / sessional
Change in hours operation from 09:30-12:30 to 09:30-14:00

Date of Inspection: 1 0 0 7 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, and Family Agency, Clinical & Administration Building, Block A, Merlin Park, Galway

Rationale for Inspection:
Proposed Change of Circumstance

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

Registration Status:	Registered Part Time / Sessional Service for 45 Children
Date of Registration	7 th August 2026



Child and Family Agency Act 2013
Child Care Act 1991 (Early Years Services) Regulations 2016

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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 service operates a sessional care early years' service for children aged from 2 years to 6 years. The service operates from 09:30 am to 12.30 pm, Monday to Friday.
Premises	This service is located in a purpose-built building in Carrabane village in County Galway. This service has two playrooms and a kitchen. It also has an outdoor area which is accessible from the playrooms.
Staffing	There were total of six adults working in the service. The registered provider was not present on the day of inspection.
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, person in charge, staff and children who were 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 has been met. The registered provider had appointed a person in charge and there was a named person to act as the 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.

Requirement met:

(1) The requirement has been met. The registered provider will ensure that there are an adequate number of adults working with the children attending 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—

(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) The requirement has been met.

(2)(b) The requirement has been met.

Requirement not met:

(1)(b) The requirement has not been met. On the day of inspection, the registered provider was unable to provide evidence that sleep and rest facilities were available to the children that may require rest and sleep during the day.

Response from Provider:

The registered provider submitted photographic evidence of the sleep beds that will be available to the children attending the service that require sleep.

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Summary Comment:	The inspector has reviewed the evidence submitted. The regulatory requirement has been met.
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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 not met:	The requirement has not been met. On the day of inspection, the registered provider was unable to provide evidence that children in care up to a maximum of 5-hours for a part time service are offered at least two meals and one snack. The inspector was informed that hot meals would be prepared and cooked in the service.
Response from Provider:	The registered provider submitted a copy of the healthy eating policy of the service and a sample of a 2 week menu that will be served to the children attending the service on a part time basis.
Summary Comment:	The inspector has reviewed the evidence submitted. The regulatory requirement has been met.

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.
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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.
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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:	(1)(a) (4) The requirement has been met.
Requirement not met:	(1)(b) On the day of inspection, the registered provider was unable to provide evidence in the form of a maintenance record, that the fire alarm system was serviced as per the manufactures instructions.
Response from Provider:	The inspector has reviewed the maintenance record of the fire alarm system.
Summary Comment:	The inspector has reviewed the evidence submitted. The regulatory requirement has been met.

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. The registered provider must ensure that adequate insurance is in place prior to the commencement of the service. Registration of the service 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)(b)(c)(d)(e) The requirement has been met.
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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.

Requirement met:	(1) The requirement has been met.
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