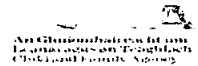


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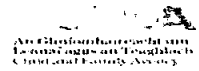
## Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances



<b>Tusla I.D:</b>	TU2015DS075				
<b>Name of Service:</b>	Naionra Mhairin				
<b>Address of Service:</b>	Lucan Leisure Centre, Griffeen Park, Griffeen Road, Lucan.				
<b>Email Address:</b>	theafterschoolclub@mail.com				
<b>Name of Registered Provider:</b>	Catherine Neil & Lorraine Nolan				
<b>Name of Designated Person in Charge:</b>	Catherine Neil & Lorraine Nolan				
<b>Type of Proposed Service:</b>	<b>Sessional</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Part-Time</b>	<b>Drop-In</b>	
	<b>Full Day Care</b>		<b>Childminding</b>	<b>Temporary</b>	
<b>Proposed change to service:</b>	<p>Proposal to temporarily move premises to; The Bush Scout &amp; Community Centre, Foxdene Avenue, Ronanstown, Lucan.</p> <p>Proposal to change the name of the service to; K &amp; L Naíonra &amp; Afterschool Club.</p> <p>Proposal to change opening hours from 08:45 to 11:45 to 9:00 to 12:30.</p>				
<b>Proposed Number of Children:</b>	30				
<b>Registered Change:</b>					
<b>Date of inspection:</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Year</b>		
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<b>Inspection undertaken by:</b>	S. Quigley				
<b>Title:</b>	Early Years Inspector				
<b>Tusla Early Years Inspectorate Address:</b>	Tusla – Child & Family Agency Trinity Building IDA Business Park Bray Co Wicklow				

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**Rationale for Inspection :**

<b>Proposed Change of Circumstance</b>	Proposal to move premises temporarily due to necessary building works being completed on the existing premises. Proposal to change the name of the service from Naíonra Mháirín to K & L Naíonra & Afterschool Club. Proposal to change the service opening hours to 9:00 to 12:30.
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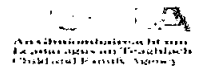
<b>Registration Status:</b>	<i>(Registered Change: Type and Number)</i>
<b>Conditions if Applicable</b>	N/A (We currently do not register CIC if any outstanding non compliances)
<b>Date of Registration</b>	<i>Date of Registration</i>

**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).
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<b>Description of Service</b>	The service is a private sessional pre-school and has been operated by the current registered providers since 2020. The proposed service will be temporarily located within a multi-purpose community service in Lucan, South County Dublin. The service is proposing to operate from 09:00 to 12:30 each weekday and provide care and education through the Irish language to preschool children aged 2 years 8 months to 6 years. A school aged service will also be provided outside of the preschool's opening hours.
<b>Premises</b>	The proposed new premises is be located within The Bush & Scout Community Centre which is a single storey premises located in a residential area of Ronanstown, Lucan. The community centre will be shared with a separate preschool service and will also be used by various community groups outside of the service opening hours. The service proposes to operate from two large, purposely adapted care rooms and an outdoor play area will be available to the children to the rear of the premises.
<b>Staffing</b>	The registered providers both act as the persons in charge in the service and a named person to deputise is available in both care rooms. The service currently employs four staff members, including the registered providers. The adults employed to work in the service have attained a minimum of a Level 5 award in early childhood care and education on the National Framework of Qualifications, or a qualification deemed to be equivalent.
<b>Methodology</b>	The inspection was an announced Focused 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 three themes; Governance, Safety and Premises.

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	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 presented to the Registration Panel for consideration of a decision in relation to the service receiving registration.
<b>Acknowledgements</b>	The Inspector wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the Registered Providers and staff present on the day of the inspection.

<b>Regulation 9 – Management and Recruitment</b>	
<i>(1) A registered provider shall ensure that—</i> <i>(a) the service has a designated person in charge and a named person who is able to deputise as required.</i>	
<b>Requirement met:</b>	The requirement has been met
<b>Requirement not met:</b>	The requirement of Regulation 9 (1) (a) has been met. The registered providers act as the designated person in charge of the service and a named person to deputise is available in each care room as required.

<b>Regulation 11 -Staffing Levels</b>	
<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>	
<i>(8) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) to (7)—</i> <i>(b) a childminder shall ensure that a second person familiar with the operation of the service and in a position to provide assistance to the childminder in operating the service is, at all times, within close distance of the service and available to attend the service to assist the childminder in the event of an emergency, and</i> <i>(c) a registered provider of a sessional pre-school 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.</i>	
<b>Requirement met:</b>	The requirement has been met.  (1) The registered provider has identified that a minimum of two staff members will be on the premises at all times and evidenced this with a proposed staffing roster for the service.  (8)(b) Not applicable as the proposed service is not a childminding service. (c) Not applicable as this is not a sessional service that operates single headedly.

