

TUSLA PRE- REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances



Tusla I.D:	TU2015LH112							
Name of Service	Woddlers & Toddlers							
Address of Service:	Knocknagoran, Omeath, Co. Louth, A91 FK03							
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Name of Registered Provider:	Irene Moley							
Type of Proposed Service:	Full Day Care	☒	Part-Time	☒	Sessional	☒		
	Drop-In	☐	Childminding	☐	Temporary	☐		
Proposed change:	Change in number of children that can be accommodated from 50 to 55 children. Addition of a new sleep room.							
Proposed Number of Children:	55							
Recommended Change Following Inspection:	A maximum number of 51 children can be accommodated in the service due to the space available in the 4 care rooms as outlined under Regulation 30. The new sleep room can be approved.							
Registered change:	Change in number of children from 50 to 51 children							
Date of Inspection:	1	9	0	8	2	0	2	6
Inspection undertaken by:	AM Cunningham							
Title:	Early Years Inspector							
Tusla Early Years Inspectorate Address:	Tusla Early Years Inspectorate, Meath Child & Parent Support Commons Road, Navan, Co Meath.							
Rationale for Inspection:								
Proposed Change of Circumstance								

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

Registration Status:	Registered Full Day, Part-Time & Sessional Service for 51 Children
Date of Registration	31 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	Woddlers & Toddlers has been operating as a privately owned childcare service in this setting since 2002. It provides full day care, part-time and sessional care and education to children and operates from 7.30am to 6.00pm each weekday. The service also accommodates school aged children.
Premises	The service operates from a purpose-built premises on the grounds of the registered providers home in Omeath, Co Louth. There are currently three care rooms in operation at present and a sleep room. The service has been extended to provide a large sleep room which will permit the existing sleep room to be used as a Baby room.
Staffing	There are 12 staff employed in the service including the registered provider.
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.

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 service has a designated person in charge and a named deputy.

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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:

(1) The requirement has been met. The registered provider states that 2 staff members will be working directly with the pre-school children that will attend the Baby room. The registered provider is aware of the regulatory requirement to maintain the adult: child ratios throughout the four care rooms.

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.

Requirement met:

The requirements of this regulation have been met.

(1)(a) Adequate and suitable facilities have been provided for children to play indoors during the day. A range of toys and equipment are available in the care room. An outdoor area which is safe, secure and suitable has been provided which is fenced, walled and gated.

(b) Adequate and suitable facilities are provided for the children to rest on if required. There is a cosy corner with a large soft mat and cushions and small plastic covered couch. The service has built on a new sleep room which is accessible through the Baby room. There are 9 cots available in the new designated sleep room and 7 stackable beds, with an additional 10 stackable beds available if required.

Part V - Care of Child in Pre-school Service

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 registered provider has taken all reasonable measures to ensure the safety, health and welfare of the children attending for example:

- All storage areas have been made inaccessible to the pre-school children.

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- The external doors are appropriately secured. The front door will be secured and opened solely by a member of staff to control access to the service.
- All cleaning agents will be stored out of the reach of children.
- Water at the children's wash hand basins is thermostatically controlled with liquid soap and single use paper towels available.

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 registered provider has ensured there is an adult with up to date First Aid Responder (FAR) training on the premises. Two valid FAR certificates are available for inspection.

(2) An adequately stocked first aid box is provided in the service and will be available to the pre-school children at all times.

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) There is a log in place to record any fire drills that will take place.

(b) There is a written record of the number type and maintenance record of firefighting equipment dated June 2026 and smoke alarms in the premises dated March 2026.

(4) There is a notice displayed of the procedures to be followed in the event of a fire.

Part VI – Safety

Regulation 28 – Insurance

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

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Requirement met:	Insurance certificate available for 55 children commenced on the 21 st May 2026 and expires on the 27 th March 2027.
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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:	The requirement has been met. (a)The service is operating from a premises which appears to be structurally sound. (b)The service is safe and secure with a locked entrance. The outdoor areas are fenced and secured. (c) Lighting is provided by means of natural light and supplemented with covered fluorescent lights in the care rooms and the proposed new sleep room. There is fluorescent lighting in the sanitary area. The room temperature in the care room is adequate and comfortable. Heating is by means of oil. The registered provider has radiator covers fitted to the radiators. The care rooms and sanitary accommodation toilets for children and staff are adequately ventilated. The proposed new sleep room has adequate lighting and lamps to enable dimming of the room to be conducive to sleep. (d) The premises, toys and equipment are in a clean condition and in good repair. Cleaning schedules are available. (e)Adequate and suitable sanitary accommodation is provided i.e. a nappy changing unit is available in the Baby room, 2 toilet's and 2 hand basins in sanitary accommodation for the Toddler room. One nappy changing facility upstairs. There are 3 toilets in the preschool room and 3 wash hand basins. One staff toilet available within the service and a second available in the registered provider's own home. The sanitary area has a continuous supply of thermostatically controlled running water, a supply of liquid soap and paper towels.
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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 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*

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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.

Requirement met:

There is sufficient clear floor space to accommodate a maximum of 51 children in the service, the floor space and maximum numbers per room is outlined below.

- **Baby Room:** There is a floor space of 21.23m².
- **Wobbler Room:** There is a floor space of 24.6m².
- **Toddler Room:** There is a floor space of 31.49m².
- **Preschool Room:** There is a floor space of 40m².
- **Proposed new Sleep Room:** There is a floor space of 33 m².