

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Initial Inspection of Proposed New Service

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Name of Service:	Newpark Childcare Limited
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Address of Service:	Chapel Road, Kinsealy, Malahide Co Dublin K36 VF62
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Email Address:	Newpark.creche@gmail.com
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Name of Proposed Registered Provider:	Mark Durkin
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Type of Proposed Service:	Full Day Care	☒	Part-Time	☒	Drop-In	☐
	Sessional	☐	Childminding	☐	Temporary	☐

Proposed service type:	Proposed to operate a new full day care and part-time early years' service.
Proposed Number of Children:	30
Outcome of the F06 Inspection (e.g., type of service, numbers, age ranges, times,)	- To cater for children aged 1 to 6 years on a part-time and full day care basis. - To operate from 7.30am to 6.00pm each weekday for 51 weeks each year. - To accommodate 30 pre-school children at any one time.
Registered service:	

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Inspection Undertaken by:	AM Coyle
Title:	Early Years Inspector

Tusla Early Years Inspectorate Address:	181-189 Lakeshore Drive, Airside Business Park, Swords, Co. Dublin K67 Y5C6.
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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
Date of Registration:	02.07.2026

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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	Newpark Childcare is a proposed early years' service located in Kinsealy, Co Dublin. It is proposed that Newpark Childcare would provide full day-care and part time care to children between the ages of 1– 6 years' operating from 07:30am to 6:pm Monday to Friday for 51 weeks of the year.
Premises	It is proposed that the new service would be conducted from a recently constructed purpose-built single-story premises located in a newly developed housing estate in Kinsealy, Co Dublin. There are 3 care rooms provided in the premises, namely Room 1, Room 2 and Room 3. A separate sleep room is located on the ground floor adjacent to the Room 1. Ancillary accommodation includes sanitary facilities, a kitchen, office and a staff room. A fully enclosed outdoor play area is located in the centre of the building.
Staffing	The proposed registered provider has recruited a service manager who would coordinate the day-to-day operational management of the service. Three further staff members have been recruited, and it is proposed that the number of staff employed will increase as the service reaches maximum capacity.
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 administrative and legal processes. The contents of the report are compiled by the inspectorate body.
Acknowledgement	The Inspector wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the proposed registered provider and person in charge 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.	
Requirement met:	(1)(a) The requirement has been met. It is proposed that the service manager would be the designated person in charge on a daily basis and that a named person would be appointed to deputise as required.

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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.*
- (8) *Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) to (7)—*
(a) a registered provider of a pre-school service other than a child-minding service or a sessional pre-school service shall ensure that there are at least 2 adults on the premises at all times.

Requirement met:

The requirement has been met.

(1) The proposed registered provider is aware of the minimum ratio of adults to children specified in Part 1 of Schedule 6 and would ensure that an adequate number of adults would at all times work directly with the children in the service.

The registered provider has employed 4 staff members including the service manager and it is proposed that the number of staff employed will increase as the service reaches maximum capacity.

(8)(a) The proposed registered provider would ensure that there are at least 2 adults on the premises at all times when the service is in operation.

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 care rooms were resourced with a broad range of suitable play materials and equipment to facilitate children to initiate and sustain meaningful play activities. The play materials were stored at an accessible level to the pre-school children. A secure outdoor area is located directly off the main hallway in the service.

(b) A sleep room containing 6 standard cots is provided in the sleep room adjacent to Room 1 on the ground floor. The proposed registered provider is aware of national safe sleep best practice guidelines. Twelve stackable beds are available for pre-school children aged 2 years and older who would require or wish to sleep or rest in the service. A rest area is available in the care rooms with soft matting and cushions to enable a child to rest and take a break from activities throughout the day if required.

(2)(a) The outdoor play area is fully enclosed by the outer walls of the premises and by high boundary walls. The outdoor play area is observed to be suitable and secure,

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and no safety hazards are noted. The area is surfaced with artificial grass with a surrounding low impact surface.

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.

