

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Initial Inspection of Proposed New Service

Tusla I.D:	TU2026CE100							
Name of Service:	Little Oaks Kilmurry McMahon							
Address of Service:	Kilmurry McMahon Community Centre, Drumdigus, Kilmurry McMahon, Co Clare. V15F409							
Email Address:	littleoakskmm@gmail.com							
Name of Proposed Registered Provider:	Debra Carmody							
Type of Proposed Service:	Full Day Care		Part-Time	✓	Drop-In			
	Sessional	✓	Childminding		Temporary			
Proposed service type:	Part time, Sessional							
Proposed Number of Children:	22 children							
Outcome of the F06 Inspection (e.g., type of service, numbers, age ranges, times,)	Type of service: Part time, Sessional Age range of children: 2 to 6 years Number of children: 20 sessional children age 2 to 6 years. 16 part-time children aged 2 to 6 years. Hours of operation: 09.00 to 13.30.							
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Date of Inspection:	1	7	0	8	2	0	2	6
Inspection Undertaken by:	J Hayes							
Title:	Early Years Inspector							
Tusla Early Years Inspectorate Address:	Ennis Primary Care Centre, Station Road, Ennis, Co. Clare V95TY4E							

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Rationale for Inspection
Proposed New Service

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

Registration Status:	Service Registered
Date of Registration:	27/08/2026

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 Oaks Kilmurry McMahon service is a proposed community operated part time and sessional care service located in a room in the community centre in the townland of Kilmurry McMahon in west Clare. The service will operate on a part time and sessional basis Monday-Friday from 09.00hrs to 13.30hrs. The space available in the room allows for a maximum of 20 pre-school children to attend the service at any one time on a sessional basis.
Premises	The proposed service will be located in a room in the community centre which has been converted to use as an early years service.
Staffing	The registered provider will not be working on site in this service. A designated person in charge has been appointed by the registered provider to operate the service on a daily basis. A person who can deputise for the person in charge has also been appointed. A third staff member will also be available on a daily basis in the room. All staff members who propose to work in the service will have childcare qualifications.
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

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	four 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 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.
Acknowledgement	The Inspector wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the proposed registered provider who was 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 service has appointed a designated person in charge and a named person who is able to deputise as required.
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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 registered provider will ensure that a sufficient number of adults will work directly with the children on a daily basis.

Three adults will be available to work in the service on a daily basis.

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.

(1)(a)

Facilities for children to play indoors and outdoors are suitable as there are clearly defined interest areas in the rooms and sufficient play equipment is evident in both the indoor and the outdoor play areas.

All toys are stored on low level shelving accessible to the children.

Defined interest areas within the pre-school room include sensory play, home corner with kitchen, dress up area and creative arts area.

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	The outdoor area consisted of slide, sand box, wall mounted activity units and space for free play activities. (b) A rest area is provided in the pre-school room with soft matting and bean bags provided for the children attending on a sessional basis. Prior to the commencement of children attending on a part-time basis the service will provide stackable sleep beds and bedlinen to ensure an adequate rest area is available for children attending for more than 3½ hours each day. (2)(a) A safe and secure outdoor space is available on site for the provision of outdoor play for the children.
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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.

A healthy eating policy is documented, and this will be shared with parents as it is proposed that all food will be provided from home. Perishable food items will be refrigerated until required and additional breakfast cereal or snacks will be available and provided to children if required.

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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

The entrance door to the service is secured, preventing unauthorised access and preventing a child leaving the service unsupervised. A video camera system is in place to ensure staff are aware of the identity of parents or visitors to the service.

Emergency exit doors are unobstructed.

Storage for cleaning materials and equipment is provided in a secure area within the building which is inaccessible to children. Additional cleaning materials are located within a secured cupboard in the pre-school room out of reach of the children.

Warm water thermostatically controlled to a safe temperature of 41°C is provided at the wash hand basins to ensure effective handwashing.

All windows are located at a high level that is inaccessible to the children.

Toys and play equipment are safe and suitable for the age of children proposed to attend the service.

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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

(1)

One staff trained in first aid for children (First Aid Responder) will be immediately available to the children proposing to attend the pre-school service.

(2)(a)

A suitably equipped first aid box for children is available and readily accessible on a high level shelf in the pre-school room.

(b)

The first aid box will be available to the children attending the pre-school service at all times.

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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 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)

Arrangements are in place to record monthly fire drills that will take place in the premises.

(b)

The number, type and maintenance record of firefighting equipment and smoke alarms in the premises is available.

A service record or installation record is available for the smoke detection and alarm system.

(4)

A notice of the procedures to be followed in the event of fire is displayed in a conspicuous position in the premises. The fire assembly point is clearly identified and visible in the outdoor area to the side of the building.

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 for 22 children attending the early years service has been submitted. The insurance certificate will expire on 27 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 and on visual inspection of the premises the following was noted;

(a)

The premises appears to be of sound and stable structure with no defects evident.

(b)

The premises appears safe and secure. The main entrance door is secured with access approved by the adults through a CCTV camera system. A high level perimeter fence and gate will ensure safe drop off and collection of children to and from the service and safe access to the outdoor play area.

(c)

The premises is kept adequately lit with natural and artificial lighting. heated with electric, wall mounted, thermostatically controlled radiators and naturally ventilated with openable windows in all areas.

(d)

The premises is maintained in a clean condition with cleaning schedules in place. All hard surfaces are sealed to ensure effective cleaning can be carried out. A system is in place for pest control in the service.

(e)

Sufficient sanitary accommodation is provided on the premises. There is one adult toilet and one wash hand basin available for the 3 adults. There are two children's toilets and two wash hand basins available for the pre-school children. Warm water to a temperature of 41°C, liquid soap and paper towels and an electric hand dryer are provided.

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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 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:

(1)

The registered provider has ensured that adequate clear floor space is available in the pre-school service to enable the children to move and play within the care rooms. The total available floor space in the proposed service measures 37.5m².

(2)

The space available of 37.5 m² will allow for 20 pre-school children to attend on a sessional basis and 16 children to attend on a part-time basis. This was agreed with the registered provider during the inspection.