

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Initial Inspection of Proposed New Service

Tusla I.D:	TU2026LK104							
Name of Service:	Kilteely Kids							
Address of Service:	Cill Bride Centre Kilteely Co Limerick							
Email Address:	kilteelykids@outlook.com							
Name of Proposed Registered Provider:	Dawn Hassett and Mary Ryan							
Type of Proposed Service:	Full Day Care	☒	Part-Time	☒	Drop-In	☐		
	Sessional	☒	Childminding	☐	Temporary	☐		
Proposed service type:	Full day care, Part time, Sessional service							
Proposed Number of Children:	12							
Outcome of the F06 Inspection (e.g., type of service, numbers, age ranges, times,)	Type of service: Full Day Care, Part time, Sessional. Number of Children:12 preschool children. Age Range:2 to 6 years. Hours of operation: Monday to Friday 07.30 to 18.00.							
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Date of Inspection:	1	0	0	8	2	0	2	6
Inspection Undertaken by:	J Ryan and J Hayes							
Title:	Early Years Inspectors							
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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
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Date of Registration:

31/08/2026

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	Kilteely Kids proposes to provide full day care to children aged 2 to 6 years with options of sessional and part-time care also available. The service is located in a rural village in county Limerick. The proposed daily opening hours are from 07.30 to 18.00 and in line with the opening hours of Kilteely National School.
Premises	The premises consists of two care rooms for the work, play and movement of children. Sanitary facilities are currently being installed for children. The service also provides an office, kitchen and staff sanitary facilities. An outdoor play space is available on site to support childrens play.
Staffing	The registered providers will work in and manage the service on a daily basis. An additional staff member will work with the school aged children in the afternoon. All adults have attained at least a major award in Early Childhood Care and Education at Level 5 on the National Framework of 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 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

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	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 proposed service providers who were present on the day of the inspection.

Part III - Management and Staff	
Regulation 9 – Management and Recruitment	
<i>(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.</i>	
Requirement met:	(1)(a) The requirement has been met. A named person in charge has been assigned to the service, with a person available to deputise if required.

Part III - Management and Staff	
Regulation 11 -Staffing Levels	
<i>(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.</i>	
Requirement met:	The requirement has been met. (1) The service proposes that the required adult: child ratios will be adhered to at all times in the service as there will be three staff employed.

Part V - Care of Child in Pre-school Service	
Regulation 20 - Facilities for Rest and Play	
<i>(1) Subject to this Regulation, a registered provider shall ensure that—</i> <i>(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</i> <i>(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.</i> <i>(2) A registered provider—</i>	

(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) Both care rooms have been furnished and laid out considering the developmental needs and the age range of the children proposed to attend in each room. There is a sufficient quantity of child sized tables and chairs available, and a wide variety of play resources are accessible at child height. Play equipment including puzzles, construction sets, small world objects and books are positioned on low level open shelves which children can access. Areas of interest have been developed and a quiet reading area with soft seating and matting is available in both rooms. Wooden real type play materials are available with wicker style baskets used for the storage of play equipment on shelving. The onsite outdoor area will ensure children can access outdoor play on a daily basis. It contained a child sized picnic table, sand play, water play, bark mulch, a mud kitchen and shelf area for planting. The service also has access to a sensory garden nearby and the school playground across the road. (b) Three low level stackable sleep beds with blankets and sheets are provided for children who may require a sleep while attending on a full day care basis. (2)(a) A suitable, safe and secure outdoor space to which the preschool children attending the service will have access on a daily basis is provided on the premises.
Requirement not met:	The requirement has not been met. (2)(a)

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	An outings policy and risk assessment was not available to demonstrate the safety measures which will be required when a group of children are taken off site on outings to the sensory garden and the playground in the national school.
Response from Provider:	(2)(a) An outings policy & risk assessment have been created demonstrating the safety measures that will be carried out when children are taken off site.
Summary Comment:	The requirements have been met in relation to Regulation 20 (2)(a).

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.

Hot meals will be provided for the children who attend the service full time. Sample menu plans were available which indicated that the food provision will be in line with the healthy eating policy of the service. Breakfast, snacks and the afternoon meal will be prepared within the onsite kitchen.

Drinking water will be available for children in each room of the 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:

This requirement has been met.

- The front door was secured and there was a second set of doors in the entrance hallway which could be locked ensuring children cannot leave the service unsupervised and unauthorised persons cannot gain access.
- The emergency exit doors were unobstructed.
- Suitable storage was available for the children's belongings.
- Outdoor waste facilities were inaccessible to the children attending the service.
- The kitchen was inaccessible to the children.

