

Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Report

Pre School

TUSLA Identifier:	TU2019GY006
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Name of Service:	Tomorrows World
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Address of Service:	Attymon National School, Attymon, Athenry, Co. Galway
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Eircode:	H65 YX73
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Name of Registered Provider:	Michelle Cannon
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Service type:	Sessional
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Date(s) of Inspection:	27/05/2026
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No of pre-school children:	AM	9	PM	No.
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Inspection undertaken by:	B Lavin
Title:	Early Years Inspector

Authority to Inspect

The Tusla 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).

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Description of service

This privately operated pre-school is in a classroom in the national school in the village of Attymon, Co Galway. The pre-school operates from 09.30 to 12.30, Monday to Friday. It caters for children aged between 2 and 6 years old in a sessional service. The service accommodates a maximum number of 11 pre-school children at any one time. There is a playroom and a sanitary area. There is a secure outdoor play area to rear and side of the preschool.

Staffing

The registered provider is the sole operator of the service. There is named deputy person in case of an emergency.

Methodology

Tusla's Early Years Inspectorate is the independent statutory regulator of early years services in Ireland. The Child Care Act 1991 (Early Years Services) Regulations 2016 define the duty of a registered provider to ensure the safety and well-being of children and to comply with these regulations. This Act also gives Tusla the authority to assess compliance with the regulations. The purpose of regulation in relation to early years services is to ensure that the care, safety, and well-being of children attending such services is upheld. Inspections of early years services are planned based on the following:

- Previous inspection history
- Any information received in relation to the service

The findings on inspection are based on:

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

This inspection was unannounced and focused on the area of governance and health, welfare and development of child. The inspection may also focus on other areas as required.

Inspection findings are documented in the 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 rectified the non-compliance and will prevent any non-compliance from re occurring. The Corrective Action and Preventive Action plan (CAPA) will be used to inform

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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 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.

Acknowledgments

The inspector wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the registered provider and children who were 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,*
- (b) at all times during the period when the pre-school service is being carried on, the designated person in charge or the named person referred to in subparagraph (a) is on the premises.*

(2) A registered provider 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.*

(4) A registered provider shall ensure that, without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (2) and subject to paragraphs (5) and (6), each employee working directly with children attending the service holds at least a major award in Early childhood Care and Education at Level 5 on the National Qualifications Framework or a qualification deemed by the Minister to be equivalent.

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Compliance Information

- (1) (a) The registered provider was the designated person in charge in the service and a named person was available to deputise in the case of an emergency.
- (b) The registered provider was on site for the duration of the inspection.
- 2) (a) There were four of the required four written and validated references from past employers for the registered provider and the person available to deputise in the case of an emergency in the service.
- (c) Garda vetting disclosures had been obtained for the registered provider and person available to deputise. The service demonstrated compliance with the Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Notice requiring services to renew garda vetting every three years.
- (d) International police vetting was not required for the registered provider or the person available to deputise.
- (4) Documentary evidence was available to demonstrate that both the registered provider and person available to deputise had obtained a major award in Early childhood Care and Education at Level 5 or above on the National Qualifications Framework.

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.*
- (3) Subject to paragraph (5), a registered provider of a sessional pre-school service shall ensure that at all times the minimum ratio of adults to children specified in column (3) of Part 2 of Schedule 6 opposite a particular reference number specified in column (1) of that Part in respect of the age range of the children specified in column (2) therefore at that reference number is satisfied.*
- (8) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) to (7)-*
- (c) a registered provider of a sessional pre-school service shall ensure that, where the person in charge operates the service single-handedly, a second person familiar with the operation of the service and in a position to provide assistance to the person in charge in operating the service is, at all times, within close distance of the service and available to attend the service to assist the person in charge in the event of an emergency.*

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Compliance Information

1. During the period of inspection there was an adequate number of adults working with the pre-school children attending the service. There were nine children present on a sessional basis aged between three and five years old with one staff member caring for the children.
3. The registered provider ensured that the minimum ratio of a single-handed operated service of 1 adult to a maximum of 11 sessional children was adhered to in the service on the day of inspection.
8. (c) A second person familiar with the children, who was close to the service, was available to provide assistance in the event of an emergency.

Part V - Care of Child in Pre-school Service

Regulation 19 - Health, welfare and development of child

(1) A registered provider shall, in providing a pre-school service, ensure that-

(a) each child's learning, development and well-being is facilitated within the daily life of the pre-school service through the provision of the appropriate activities, interaction, materials and equipment, having regard to the age and stage of development of the child, and

Compliance Information

- Drinking water was available to all children in individual beakers throughout the morning session.
- Children were observed eating their snack which consisted of fruit, yogurt, cheese and sandwiches which was provided by their parents/guardians. Children were supported during mealtimes with opening food items when needed. Independence was encouraged with self-help skills. Pleasant social conversation took place between the staff member and children during snack time.
- Children sat at tables and chairs which were appropriate for their height and/or stage of development.
- The privacy and dignity of each child was respected during toileting.
- Appropriate rest facilities were available in the care room and children were observed spending time in this area for short periods of rest throughout the morning.
- Children had easy access to the outside areas throughout the morning. The children moved freely between both indoors and outdoors. The children spent most of the morning in the outdoor space. The children had an opportunity to explore different interest areas while outside.

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- The children had the opportunity and were supported to develop emerging interests. The theme of the week was an 'Aquarium' developed by the children. This provided the children with an imaginative and sensory activity with suitable equipment to explore under water animals and fish.
- The adult working with the children was sensitive and responsive in promoting positive behaviours and supported children to find positive solutions to sharing toys, equipment and turn taking.
- The adult working with the children created a positive atmosphere, having frequent social conversations, joint laughter and showing affection.

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.

Compliance Information

- (1) The service provided evidence that one staff member was trained in first aid responder training for children and available to the children attending the pre-school service.
- (2)(a) There was first aid box in the playroom, with content items within date, safely stored and was easily accessible.
- (b) The service demonstrated that the first aid boxes were fully equipped and available to the children attending the pre-school service.

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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.*

Compliance Information

- (1)(a) A written record was available to demonstrate monthly fire drills completed in the service with the last fire drill completed on 14/04/2026.
- (b) Records were available in relation to the number, type and maintenance of fire-fighting equipment with the last annual service on 25/09/2025 and the smoke detection annual service on 03/03/2026.
- (4) There was evidence of the fire evacuation procedures setting out the procedures to be followed in the event of a fire in the playroom and in the entrance lobby.