The proposed registered provider has employed a staff member to prepare and cook all meals and snacks for children attending on a full day care and part time basis. It is proposed that the main meal of the day will be sourced from an external catering company and reheated in the service daily. A 4-week menu will be available, and drinking water would be made available to the children throughout the day.

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 external door leading into the service lobby was appropriately secured to restrict unauthorised persons from gaining access to the service, once closed the door is openable by a staff member physically opening the door or via the intercom and video call system in place.
- The windows in the care rooms were fitted with restrictive opening devices.
- All furniture and equipment were clean and in good condition and suitable for use by the proposed age groups.
- The heating system for the service was thermostatically controlled to prevent radiators from exceeding the maximum surface temperature of 50°C.
- Thermostatically controlled running water was available at the wash hand basins in the service.

Requirement not met:

1. On exiting the service, the door is directly opened from inside by pulling down on the door handle. There is no further safety mechanism in place to prevent a child from exiting the service unsupervised should they enter the lobby area alone.

Response from Provider:

‘Press to Exit’ button has been installed meaning the front door can now only open if this button is pressed. See supporting photos to illustrate the issue has been rectified

Summary Comment:

The inspector has reviewed the actions and evidence submitted. The noncompliance identified under regulation 23 - Safeguarding health, safety and welfare of child has been adequately addressed.

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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) A staff member in the service holds in-date first aid response (FAR) training.
- (2)(a) First aid boxes were suitably equipped and stored in readily accessible and conspicuous positions in the care rooms, available at all times for the children if necessary.

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) A template is available which would be used to record fire drills that would take place monthly at the service.
- (b) A record is maintained of the number, type and maintenance of the firefighting equipment and smoke detection system in the service. The firefighting equipment is certified as having been serviced on 18/06/ 2026 and the smoke alarm was maintained on the 02/06/2026.
- (4) Notices of the procedures to be followed in the event of a fire are displayed in the care rooms in the service.

Part VI - Safety

Regulation 28 – Insurance

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

Requirement met:

A statement of insurance was submitted to the Registration Team prior to this inspection for a total of 30 children. 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.

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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 premises is a recently constructed purpose-built childcare facility which appears to be in good condition throughout.

(b) The premises appears safe and was found to be appropriately secured to restrict unauthorised persons from gaining entry to the early years' service. An entry phone video system is in place to facilitate access to the service. The side entrance leading to the outdoor play area and to the rear of the service is fitted with a gate at both ends of the passageway which are secured.

Each care room and the kitchen have an internal phone in place to support communication and facilitate staff members to summon assistance if required.

(c)

Lighting

The premises is adequately lit by means of natural lighting supplemented by artificial lighting.

Heating:

The premises is heated by means of an air-to-air heating system.

The ambient temperatures of the care rooms and the sanitary accommodation are found to be within the optimum care room temperature range of 18-22°C on the day of inspection.

The proposed registered provider is aware of the safe sleep ambient temperature range of 18-22°C for sleeping children over the age of 12 months.

Ventilation:

Ventilation in the care rooms is provided by means of openable windows and trickle vents. The internal sanitary accommodation and nappy changing areas are fitted with a combination of openable windows and mechanical ventilation units.

(d) The premises is in a clean condition and in a good state of repair.

(e) Adequate and suitable sanitary accommodation including nappy changing facilities were available in the service.

- In Room 1, one toilet, one nappy changing unit and one wash hand basin is provided in the sanitary accommodation adjacent to the care room.
- In Room 2, one toilet and one wash hand basin is provided in the sanitary accommodation adjacent to the care room.
- In Room 3, one toilet, one nappy changing unit and one wash hand basin is provided in the sanitary accommodation adjacent to the care room.
- A sink is provided in all of the care rooms.

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- One staff toilet is provided, located in the lobby area at the entrance to the service on the ground floor of the service.

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) The minimum space regulatory requirement can be met for 30 pre-school children to be accommodated in the service. The proposed registered provider is aware of the minimum clear floor space requirements as specified in Schedule 7.
- (2)
- The clear floor space in Room 1 measured 28.63 square metres.
 - The clear floor space in Room 2 measured 47.53 square metres.
 - The clear floor space in Room 3 measured 25.46 square metres.