



Our Ref: S5.16.26

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16/04/2026

Planning Declaration under Section 5 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 (as amended) & the Planning & Development Regulations, 2001, (as amended).

Re: Relocation of existing preschool in main school building to an existing prefab building on school grounds.

At: Bright Sparks Preschool, Radharc na Mara, Primary School, Mervue, Galway

A Chara,

I refer to your application for a certificate of exemption under the provisions of (Section 5 of the Planning & Development Act 2000) as amended, and I wish to advise as follows:

The preschool use, early childhood education, complies with the definition of a 'school' under the Planning and Development Regulations 2001-2025 and the Education Act 1998 and the prefabricated building to be occupied by the preschool is compliant with the conditions/limitations of CLASS 20D of SCHEDULE 2 Article 6 PART 1 Exempted Development – General - The erection on land on which a school is situated of a structure to facilitate the continued delivery of education of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001-2025. The proposed relocation of existing preschool in main school building to an existing prefabricated building on school grounds, as presented in the particulars submitted to the Planning Authority on 1st of April 2026 and 13th of April 2026 is deemed to be Exempted Development and does not require planning permission and the making of a planning application. It must be emphasised that this opinion is given without prejudice to the provisions of Section 5(3) of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended).

Please be advised of condition/limitation no. 1 of CLASS 20D of SCHEDULE 2 Article 6 PART 1 Exempted Development – General - The erection on land on which a school is situated of a structure to facilitate the continued delivery of education of the

Planning and Development Regulations 2001-2025 stipulates that the prefabricated building/structure (to be occupied by the preschool) is only defined as being Exempted Development subject to its being erected for a period not exceeding 5 years.

If applicants are dissatisfied with the determination of the Council in relation to a declaration of exempted development, then, within 4 weeks of the date that the declaration is issued by the Council, the person issued with the declaration can refer it to An Coimisiún Pleanála for review of the matter.

Mise le meas,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Sarah Russell', written in dark ink.

**Senior Planner,
Planning Department.**