

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances



Tusla I.D.: TU2015KY117

Name of Service St. Olivers Pre-school Ballycasheen CLG

Address of Service: Rookery Road, Ballycasheen, Killarney, Co. Kerry, V93 W594

Email Address: stoliverspreschool@gmail.com

Name of Registered Provider: Colm Ó Suilleabhain

Type of Proposed Service:	Full Day Care	☐	Part-Time	☐	Sessional	☐	ü
	Drop-In	☐	Childminding	☐	Temporary	☐	

Proposed change: Moving rooms on the same premises (from the prefab to classroom in the school).
Change in the number of children that can be accommodated from 66 (as stated on the National Register) to 22.

Proposed Number of Children: 22

Recommended Change Following Inspection: Moving rooms on the same premises (from the prefab to classroom in the school).
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Registered change: Moving rooms on the same premises (from the prefab to classroom in the school).
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Date of Inspection: 1 1 0 6 2 0 2 6

Inspection undertaken by: N. Reidy

Title: Early Years Inspector

Tusla Early Years Inspectorate Address: Áras an Phobail, Deans Lane, Tralee, Co. Kerry.

Rationale for Inspection:
Proposed Change of Circumstance

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

Registration Status:	Registered Sessional Service for 22 Children
Date of Registration	23 June 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	St. Oliver's Preschool, located in Killarney, Co. Kerry is registered to cater for children from the age of 2 to 6 years. There are two sessions provided in this service, one from 8.30am to 11.30am and from 12 mid-day to 3.00pm. The service has applied for registration to move rooms in the same premise, from a prefab to a room in the national school.
Premises	The room has its own entrance door serving the premise. The children's sanitary facilities are located in the playroom with the staff sanitary facilities outside the playroom. The outdoor play area identified for children's use is enclosed within the school grounds, proposed to be available to the children attending at alternate times to the school aged children.
Staffing	The service has four staff members working with the children daily. This does not include the registered provider who does not work directly with the children.
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

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	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 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	
<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:	The requirement has been met. (1)(a) The inspector was furnished with the assigned named person in charge and the deputy person in charge.

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 inspector was furnished with the names of four staff members who will work directly with the children each day.

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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—*
- (b) *of a full day care service, a part-time day care service, a sessional preschool service or a childminding service that moves premises 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.*
- (3) *A registered provider of a full day care service, a part-time day care service or a childminding service, other than such a service to which paragraph (2) applies, shall ensure that—*
- (a) *a suitable, safe and secure outdoor space to which the pre-school children attending the service have access on a daily basis is provided on the premises or*

Requirement met:

The requirement has been met.

(1)

(a)

- The children have access to a variety of age-appropriate equipment and play materials that are available and accessible to them on the floor and on the open low level shelving units in the playroom.
- The care room was furnished with a sufficient quantity of child sized tables and chairs.
- The inspector was informed the children will have access to a designated outdoor play area within the school, namely the “canopy area”. The area will be used at alternate times to the children attending the National school.
- There was a storage unit in place for the outdoor toys.
- There was a tarmac surface underfoot, a number of planting boxes and a vegetable planting area.

(b)

- The playroom has a designated rest area located in the corner of the playroom to facilitate children to rest and relax during the session.
- The rest area was furnished with matting, child sized seating, cushions and rugs.

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(2)(b)

The children have access to a fully enclosed and secured outdoor play area.

(3)(a)

The proposed service will have an outdoor area to which the proposed pre-school children attending the service will have access to on a daily basis, at alternate times to the children attending the National school.

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Part V - Care of Child in Pre-school Service

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.

- The parents and guardians of the proposed children attending will provide all the food for the snacks.
- As advised on inspection the person in charge informed the inspector that a selection of fruit will be provided by the service and bottled water.
- The children will have access to drinking water in their individual drink's bottles throughout the day, proposed to be stored on a low-level shelving unit in the playroom near the fridge in the playroom.

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 partially met.

- The door of the playroom was secured. The inspector was informed the door will be replaced over weekend of 13.06.'26. The door will have a viewing panel and a high-level closure.
- The T.V cables were secured out of the reach of the children. The person in charge informed that she has planned to remove the T.V from the room.
- The openable windows had restricted opening devices fitted; they were located at a height out of the reach of the children.
- The blind cords observed were secured.
- The staff belongings are stored on high level hooks on the wall and on high level shelving unit in the playroom out of the reach of the children.
- The cleaning products were stored in the secure cupboard under the sink in the playroom.