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- A fridge was available in the kitchen for the storage of perishable food.
- Blind cords located in the larger room were out of reach of children as they were wrapped around hooks on the wall. These will be added to the service risk assessment to ensure they are checked on a daily basis and remain out of reach of the children.
- The steel guard was locked on the generator in the outdoor play area.
- Cleaning materials and equipment will be inaccessible to children as they will be stored in the kitchen where the doors are locked.

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)

Two staff have achieved certification in FAR (First Aid Responder).

(2)(a)

A suitably equipped first aid box was available in the service.

(b)

The first aid box is 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)

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	The proposed service providers indicated that fire drills will be carried out on a monthly basis in the service when it is operational. A specified book was available for the purpose of recording the monthly fire drills. (b) Firefighting equipment was last serviced in September 2025.
Requirement not met:	The requirement has not been met. (1)(b) Evidence of the maintenance of the smoke detection system was not available. (4) Fire drill procedures were not displayed in a conspicuous place in the care rooms and the premises which detailed the procedures to be followed in the event of a fire.
Response from Provider:	(1)(b) Evidence was provided in relation to the functionality of smoke detection system (4) A Fire Drill & evacuation procedure has been drafted and displayed in a conspicuous position in both care rooms.
Summary Comment:	The requirements have been met in relation to Regulation 26(1)(b) and (4)

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.

Evidence of an insurance policy for 20 pre-school children and school aged children to attend the service was available. This policy indicated that preschool children would attend on a full day care basis. The policy is valid until 30th August 2027.

Registration of this service is contingent upon the registered provider maintaining up to-date insurance cover that accurately reflects the number of children attending the service.

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,

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- (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 proposed service is a converted building and there were no visible defects noted on the day of the inspection. (b) The point of entry to the service is secured at the main entrance door and at a second set of doors in the hallway. The outdoor area is secured with by high walls and a secure gate to prevent a child leaving unsupervised and to prevent unauthorised access to the area. (c) The premises benefits from natural light via windows in each room. This is supplemented by artificial lighting throughout the service. The heating is provided by storage heaters and wall mounted electric heaters located in the sanitary accommodation. Windows are openable and there is a combination of mechanical and natural ventilation in the childrens sanitary area and mechanical ventilation in the adult sanitary area. (d) The premises and surrounding environment were clean and well maintained. (e) A portable nappy changing unit was also available if required. One toilet and one wash hand basin was available for adults. Thermostatically controlled hot water was available in the children's sanitary areas and the temperature of the water at the wash hand basin was recorded at 25°C which was within the safe temperature range.
Requirement not met:	The requirement has not been met. (b)

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	Evidence was not available to demonstrate that the storage heaters and radiators were maintained and checked to ensure they were functioning correctly and safely as the building was unoccupied for a long period of time. (d) A cleaning schedule for the premises and the toys and equipment was not available. (e) The service is not equipped with an adequate number of sanitary facilities suitable for children's use. The service is currently installing two child size toilets and an additional wash hand basin. The sanitary accommodations areas did not have a supply of liquid soap and paper hand towels. Pedal operated, lined, lidded bins were not available in all sanitary areas for the safe disposal of used paper towels and other waste. Additional pedal operated, lined lidded bins were not available for the safe disposal of soiled nappies. A nappy change policy was not displayed.
Response from Provider:	(b) Evidence demonstrating that the storage heaters and radiators were checked to ensure their functionality and safety. (d) Daily, weekly & monthly cleaning schedules and checklists for the premises, toys & equipment have been created. (e) The service has installed 2 new child sized wash hand basins and stall doors which can be opened from the outside if required. Paper towel dispensers and liquid soap is also available.
Summary Comment:	The requirements have been met in relation to Regulation 29(b)(d) (e)

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.

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(3) Where a registered provider contemporaneously provides—

(a) a sessional pre-school service, and

(b) a full day care service or a part-time day care service, or both,

the minimum clear floor space applicable for the duration of the sessional preschool service in respect of the children attending that service shall be the floor space specified in paragraph (3).

Requirement met:

The requirement has been met.

(1)

Adequate clear floor space has been provided for the work, play and movement of the number of children proposing to attend the service as demonstrated below:

(2)

The required clear floor space available in each of the care rooms is as follows;

Room Name	Clear Floor Space	Proposed age of children	Maximum number of children attending
Preschool room	18.50m ²	2 – 3 years	8 children attending full day care or 10 sessional
Baby room	11.80.m ²	2 – 3 years	5 children attending full day care or 6 sessional

(3)

The service has space to accommodate a maximum of 12 preschool children attending on a full-time basis at any one time in all rooms. This was agreed with the registered providers during the inspection.