

Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Report

School Age Services

TUSLA Identifier:	TU2022DS006SA
Name of School Age Service:	Coach Approach After School
Name of Registered Provider:	Lee Moroney
Address of School Age Service:	Scoil Iosa, Tymon North Road, Tallaght, Dublin 24
Eircode:	D24 X37V

Date of Inspection:	27 July 2026			
Number of school age children present during inspection:	AM	18	PM	19

Address of the Early Years Inspectorate	Primary Care Centre, Castle Park, Arklow, Co. Wicklow Y14 AE10
Inspection undertaken by:	L O'Connor
Title:	Early Years Inspector

Authority to Inspect

Tusla's Early Years Inspectorate carries out inspections of Early Years Services under Section 58(J) of the Child Care Act 1991 (as inserted by Section 92 of the Child and Family Agency Act 2013).

Description of Service:

Coach Approach After School is in Tallaght, Dublin 24. The service operates from the grounds of Scoil Iosa Primary School. The children have access to one care room and an indoor hall. They have use of an outdoor area adjoining the main building and an internal garden within the main school building. The service is registered to accommodate up to 48 children aged 4 to 15 years. During term time, it operates from 1:30pm to 5:30pm, and outside of term time, it operates from 8:55am to 5:30pm. The sanitary facilities for the children are adjoining the care room.

This is one of two school age services operated by the registered provider.

Staffing:

The service employs nine adults, including the registered provider.

On the day, there were four adults present with eighteen children.

Additional Information:

The inspector carried out a planned focused inspection of the service based on information received.

A Change in Circumstance was approved on 08 September 2026 to change the registered provider from Lee Moroney to Anita McMahon.

Legislation

Tusla's Early Years Inspectorate is the independent statutory regulator of School Age Services in Ireland, and its role is to promote and monitor the safety and quality of school age care provision in accordance with the following legislation:

- The Child and Family Agency Act 2013, Part 12.
- Child Care Act 1991 (Early Years Services) (Registration of School Age Services) (Amendment) Regulations 2022.
- The Child Care Act 1991 (Early Years Services) Registration of School Age Services Regulations 2018 (S.I. 575 of 2018).

A school age service means any early years service, play group, day nursery, crèche, day-care or other similar service which:

- a) caters for children under the age of 15 years enrolled in a school providing primary or post-primary education,
- b) provides a range of activities that are developmental, educational and recreational in manner, which take place outside of school hours, the primary purpose of which is to care for children where their parents are unavailable, and
- c) the basis for access to which is made publicly known to the parents and guardians of the children referred to in point (a) above.

It is the responsibility of a registered provider to ensure the safety and well-being of school age children and the above legislation authorise Tusla to assess compliance with the Regulations.

Inspection Methodology:

The inspection is unannounced to assess compliance with the Child Care Act 1991 (Early Years Services) Registration of School Age Services Regulations 2018 (S.I. 575 of 2018), Child Care Act 1991 (Early Years Services) (Registration of School Age Services) (Amendment) Regulations 2022, and the Child Care Act 1991, Section 58 as amended by Part 12 of the Child and Family Agency Act, 2013.

The findings on inspection are gathered through a triangulation method, including:

- Information obtained through examination of documentation.
- Direct observation.
- Discussion with relevant staff.

This inspection aims to determine the extent to which service is appropriate for the care, safety, and wellbeing of children in accordance with the regulations cited above.

Inspection findings are documented in the School Age Services inspection report which is first issued in draft format to the service with an opportunity to respond to any findings. Where statutory requirements are identified as not being met, the registered provider must demonstrate how they have corrected the non-compliance and how they will prevent them from re occurring. The Corrective Action and Preventive Action plan (CAPA) will be used to inform decisions about compliance with regulatory requirements. Where the registered provider fails to meet the statutory requirements, an escalation process may be commenced.

The Inspectorate reserves the right to edit CAPA 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 co-operation of the children, staff, person in charge and registered provider who were present on the day of inspection.

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Statutory Notices		
Notice	Date Served	Detail
Improvement Notice IN1449	27/07/2026	At 11.45am, the inspector gained access to the outdoor area, which was unnoticed by the four staff members present.
Status	The previous, and newly appointed registered provider, submitted a written response with detailed actions which were accepted by the inspectorate. Supporting documentation to include photographs and communication with staff was also submitted to demonstrate the actions taken.	

Statutory Notices		
Notice	Date Served	Detail
Improvement Notice IN1450	27/07/2026	The supervision strategies observed at 11.47am were inadequate. The staff members did not have view of all the children, at all times. The staff members were in conversation while four children played out of sight.
Status	Action was taken by the registered providers immediately following service of the notice. The registered provider submitted a written response with detailed actions which were accepted by the inspectorate.	

Summary of Findings:

The inspector planned to examine Regulation 8: Vetting disclosures, Regulation 9: Staffing levels (2), Regulation 11: Premises (1), and Section 58(G) as amended by Part 12 of the Child and Family Agency Act, 2013.

On inspection, the registered provider was found to be compliant in relation to the following:

- Regulation 8(1)(2): Vetting disclosures
- Regulation 9(2): Staffing levels:

- Regulation 11: Premises(a).

On inspection, the registered provider was found to be non-compliant under:

- Regulation 9: Staffing levels(4)
- Section 58(G) as amended by Part 12 of the Child and Family Agency Act, 2013.

