

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances



Tusla I.D.:	TU2015DS070							
Name of Service	Naíonra Chnoc Liamhna							
Address of Service:	Gaelscoil Chnoc Liamhna, Delaford Ave, Dublin 16, D16 F9W8							
Email Address:	naionracl16@gmail.com							
Name of Registered Provider:	Bernadette White							
Type of Proposed Service:	Full Day Care		Part-Time		Sessional	X		
	Drop-In		Childminding		Temporary			
Proposed change:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Add an additional care room - Change in maximum number of children from 22 to 44 - Change the opening hours from two sessions: 8.30am to 11.30am and 11.45am to 2.45pm to one session from 8.30am to 11.30am 							
Proposed Number of Children:	44							
Recommended Change Following Inspection:	Change in maximum number of children from 22 to 44 children with additional room Change the opening hours: 8.30am to 11.30am							
Registered change:	Change in Number of Children from 22 to 44 children Change in Hours of Operation from 08:30 – 11:30 & 11:45 – 14:45 to 08:30 – 11:30							
Date of Inspection:	1	5	0	4	2	0	2	5
Inspection undertaken by:	T Nelson							
Title:	Early Years Inspector							

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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 Sessional Service for 44 Children
Date of Registration	26 th May 2025

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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	The proposed service will provide sessional care to a maximum of 44 children aged from 2 to 6 years old. The service will operate from Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 11.30am.
Premises	<p>The proposed childcare service will operate from two ground floor care rooms located within Gaelscoil Chnoc Liamhna in Dublin 16.</p> <p>The current care room, Seomra 1 currently provides care for up to 22 children aged from 2 to 6 years on a sessional basis. The proposed additional room, Seomra 2, adjacent to Seomra 1, is proposed to cater for up to 22 children in the 2 to 6 years age range. There are children’s toilet located off each of the care rooms with further sanitary facilities available for staff located within the school building.</p> <p>There is a fully enclosed outdoor area to the front of the school building.</p>
Staffing	The registered provider proposes to employ up to five staff and will work in the service managing the oversight of the service and will provide cover where needed across the rooms.
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</p>

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	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 wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the registered provider, staff and children 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:

The requirement has been met.

(1)(a) The proposed service has a designated person in charge and a named staff member is available to 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:

The requirement is met.

(1) The registered provider will ensure that an adequate number of adults will work directly with the children proposed to attend the service. It is proposed that there will be up to 6 adults caring for up to 44 sessional children.

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*
- (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.*

Requirement met:

The requirement is met.

(1)(a) The proposed care room will provide adequate and suitable facilities for the children to play indoors.

- There is defined areas of interest in the proposed room.
- There is an adequate supply of toys and resources available to support a range of play experiences for the proposed age profile and number of children.
- Furniture in the room is suitable for the age and stage of development of the proposed age range of the children.
- Toys and equipment are stored on shelving, visible and accessible to the children.

(1) (b)

There is a cosy area available in the care room suitable for the proposed age range of children, where they can take a break from activities and rest.

(3)(a) There is an outdoor play area available on the premises.

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(4) The outdoor area is fully enclosed with high fencing, and a gate where the lock is inaccessible to the children.

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:

The requirement is met.

- Snacks will be provided by parents and refrigerated appropriately.
- Drinks will be available in the proposed care room.

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 is met.

- The emergency exits are unobstructed.
- A risk assessment is available for the proposed outdoor play area identifying potential hazards and includes a checklist of protective measures for these hazards.
- A risk assessment is available for the care room.
- Thermostatically controlled warm water, liquid soap and hygienically dispensed paper towel is available in the children’s toilet.
- Cleaning schedules are in place and the premises was visually clean on the day of the inspection.

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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 is met.

(1) Evidence is available that three staff members are trained to First Aid Response Level.

- (2) (a) A suitably equipped first box is stored in the room.
(b) The first aid box was easily accessible and available.

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 firefighting 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 is met

- (1)(a) There is a template available to record fire drills that take place in the service.
(b) A written record is available to demonstrate the firefighting equipment in the premises was maintained on the 10 March 2025 and the smoke alarms were maintained on the 28 March 2025.

(4) There is a notice displayed in the care rooms of the procedures to be followed in the event of a fire and fire assembly point is clearly indicated.

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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:

The requirement is met.

The current insurance was submitted to the registration team prior to this inspection. 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.

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 is met.

(a) The premises appears to be of a sound and stable structure.

(b) The entrance door to the service is secured adequately to prevent children from exiting unsupervised and unauthorised persons from gaining access. Entry and exit are managed by staff, and the door is secured by an electronic lock accessed by a code.

(c)

- Windows provide natural lighting to the care room. The natural light can be augmented with artificial ceiling lighting as required. Ceiling lights are fitted with protective covers.

- Heating is provided by thermostatically controlled radiators. The temperature of the care room on the day of the inspection was maintained between 18 and 22°C.
- The proposed care room has openable windows, and the sanitary accommodation is fitted with an operating mechanical ventilation system in one toilet and an openable window in the other.

(d) The care room is clean, maintained and in good repair. There is a cleaning schedule available to ensure regular cleaning of the rooms.

(e) There is adequate and suitable sanitary accommodation available for 44 children who are no longer in nappies and use toilets in the service. One toilet and one sink are required in sanitary accommodation for every 11 children.

- There are two toilets, and two wash hand basins available in Seomra 1.
- There are two toilets, and two wash hand basins available in Seomra 2.
- There is an adult wash hand basin available for staff in both rooms.

There are sanitary facilities for staff located within the school building.

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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.
- (2) 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.

Requirement met:

The requirement is met.

(1) There is adequate clear floor space available in the premises for the work, play and movement of children proposed to attend the pre-school service. A total of 122 square metres is available for the proposed 44 children.

(2) There is a minimum amount of clear floor space for the age range of the children attending the service, as the table below demonstrates:

Room Name	Clear floor space m ² proposed by Registered Provider	Clear floor space m ² measured by EYI	Space required:	Number of children room can accommodate:
Seomra 1 (existing care room)	71 m ²	60.7 m ²	2-6 years: 1.818 m ²	22
Seomra 2	71 m ²	60.7 m ²	2-6 years: 1.818 m ²	22