

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances



Tusla I.D: TU2015CC141

Name of Service Eden Childcare Early Years Ltd.

Address of Service: Knockbarry, Buttevant, Co Cork.

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Name of Registered Provider: Ms Siobhan O Connor

Type of Proposed Service:	Full Day Care	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Part-Time	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sessional	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Drop-In	<input type="checkbox"/>	Childminding	<input type="checkbox"/>	Temporary	<input type="checkbox"/>

Proposed change: Increase in numbers from 54 to 62 for children aged over 1 year.

Proposed Number of Children: 62

Recommended Change Following Inspection: Change agreed for the service to accommodate 62 children over the age of 1 year during the sessional service and to accommodate 59 children during the operation of the Full Day Care service.

Registered change: Change in number of children that can be accommodated from 54 to 62 (Max 59 Full Day Care)

Date of Inspection: 1 0 1 0 2 0 2 3

Inspection undertaken by: F Collins

Title: Early Years Inspector

Tusla Early Years Inspectorate Address: 134 Bank Place,
Mallow,
Co Cork.

Rationale for Inspection: Proposed Change of Circumstance

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

Registration Status: Registered Full Day Care/ Part Time/ Sessional Service for 62 Children (max 59 FDC)

Date of Registration 27th October 2023

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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	<p>Eden Childcare Early Years Limited, is a privately run service registered to provide a full day care, part time and sessional care for children aged from 0-6 years. The service is also registered to provide school aged childcare.</p> <p>This early childhood care and education facility is based in Knockbarry, Buttevant in North Cork.</p> <p>The service operates from 7:30 AM and 5.30 PM Monday to Friday.</p> <p>The proposal is to provide care to 62 children, it is proposed that the children will all be over 1 year of age.</p>
Premises	<p>The service operates from a wing of the registered providers home with two additional care and education rooms outside comprising in total of five care rooms. There is a spacious outdoor playground available to the children and ample off-road parking to facilitate the safe drop off and collection of the children.</p>
Staffing	<p>The service will be staffed by the registered provider along with 13 staff.</p> <p>In addition to this, an ancillary staff member is employed to prepare the meals for the children.</p>
Methodology	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
Acknowledgements	<p>The inspector wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the registered provider, person in charge, staff and children who were present on the day of the inspection.</p>

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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:

(a) The service has a designated person in charge and two named deputies. All three staff were named by the registered provider.

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:

(1) The registered provider has committed to ensuring that there are adequate numbers of adults working directly with the children daily.

The plan is for 13 adults and the registered provider to work with up to 62 children during the sessional service provision and to care for 59 children during the operation of the full day care service.

To accommodate 62 children at any one time it is proposed that none of those children will be under the age of 1 year.

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.

(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

Requirement met:

The requirements for this Regulation have been met.

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	<p>(1)</p> <p>(a) There are adequate facilities for the children to play indoors.</p> <p>Each of the five care rooms have appropriate toys and resources available for the children. The toys and resources in the care rooms are age appropriate for the ages of children attending each care room.</p> <p>Tables and chairs are at appropriate heights for the children in each care room.</p> <p>Toys and resources in all rooms are placed on shelves at a height that is accessible to the children.</p> <p>(b) Relaxation can be facilitated in all care rooms with couches, mats and soft matting and cushions, these are placed adjacent to the books.</p> <p>Sleep can be facilitated in the sleep room adjacent to Room 1 for the children aged under 2 years, there are four space saver cots and four standard cots available in this sleep room.</p> <p>The children attending Room 4 and Room 1 can be placed to sleep in their care room on stackable beds. Adequate and suitable linen and blankets are available.</p> <p>(2) (a) The facilities for play outside are directly adjacent to all care rooms. This area has a concrete area and a soft matting area. Toys for climbing, footballs and sit in equipment along with ride on toys are available. The registered provider of this full day care service has ensured that the outdoor space is suitable and safe, and secured by suitable fencing and secured gates.</p>
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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:	<p>The requirements for this Regulation have been met.</p> <p>The plan for food provision is that parents/guardians will provide the food for all snacks.</p> <p>The main meals served in the service will be provided by the service and a menu is available to indicate what is served daily. A fridge is available for the storage of perishable items contained in children’s snacks.</p>
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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:

- There is access to a fridge in all five rooms. The fridges are accessible to the staff and children and will ensure the safe storage of perishable items contained in children’s snacks.
- There is access to hot water, liquid hand soap and to paper towels at each of the children’s and adult wash hand basins.
- The hot water in the sinks used by the children was recorded with a maximum temperature recorded at 33.4°C.
- Gloves, aprons and access to a sink are available at all nappy changing areas.
- There are lidded pedal operated bins available for the disposal of the used paper towels in the toilets and in the care rooms.
- The kitchen is part of the structure that contains Room 4 and is secured from the children by a latch when not occupied by the staff.
- There are no full-length glass doors as each glass door has a large which PVC section through the middle. The windows are secured with safety devices and children could not climb through same.
- Cleaning agents are stored out of the reach of children.
- The dedicated outdoor play area is fitted with secure fencing and with a gate to the side which is secured with an electromagnetic lock.
- The toys and equipment are free from pinch and crush points.
- The high shelving units are secured to the wall and could not be pulled down easily.
- There are no blinds on the windows in the care rooms and were secured in the sleep room.
- There are no ponds, pits or other hazardous areas in the outdoor area.
- All electric cords and cables observed are in good condition.
- Kettles are stored in the kitchen area and are not accessible to the children.
- The fire exit doors were unobstructed on inspection.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The firefighting equipment was safely tethered to the walls throughout. Temperature reducing medication is stored in a locked press out of reach of the children.
Requirement not met:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The play kitchen units in Room 2 were not secured and if a child climbed on same would fall over and potentially hurt a child. The hand towel dispenser in the toilet being used by the children from Room 2 &3 was in the toilet cubicle and was wall mounted at a height that a child could injure themselves; these hand towels were also not accessible to the children when the toilet was being used.
Response from Provider:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The play kitchen units have been secured and photographic evidence of this has been received. The hand towel dispenser has been moved to the wall over the sink in the children's toilets.
Summary Comment:	The requirements for this Regulation have been met.