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	- The alarmed fire door located outside the playroom had a low-level openable handle. The door opened freely to the outside and the alarm was in working order. - The first aid box was stored out of reach in the playroom. - The medicines observed on inspection were stored within secure cupboard under the sink in the playroom. - The outdoor play area was fully enclosed and secured with gates and fencing
Requirement not met:	1. There was no wired smoke alarm in the playroom. There was a battery-operated smoke alarm in the playroom and there was a wired alarm located in the corridor outside the playroom. The person in charge informed the inspector that she has scheduled the installation of the wired smoke alarm for week beginning 15.6.'26 and stated that she will forward the certification in respect of the said alarm to the Early Years inspectorate.
Response from Provider:	The wired smoke alarm will be installed in the playroom on 19.6.'26. The service will submit the documentation to the early years inspectorate in respect of the commissioning of the smoke alarm once it is installed.
Summary Comment:	The requirement for the regulation has been met.

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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) The relevant certifications were available to the inspector to demonstrate that the four adults working with the children have a completed and in date First Aid Responder (FAR) training.

(2)

(a) There was a suitably equipped first aid box in the playroom.

(b) The first aid box will be readily available to the proposed children attending the service.

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 service has a template to record the monthly fire drills that will take place in the service.

(b) A record of the number and type of firefighting equipment and for the wired smoke alarm in the building was available on file. It was recorded that firefighting equipment and the wired smoke alarm in the building were last serviced on 20.08.'25.

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

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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 quotation was submitted to the Registration Team prior to the inspection.

The registered provider must ensure that adequate insurance is in place prior to the commencement of the change. The change approval is contingent on the registered providers compliance with Regulation 28.

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)

- From a visual assessment, the premises appeared to be sound and stable.

(b)

- The premise was safe and secure with secured doors and the outdoor play area with secured gates.
- The person in charge furnished the inspector with a completed risk assessment for the playroom that included for example the control measures in place whilst escorting the children to and from the allocated outdoor play area and whilst the children are playing in the outdoor area.

(c)

- The lighting in the proposed care room, sanitary facilities and entrance areas is supplied by a combination of natural lighting through the windows and supplemented by artificial lights fitted with protective covers.

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- The air temperature of the playroom was recorded at 18.8 degrees Celsius and in the children's sanitary accommodation it was recorded at 18.2 degrees Celsius.
- There is an oil powered heating system provided in the playroom. The heating system was not on during the inspection.
- The person in charge stated that the heating system is in working order.
- There is one large radiator in the playroom and there is no means of heating in the children's sanitary accommodation.
- The person in charge is aware of the required air temperature in all areas is within the range of 18-22 degrees Celsius.
- The person in charge advised the inspector that a cover will be fitted on the radiator in the playroom and associated pipe work. The inspector was furnished with a quotation for the cover dated 26.05.'26.
- Natural ventilation was provided in the premise by means of a number of openable windows and in the sanitary accommodation there were vents on the roof windows.

(d)

- From observation on the day of the inspection the play equipment and furniture appeared to be clean and in a good condition.
- Records of cleaning schedules were on file for the premise.

(e)

- The children's sanitary facilities, located within the playroom consisted of 2 toilets and 2 wash hand basins.
- The adult sanitary facility was located outside the playroom.
- There was thermostatically controlled warm water at all the wash hand basins in the sanitary accommodation, with a supply of liquid hand soap and disposable paper hand towels.
- Pedal operated lidded bins were 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 sessional pre-school service or a pre-school service in a drop-in centre shall ensure that a minimum of 1.818 square metres of clear floor space is available for each child attending the service.*
- (3) *Where a registered provider contemporaneously provides—*
(a) a sessional pre-school service

Requirement met:

- (1) Adequate floor space is available in the proposed care rooms for the work, play and movement of the children in the service.
- (2) & (3)(a) The registered provider has adequate floor space that is a minimum of 1.818 square meters for the 22 children attending the service on a sessional basis.