

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Initial Inspection of Proposed New Service

Tusla I.D:	TU2026DN102							
Name of Service:	Little Harvard Childcare							
Address of Service:	Kilcarbery Community Building, Kilcarbery Grange Avenue, Kilcarbery, Dublin 22. D22FP9X							
Email Address:	adminkilcarbery@littleharvard.ie							
Name of Proposed Registered Provider:	James Hargrave							
Type of Proposed Service:	Full Day Care	x	Part-Time		Drop-In			
	Sessional	x	Childminding		Temporary			
Proposed service type:	Proposed new full day care and sessional service.							
Proposed Number of Children:	The service is proposing to cater for 215 children on a full day care and sessional basis.							
Outcome of the F06 Inspection (e.g., type of service, numbers, age ranges, times,)	- Based on the proposed age range of the children in each care room as detailed in Regulation 30, the service can accommodate 176 children who attend on a full day care basis and 218 children during sessional hours. - To operate from 07:00am to 18:30pm Monday to Friday catering for children aged 1 to 6 years. - The number of children attending each room must be in accordance with those outlined under Regulation 30.							
Registered service:	Service Registered							
Date of Inspection:	1	2	0	8	2	0	2	6
Inspection Undertaken by:	S Quigley & E Mulhern							
Title:	Early Years Inspectors							
Tusla Early Years Inspectorate Address:	Tusla – Child & Family Agency, Trinity Building, IDA Business Park, Bray, Co Wicklow.							
Rationale for Inspection								
Proposed New Service								

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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	The proposed private childcare facility aims to provide full day and sessional care and education for pre-school children aged 1 to 6 years. The proposed hours of operation are between 07:00 and 18:30 weekdays. The service proposes to accommodate a maximum number of 215 children attending on a full day and sessional. The service proposes to provide a sessional care option through the early childhood care and education (ECCE) scheme from 09:30am to 12:30pm during the full day care hours.
Premises	The proposed premises are located in a purpose built two storey premises in a residential area in Dublin 22. The service will consist of 25 care rooms and a designated sleep room (room 14), all of which are equipped with their own sanitary area with a toilet, sink, and nappy changing unit. There is a large enclosed outdoor space on the premises.
Staffing	The registered provider has appointed a manager for the service and stated that a named person to deputise will be available. The manager facilitating the inspection stated adults have been employed to work in the service. The manager confirmed that the centre manager and adults employed to work with children have attained or will have attained at least a major award in Early Childhood Care and Education at Level 5 on the National Framework of Qualifications, or a qualification deemed to be equivalent prior to commencing employment in the service.
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 Inspectors wish to acknowledge the cooperation of the service owner 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:

The requirement has been met.

(1)(a) The registered provider has ensured that there is a designated person in charge and stated a named person to deputise will be available.

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:

The requirement has been met.

(1) The registered provider has stated that there will be an adequate number of adults working with the children attending the service.

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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) The service comprises of 26 open plan care rooms. The rooms are bright, spacious and well laid out to cater for the age range of children which will be attending.

(1)(b) A designated cot room was available on the ground floor for children aged one year to sleep. Low level beds were available in the service for children aged two years and older to sleep which will be accommodated within the relevant care rooms. A rest area with soft furnishings was available in all care rooms.

(2)(a) There is an outdoor area provided on the premises. The area is located to the rear and surrounds of the building and is secured by an appropriate perimeter fencing.

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.

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Requirement met:	The requirement has been met. The manager present stated all food will be provided by the service and prepared freshly on site in the service kitchen each day by a cook. The manager stated a healthy eating policy will be available in the service and shared with the parents. A three-week rotating menu will be in place for meals and snacks. Facilities were available to store perishable foods, and a supply of drinking water was available in the service.
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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. External doors were secured to prevent children from exiting the service unsupervised and to restrict unauthorised persons from gaining access to the service. The entrance door was locked, and a keypad entry system was in place for access to the service by authorised adults. The gates in the outdoor area were suitably secured. Restrictors were in place on all windows. There is provision for the appropriate disposal and storage of waste including the provision of foot pedal operated bins in sanitary areas. Cleaning schedules are in place.
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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) Staff members were employed who hold current certification in first aid responder (FAR) training for children.
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(2)(a)(b) Suitably equipped first aid bags were provided in the service. The bags were clearly identifiable and readily accessible.