Conclusion and follow up actions:

Based on the implementation of the actions and monitoring procedures, the requirement is deemed to be met for Regulation 9: Staffing levels (4) and Section 58(G). The actions submitted will be assessed on the next inspection.

Regulation 8: Vetting disclosures

- (1) A registered provider of a school age service other than a childminding service shall ensure that each employee, unpaid worker and contractor is suitable and competent, taking into consideration the nature of the needs of children, including by-*
- (a) consideration of references from the person's past employers, if any, and in particular the most recent employer, if any,*
 - (b) consideration of references from reputable sources in the case of a person who has no past employers,*
 - (c) consideration of the vetting disclosure received from the National Vetting Bureau of the Garda Síochána in accordance with the Act of 2012 in respect of the person, and*
 - (d) ensuring, insofar as is practicable, that where a person has lived in a state other than the State for a period of longer than 6 consecutive months, he or she provides police vetting from the police authorities in that state.*
- (2) The procedures specified in paragraph 1 shall be carried out prior to any person being appointed, assigned or allowed access to or contact with a child attending the school age service.*

Regulatory Requirement Met

- (1) Nine staff files were reviewed and the following was available;
- (a)(b) Eighteen references were in place and were validated as required.
 - (c) Garda Vetting disclosures were in place for the nine adults. It was demonstrated that the service adhered to the re-vetting timeframes as outlined in the Early Years

Inspectorate Regulatory Notice, requiring services to renew Garda vetting every three years.

(d) Through a review of documentation, it was determined that police vetting was required for two adults and it was available for review.

(2)

The required documentation was in place prior to staff being appointed, assigned or allowed access to or contact with a child attending the school age service.

Regulation 9: Staffing levels

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (1), a registered provider of a school age service other than a childminding service shall ensure that there is a minimum ratio of 1 adult to 12 children at all times while the service is operating.

(4) A registered provider of a school age service shall ensure that the school age children attending the service are appropriately supervised at all times.

Regulatory Requirement Met

(2)

The adult to child ratio was maintained during the course of the inspection. There were four staff members working with eighteen children.

Regulatory Requirement not met

(4)

1. See Statutory Notice section in relation to Improvement Notice IN1450 served.

Regulation 11: Premises

A registered provider of a school age service shall ensure that-
(a) an outdoor space to which the school age children attending the service have access on a daily basis is provided on the premises,

Regulatory Requirement Met

An outdoor area was available for the children which was located on the grounds of the primary school. The registered provider explained that the children had access to the area adjoining the school building, which included a playground. The children also had access to an internal garden which was within the main school building.

Child Care Act 1991, Section 58(G) as amended by Part 12 of the Child and Family Agency Act, 2013

It shall be the duty of every person providing an early years service to take all reasonable measures to safeguard the health, safety and welfare of children attending the service and to comply with regulations made by the Minister under this Part.

Regulatory Requirement Met

Through a review of documentation, it was confirmed that a staff member was available to the children at all times with a first aid qualification.

Regulatory Requirement not met

1. See Statutory Notice section in relation to Improvement Notice IN1449 served.
2. Staff did not know the actual number of children present and in their care. At 11.57am, three staff members advised that there were 17 children present. However, there were 18 children present at this time. Failure to have clear knowledge of the number of the children in their care may result in children going missing and undetected and may place children at risk in the event of an emergency evacuation.
3. The registered provider did not ensure that effective measures were in place to identify, monitor or mitigate potential risks while children attended the park. In discussion with the registered provider, they outlined that a daily risk assessment was completed.

However, this risk assessment was generic and did not include any reference to the park. The registered provider confirmed that a risk assessment was not available for visits to the park which occurred on the 29 June, 2 July and 13 July. It was later confirmed that an individual risk assessment and/or onsite visit was not carried out by staff members prior to the children going to the park. The absence of risk management procedures posed an increased safety risk to the children as potential risks may not be known to staff members prior to leaving the service.

Corrective & Preventive Action Response submitted by the Registered Provider

- Staff were immediately reminded that all children must remain within sight and hearing at all times and that conversations must not distract from active supervision duties. Active Supervision will take place whereby staff will spread out evenly walk around, while other staff will stay in the one spot for example at the bench or playground. This will be monitored daily by supervision from management and open communication with management and staff. To reduce the likelihood of this reoccurring, the newly appointed registered provider reminded all staff individually on re-opening of service. A staff meeting took place on 16 September 2026 confirming and supervision of children was discussed.

Evidence of staff meeting dated 12 September 2026 was submitted. The agenda stated that supervision of the children was included for discussion. Evidence to demonstrate that all staff attended the meeting was submitted.

- The registered provider stated that a risk assessment was drafted for trips to the park and also other trips. The risk assessment has a checklist to be completed prior to leaving the service. The registered provider outlined that outings only occur outside of term time. The risk assessments will be shared with staff and discussed in a meeting in mid-October, prior to the mid-term camp.

The service's outing policy was updated to align with the risk assessment. This will be shared with staff and parents/guardians the week of 21 September, along with the other policies and procedures of the service.

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A risk assessment template, and an updated outings policy was submitted to the inspectorate.

Summary of Findings

The registered provider submitted actions and supporting documentation to demonstrate how the non-compliances were addressed. Based on the implementation of these actions, the requirement is deemed to be met for Section 58(G).