

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances



TUSLA I.D.:	TU2025MN002							
Name of Service	Little Green Giants Childcare							
Address of Service:	The Demense, Castleshane, Monaghan. H18 WP71							
Email Address:	littlegreengiantschildcare@gmail.com							
Name of Registered Provider:	Nicole Mc Nally							
Type of Proposed Service:	Full Day Care	ü	Part-Time	ü	Sessional	ü		
	Drop-In		Childminding		Temporary			
Proposed change:	Change in Number of Children that can be Accommodated from 33 to 52 children (dividing one of the current rooms) Change in Age Profile from 0 - 3 Years to 0 - 6 Years.							
Proposed Number of Children:	52							
Recommended Change Following Inspection:	Change in Number of Children that can be Accommodated from 33 to 52 children. The number of children that can be accommodated in each care room will depend on their age and duration in the service, which is detailed in the information contained in Regulation 30. Change in Age Profile from 0 - 3 Years to 0 - 6 Years.							
Registered change:	Change in Number of Children that can be Accommodated from 33 to 52 children Change in Age Profile from 0 - 3 Years to 0 - 6 Years.							
Date of Inspection:	1	1	0	6	2	0	2	6
Inspection undertaken by:	S Mc Kenna							
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Rationale for Inspection: Proposed Change of Circumstance

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

Registration Status:	Registered Full Day, Part-Time & Sessional Service for 52 Children
Date of Registration	22 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	Little Green Giants Childcare is a new, privately operated service located in Co Monaghan. The service operates from 8 am to 6 pm Monday to Friday, catering for a maximum of 33 children aged 0 to 3 years.
Premises	The service operates from a converted premises using the ground floor only. In the change in circumstances application, the registered provider outlined that the room previously called the Nursery is divided into two rooms and will be named Toddler Room 1 and Toddler Room 2. This large room is currently partly divided by a low wooden partition. The existing Toddler room will now be changed to the Preschool Room. An office, a kitchen, a sleep room and sanitary accommodations are also provided. An outdoor play area is located to the side of the building. Car parking is provided at the front of the premises.
Staffing	The service employs a total of 10 staff, including the registered provider, who works in the service on a daily basis.
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 administrative and legal processes. The contents of the report are compiled by the inspectorate body.
Acknowledgements	The Inspector wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the registered provider, staff and children who were present on the day of the inspection.

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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.

The service has a designated person in charge who is the registered provider, and a named person to deputise in their absence.

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.

It is proposed that a total of 10 adults will work across the two care rooms.

The registered provider is aware of the requirements of this regulation in relation to adult: child ratios.

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 requirements of this regulation have been met.

(1) (a) Adequate and suitable facilities have been provided for children to play indoors during the day. A range of toys, equipment and well-resourced interest areas are available in each care room.

(b) Adequate and suitable facilities are provided for the children to rest on if required.

A cot room with 7 cots is located off the Nursery room.

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	A total of 10 suitable floor beds for children aged 15 months to 2 years is available. A total of 8 stackable beds is available for children over 2 years old who may require a sleep. There are cosy areas with soft child-sized seating, cushions and floor mats within each care room. (2) (a) A secure outdoor area is available to the children attending the service, which is located to the side of the premises, and accessible directly off the Nursery room.
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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 service provides breakfast and snacks to the children in attendance. A weekly menu is available detailing breakfast, morning snack and afternoon snack options. The main meal is supplied by an external catering company and reheated daily on site. The menu is shared with parents on a daily and weekly basis. The children have access to their own drinking cups during the day. A fridge is available in the kitchen for the storage of perishable food items.
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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 main entrance accessible by staff only is secured by a thumb turn lock. The children are brought to and from their care rooms via the external door in each care room. The external doors are secured by thumb turn locks. This prevents children from exiting the service unsupervised and restricts unauthorised access.

The emergency exit doors were unobstructed throughout the inspection.

There was provision for the appropriate disposal and storage of waste, including the provision of foot pedal-operated bins throughout the service.

Cleaning schedules were available for the service. The service was presented in a clean manner.

Thermostatic controlled hot water was available for hand washing purposes.

The designated fire assembly point is located at the front of the building, on the opposite side of the car park.

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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 registered provider has ensured that a person trained in First Aid Responder (FAR) is available to children attending the service. The registered provider and one staff member have FAR training certificates. Written confirmation outlined that an additional staff member is due to complete their FAR training by 29 June 2026.

(2) (a) (b) Adequately stocked first aid boxes were provided in each of the care rooms and are available to the children at all times.

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 registered provider demonstrated that a template to record fire drills is available, and fire drills were conducted monthly.

(b) There is a record available relating to the number and type of firefighting equipment. The most recent service of the firefighting equipment and the fire detection and alarm system was carried out on 25 May 2026.

(4) The procedures to be followed in the event of a fire were displayed throughout 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.

The service has adequate insurance currently in place for 33 children as per Tusla registration.

- An insurance quote was provided which covers a maximum of 52 preschool children in attendance on a Full day Care basis and expires on the 28/03/2027. 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—

- of sound and stable structure,*
- safe and secure,*
- kept adequately lit, heated and ventilated,*
- cleaned, maintained and repaired, as required, and*
- equipped with adequate and suitable sanitary facilities.*

Requirement met:

The requirement has been met.

- On visual inspection, the building appears safe and sound. The registered provider confirmed that they had no knowledge of any structural defects.
- The service is adequately secured to prevent children exiting unsupervised and unauthorised persons gaining entry.
- The service is adequately lit and heated. The lighting is provided by a mixture of natural light from openable windows, which is supplemented with fluorescent ceiling lights, which are either shatterproof or fitted with protective covers. The service is heated by oil central heating. The care rooms and toilet areas are ventilated by openable windows. The nappy changing areas, cot room and staff toilet are ventilated through mechanical ventilation.
- Cleaning schedules are available and in place, and the premises is maintained in a clean condition.

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	(e) The service is equipped with suitable sanitary facilities to facilitate the increase in numbers of children; - One toilet and one wash hand basin are available for children's use located off the proposed Preschool room. - One nappy changing unit and a wash hand basin is provided off the proposed Preschool room. - One nappy changing unit and a wash hand basin is provided for the Nursery room. - New sanitary accommodation located in the hallway contained 2 children's toilets, 2 sinks and 1 nappy changing unit. Thermostatically controlled hot water, liquid soap and single use paper hand towels is available at all of the hand-wash sinks. There is one toilet and one wash hand basin available for the adults.
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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:	The requirement has been met. (1) Adequate, clear floor space has been provided for the work, play and movement of children within the 3 care rooms for a maximum of 52 preschool children as outlined below. (2) The proposed Toddler Room 1 has a floor area of 38 m², which can accommodate 16 children aged 2 to 3 years or 13 children aged 1 to 2 years or 10 children aged 0 to year.
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- The proposed Toddler Room 2 has a floor area of 29m², which can accommodate 12 children aged 2 to 3 years or 10 children aged 1 – 2 years or 8 children aged 0 – 1 year.
- The proposed Pre-school Room has a floor area of 46m², which can accommodate 24 children on a sessional basis, or 20 children aged 3 to 6 on a full/part-time basis or 19 children aged 2 to 3 years on a full/part-time basis.