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—
- is safely stored in an easily accessible and conspicuous position on the premises, and
 - is available to the children attending the pre-school service at all times.

Requirement met:

The requirements for this Regulation have been met.

- The registered provider has ensured that four staff have up to date First Aid Responder training. This will ensure that there is an adult available to the children at all times who has suitable and up to date training in first aid.
- There are first aid boxes available in the rooms, these were appropriately stocked and are accessible to the staff in the event they were required.
 - The first aid boxes are accessible when required.

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Regulation 26 – Fire Safety Measures

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- (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:	<p>The requirements have been met.</p> <p>(1) (a) The registered provider has a means identified on how all fire drills will be recorded. The fire register is the chosen file for recording same. The fire assembly point is at the front of the building.</p> <p>(b) The servicing of the firefighting equipment and smoke alarms was completed on 20.09.2023.</p> <p>(4) The procedures to be followed in the event of a fire are displayed at the main entrance door.</p>
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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:	<p>The requirement has been met but must be fulfilled prior to registration.</p> <p>An insurance quote has been received for the service to operate with increased numbers up to 28.03.2024.</p>
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Part VII – Premises and Space Requirements

Regulation 29 – Premises

 <p>An Ghníomhaireacht um Leanaí agus an Teaghlach Child and Family Agency</p>	<p>Child and Family Agency Act 2013</p> <p>Child Care Act 1991 (Early Years Services) Regulations 2016</p>	<p>Version 05 Implemented- Aug 2022 EYI-IR12.23 F07 FFP (CIC)</p>	<p>7 of 10</p>
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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:

- (a) The premises all three sections, the main house and both outside buildings appeared to be of sound and stable structure.
- (b) There are two entrances to the service, one is at the side of the building which accesses the room to the rear of the building and the outdoor play space which is secured by electromagnetic lock and the second to the side of the main house and is secured by a keypad electromagnetic locking system. The designated outdoor spaces are secured by suitable fencing to ensure the preschool children can play safely in the outdoor space.

The doors in the service are secured with an electromagnetic locking system which should ensure that no child could leave the service and no unauthorised person could gain access to the premises.
- (c) The lighting for all care rooms is by windows and ceiling fluorescent lights. The toilets are lit by artificial lights and through windows. This level of lighting would allow the children to carry out activities without shadows.

The rooms in the main house are heated by under floor heating. Room 4 is heated by radiators and Room 5 is heated by electric heaters. The care room temperatures assessed were between 19.3 and 21°C. This would afford the children comfort when playing and doing activities.

Ventilation is through openable windows throughout and via an extraction fan in the nappy changing area adjacent to Room 1. The children’s toilets are ventilated through openable windows.
- (d) The premises was clean, well maintained and appeared to be in a good state of repair.

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	<p>(e) There are four children’s toilets and three nappy changing facilities. Two of the toilets are adjacent to Room 4 (Poppy room) with two wash hand basins, there is also a nappy changing facility in this area.</p> <p>There are a further two children’s toilets in the main building to the front with a wash hand basin. There is a nappy changing room in Room 5 (Sunflower) and adjacent to Room 1 (Bluebell rooms), each had wash hand basins adjacent. A further wash hand basin was in Room 5.</p> <p>The two adult toilets have a wash hand basin adjacent; these are adjacent to the staff room and Room 4 (Poppy room)</p> <p>The premises are attached to a septic tank unit.</p>
Requirement not met:	<p>(e) The partition between the two children’s toilets at the front of the main building, adjacent to the Daisy room (Rooms 2 & 3) are not of appropriate height to afford the children privacy when using the toilets.</p>
Response from Provider:	<p>(e) The partitions between the toilets have been raised to ensure the privacy of the children using the toilets. Photographic evidence has been received.</p>
Summary Comment:	<p>The requirements for this Regulation have been met.</p>

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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.*

(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).

Requirement met:

(1) The layout of the service had been updated:

- The younger children (aged 1-2 years) will be cared for in the log cabin (Room 5) room outside, this room measured 31.4 SqM.
- The Poppy room (Room 4) will accommodate children aged 2 ½ years to 3 ½ years and measured 55.2 SqM.
- The Daisy room (combined room 2 & 3) in the main house will accommodate the pre-school catering for children in their last year of pre-school, children aged 3-5 years. Room 2 measured 19.78SqM and Room 3 measured 25.28SqM, a total of 45.06SqM.
- The Bluebell room (Room 1) is proposed to accommodate children aged 2-3 years and measured 19.52SqM.

(4) The total measurements throughout the service will allow for the proposal of 62 children to be accommodated during the operation of the sessional service and for 59 children to be cared for during the operation of the Full Day Care Service. Note that the proposal of the registered provider to only care for children over the age of one year to allow for the increase in numbers.