

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances

Tusla I.D.: TU2015CE054

Name of Service Glor na Nog

Address of Service: Kilishen National School, Kilishen Co Clare V95 EK54

Email Address: maevemcnamara321@gmail.com

Name of Registered Provider: Maeve McNamara

Type of Proposed Service:	Full Day Care	x	Part-Time	x	Sessional	x
	Drop-In		Childminding		Temporary	

Proposed change:

- Full day care and sessional
- Change the opening hours from 08:45-15:00 to 08:00 – 17:45hrs.

Proposed Number of Children: 22

Recommended Change Following Inspection:

- 22 preschool children allowed to attend in the morning for the sessional service.
- 18 preschool children allowed to attend in the afternoon for part time/full day care.
- Change the opening hours from 08:45-15:00 to 08:00 – 17:45hrs.

Registered change: Additional Service Type from Sessional to Full Day, Part-Time & Sessional for 22(Max 18 Full Day/Part-Time) Children

Date of Inspection: 1 9 0 7 2 0 2 4

Inspection undertaken by: Ellen Browne

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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 22 (max 18 Part-Time) Children
Date of Registration	13 th August 2024

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	Glor na Nog is a sessional service located in the rural village, of Kilishen, County Clare providing a morning sessional service and an afternoon session. The service is proposing to operate a full day service Monday to Friday from 8am to 17:45 pm providing full day care, part time and sessional.
Premises	The service is located in a modular structure to the rear of the national school. The children have access to an area to the rear of the modular structure and a synthetic grass surfaced area to the rear of the school on a rostered basis for physical play.
Staffing	There will be three members of staff working directly with the children, these included the registered provider, the deputy manager and a childcare worker. The members of staff held qualifications in Early Childhood Care and Education ranging from Level 5 to Level 8 on the National Framework of Qualifications. The staff members held evidence of engagement in continuing professional development in their files
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.

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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 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 wish to acknowledge the cooperation of the registered provider and staff 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 service has a designated person in charge and a named person who can deputise as required.

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 will ensure that there is an adequate number of staff employed to work at the service.

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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 requirement has been met.

(1)(a) The service has a well-resourced preschool room to accommodate children from 2 to 6 years of age. The preschool room is well stocked with play materials and equipment. There are areas of interest developed and all play materials are stored on open low-level shelving where all toys are readily accessible to the children.

(b) Adequate rest and sleep facilities are available for the pre-school child to rest and sleep during the day if required. There is a couch and floor beds in place for the children who may require a rest or sleep throughout the day.

(3) There is a fully enclosed outdoor area accessible to the children throughout the day to the rear of the building. This area is well resourced with a good variety of natural play equipment and materials which are accessible at all times to the preschool children.

A synthetic grass surfaced area to the rear of the school is available on a rostered basis for physical play.

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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:

An outside catering service will be providing the food for the preschool children attending for part-time or full-time care.

There are facilities to refrigerate and reheat foods if required.

The service will ensure that the drinks, foods/meals provided will be suitable, varied and nutritious for the children attending the service. Additional snacks outside mealtimes will be available to the preschool children.

A healthy eating policy for the service has been documented and is available on site for parents.

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 entrance door was locked and secure preventing unauthorised access and preventing a child leaving the service.
- The emergency exit doors were unobstructed.
- Drinking water was readily available to the children.
- Safe storage was provided for the children’s belongings.
- Storage for cleaning materials and equipment was provided in a secure area out of reach of the children.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The registered provider was advised that water temperatures must be maintained at or below 43°C. The water temperature was 34.5°C on the day on the inspection • The cords from blinds are made safe with the use of tension devices. • There were no trailing flexes and there was no television or stereo in the service. • All toys and play equipment were safe for the age of children using them.
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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:

- (1) There were persons trained in first aid for children (First Aid Responder) and will be available to the children proposing to attend the pre-school service on a sessional, part-time and full-time basis.
- (2)(a) Suitably equipped first aid boxes for children were available.
- (b) The first aid box will be available to the children attending the pre-school service at all times.

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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:

(1)(a) A record in writing will be kept of the fire drills practiced monthly and documentation will be available to indicate this.

(b)The number, type and maintenance record of firefighting equipment indicated that they were last serviced the 5th of June 2024. The smoke alarms in the premises were last serviced in June 2024.

(4)A notice of the procedures to be followed in the event of fire is displayed in a conspicuous position in the playroom.

Part VI – Safety

Regulation 28 – Insurance

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

Requirement met:

The Insurance certificate for the service was available for the full day service and had an expiry date of 27/03/2025.

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:

(a) On visual assessment the building appeared of a sound and stable structure. The premises was well maintained and in a good state of repair.

(b) The entrance door was kept secured at all times.

(c) The rooms had good levels of natural light via the windows. Room temperatures were maintained between 18 - 22°C. Ventilation was provided through openable windows in the rooms.

(d) The premises was clean, and all fixtures and fittings were in good repair.

(e) The sanitary accommodation included a nappy changing facility, 2 toilets and 2 wash hand basins, plus 1 wash hand basin in the playroom, designated for use by children. This would facilitate a maximum of 22 toilet trained children or a maximum of 11 children in nappies.

Separate sanitary facilities for adults were available which included 1 toilet and 1 wash hand basin located in the national school.

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) Sufficient clear floor space is available in the room for the number of children proposing to attend the pre-school service.

(2) The measurements of the playroom were recorded as

$$6.39\text{m} \times 6.54\text{m} = 42\text{m}^2.$$

The following number of children can be accommodated as outlined below for the space of 42 m².

- A minimum of 1.818 square metres of clear floor space is available for each child proposing to attend for sessional care. This allows the 22 proposed preschool children.
- A maximum of 18 preschool children are allowed attend in the room at any one time for full day care/part time basis who require a minimum of 2.35 m² or 2.3 m². depending on their age profile.