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### 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
  - (b) where no such space is provided, the preschool children attending the service have access on a daily basis to an outdoor service
- (4) Where outdoor space to which the pre-school children attending the service have access is provided on the premises of a sessional pre-school service other than such a service to which paragraph (2) applies, a temporary pre-school service or a pre-school service in a drop-in centre, the registered provider shall ensure that such outdoor space is suitable, safe and secure.
- (5) Where pre-school children attending a sessional pre-school service other than such a service to which paragraph (2) applies, a temporary pre-school service or a pre-school service in a drop-in centre have access to an outdoor space other than such a space specified in paragraph 4, the registered provider shall ensure that such outdoor space is suitable

#### Requirement met:

The requirement has been met.

(1)(a) Adequate and suitable facilities were provided for children to play indoors and outdoors. The care room was bright and spacious and well laid out with various equipment and play materials on open, low level shelving units.

(1)(b) Adequate and suitable rest facilities were available for preschool children to rest during the day if required. A rest area is provided in each care room.

(2)(a) The service has use of a designated outdoor play area to the rear of the premises. The area is fully enclosed with a natural grass surfacing.

(3)(a)(b) Not applicable.

(4) Not applicable.

(5) Not applicable.

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 um Fásúcháin Éireannacha

**Regulation 22 – Food and Drink**

*Regulation 22. 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.

A separate kitchen was available in the service with facilities for storing perishable foods and a healthy eating policy was available which staff stated was shared with the parents at the beginning of school year. Children bring a morning snack and lunch in from home.

**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.

External doors were adequately secure to ensure the safety of the children within and to avoid unauthorised persons accessing the service or children exiting unsupervised. The entrance door to was equipped with a buzz in entry system.

Facilities were available for the safe and secure storage of cleaning agents and equipment, and alcohol-based sanitisers out of reach of children.

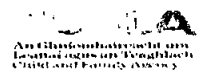
There was provision for the appropriate storage and disposal of waste including foot pedal operated bins in the care rooms and sanitary areas. Mechanisms were in place to ensure the kitchen is inaccessible to children. The outdoor play area was appropriately secured.

All fire exit doors were appropriately identified and unobstructed and staff adequately outlined the procedures and evacuation route taken in the event of a fire. The fire exit routes leading to the identified assembly point were unobstructed.

An infection control policy was in place to inform practice.

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### 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) Certification was available to evidence that a person trained in first aid was available to the children at all times in each care room.
- (2) A suitably equipped first aid box was available in the service and stored in a conspicuous location within both premises.

### Regulation 26 – Fire Safety Measures

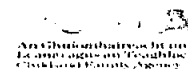
- (1) A registered provider shall ensure that a record in writing is kept of—
  - (a) any fire drill that takes place in the premises, and
  - (b) the number, type and maintenance record of fire fighting equipment and smoke alarms in the premises.
- (4) A notice of the procedures to be followed in the 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 indicated that fire drills will take place monthly in the service and appropriate documentation was in place to record them.
  - (b) There was a record available to indicate the number, type and maintenance of the firefighting equipment and smoke alarms in the service.
- (4) A notice of the procedures to be followed in the event of a fire was displayed in various conspicuous locations within the premises.

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**Regulation 28 – Insurance**

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

**Requirement met:**

The requirement has been met.

Evidence was available to show that the service is adequately insured.

**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.*

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**Requirement met:**

The requirement has been met.

(a) The proposed new care rooms have been purposely adapted for use as a preschool service and the provider confirmed that the premises is of sound and stable structure.

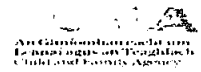
(b) There was one entrance door to the service which was appropriately safe and secure with a buzz in mechanism. The outdoor area was secured to prevent a child exiting the area unsupervised and prevent unauthorised access.

(c) The care room benefited from an abundance of natural light via windows as did all other areas of the premises. Ventilation was in place through openable windows in the care rooms and sanitary areas. There was a convectional gas central heating system in place and thematically controlled radiators were located throughout the service.

(d) Cleaning schedules were in place in the service. The premises and surrounding environment was clean and maintained as required.

(e) The service was equipped with adequate and suitable sanitary facilities. There was one toilet designated for use by staff working in the service. There were three toilets and two wash hand basins designated for use in the children’s sanitary areas and staff shared one of these wash hand basins with the children. An additional sink was available and was positioned beyond the sanitary area. As the relocation of the service is a temporary measure until May 2022, following the practices observed on the day, the inspectorate is satisfied with the sanitary facilities as a short-term solution.

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Thermostatically controlled hot and cold water was available in the two hand wash sinks. There were no nappy changing facilities available as it is intended that all children attending the service will be toilet trained.

**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.
- (3) 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.
- (4) 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).
- (5) A registered provider of a temporary pre-school service shall ensure that a minimum of 2 square metres of clear floor space is available for each child attending the service.

**Requirement met:**

The requirement has been met

- (1) The proposed new premises will provide for 30 children. An area of 56.02 square metres in the Seomra Grian care room provided adequate floor space for a proposed 15 children. An area of 99 square metres in the Seomra Realt care room provided adequate floor space for the proposed 15 children.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) The care rooms had adequate clear floor space for a service that provides sessional care for children aged 2years and 8months to six years.
- (4) Not applicable.
- (5) Not applicable.