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) The manager present has indicated that fire drills will be carried out monthly when the service is operational.

(1)(b) There is a record available relating to the number and type of firefighting equipment and for the commissioning of the fire detection and alarm system.

(4) Notices of the procedures to be followed in the event of fire are displayed conspicuously throughout the premises. The fire assembly point is identified.

Part VI - Safety

Regulation 28 – Insurance

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

Requirement met:

Evidence of insurance has been submitted to the registration office.

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 will be located in a purpose-built two storey facility.

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- (b) There is one point of entry to the childcare service. The main door which allows access directly into the service will be controlled by a key pad entry system for children and authorised adults. The outdoor area is secured to prevent a child leaving the area unsupervised and to prevent unauthorised access to the area.
- (c) The premises benefits from high levels of natural light via large windows in all childcare rooms. There is supplemental artificial lighting also provided from covered ceiling lights in the rooms. There is an air to water heating system in place. Windows in each of the care rooms can be opened to provide natural ventilation. Mechanical ventilation systems are in place in the sanitary areas.
- (d) Cleaning schedules are in place and the premises, and its environs were clean and well maintained.
- (e) Sanitary facilities have been provided in the service. In each of the 26 rooms, including the designated cot room, a toilet, wash hand basin, and nappy changing table were available for children. Four toilets and four wash hand basins have been provided for adults. Thermostatically controlled hot water is available and did not exceed 43°C.

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) Based on the clear floor space available and the proposed number and age range of the children across the 25 care rooms, adequate clear floor space has been provided for the work, play and movement of children attending the service as demonstrated below:

Room	Clear floor space	Proposed age range	Number of children proposed/approved
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	Room 1	14.77 sqm	2 – 3 years	6 (FDC)
	Room 2	15.66 sqm	2 – 3 years	6 (FDC)
	Room 3	15.62 sqm	2 – 3 years	6 (FDC)
	Room 4	19.5 sqm	2.8 – 5 years	11 (S) / 8 (FDC)
	Room 5	15.3 sqm	2 – 3 years	6 (FDC)
	Room 6	16.87 sqm	2 – 3 years	6 (FDC)
	Room 7	22.57 sqm	2.8 – 5 Years	11 (S) / 8 (FDC)
	Room 8	21.34 sqm	2.8 – 5 Years	11 (S) / 8 (FDC)
	Room 9	15.12 sqm	2 – 3 years	6 (FDC)
	Room 10	16.8 sqm	2 – 3 years	6 (FDC)
	Room 11	15.83 sqm	2 – 3 years	6 (FDC)
	Room 12	14.0 sqm	1 – 2 years	5 (FDC)
	Room 13	16.8 sqm	1 – 2 years	5 (FDC)
	Room 14	N/a – cot room	N/a – cot room	N/a – cot room
	Room 15	16.05 sqm	2 – 3 years	6 (FDC)
	Room 16	20.01 sqm	2.8 – 5 Years	11 (S) / 8 (FDC)
	Room 17	21.24 sqm	2.8 – 5 Years	11 (S) / 8 (FDC)
	Room 18	20.16 sqm	2.8 – 5 Years	11 (S) / 8 (FDC)
	Room 19	22.62 sqm	2.8 – 5 Years	11 (S) / 8 (FDC)
	Room 20	21.60 sqm	2.8 – 5 Years	11 (S) / 8 (FDC)
	Room 21	20.21 sqm	2.8 – 5 Years	11 (S) / 8 (FDC)
	Room 22	20.5 sqm	2.8 – 5 Years	11 (S) / 8 (FDC)
	Room 23	21.34 sqm	2.8 – 5 Years	11 (S) / 8 (FDC)
	Room 24	23.0 sqm	2.8 – 5 Years	11 (S) / 8 (FDC)
	Room 25	19.94 sqm	2.8 – 5 Years	11 (S) / 8 (FDC)

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	Room 26	21.85 sqm	2.8 – 5 Years	11 (S) / 8 (FDC)
*FDC – Full day care *S – Sessional * sqm – squared metres (2) Based on the clear floor space available and the proposed number and age range of the children across the 25 care rooms as detailed by the manager present on inspection, floor space for a maximum number of 176 pre-school children is available for children attending on a full day care basis, or 218 children attending on a sessional basis was met.				