

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances



Tusla I.D.: TU2015FL087

Name of Service E.I.S.S (Early Intervention Support Services)

Address of Service: The Riasc Centre, Feltrim Road, Drinan, Swords, Co. Dublin. K67 PX85

Email Address: earlyinterventions@gmail.com

Name of Registered Provider: Allison Collins

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

Proposed change: Change of Address from Stapolin Educate Together, Myrtle Road, The Coast, Dublin 13 to The Riasc Centre, Feltrim Road, Drinan, Swords, Co. Dublin. K67PX85

Proposed Number of Children: 12

Recommended Change Following Inspection: Change of address to The Riasc Centre, Feltrim Road, Drinan, Swords, Co. Dublin. K67PX85
Sessional care, 11 children, age range 2 to 6 years old, operating hours 08:45-12:15 and 12.20-15.50.

Registered change: Change of service address
Change in number of children from 12 to 11 children
Change in hours of operation 08:45-12:15 and 12:20-15:50.

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Inspection undertaken by: C. Harte

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Rationale for Inspection: Proposed Change of Circumstance

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

Registration Status:	Registered Sessional Service for 11 Children
Date of Registration	21st August 2025

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	Early Intervention Support Service is a privately run specialist support service who provide care and education for children aged 2.5-6 years old diagnosed with an Autistic Spectrum disorder. The service currently provides sessional day care for up to 12 children aged between 2 to 6 years old in two sessions per day 8.45-12.15 and 12.20-15.50.
Premises	The proposed childcare service will operate in a care room on the first floor of the Riasc centre. Sanitary facilities are directly across the hall from the care room. The proposed service has sole use of the sanitary facilities during operating hours. An outdoor area is available at the rear of the building.
Staffing	The service will employ up to five staff to work directly with the children including the designated person in charge and deputy person in charge. The registered provider will manage the oversight of the service.
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	The Inspector wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the registered provider who was 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.

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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 attending the service. It is proposed there will be five adults caring for the children attending the service.

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.

(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.

Requirement met:

The requirement is met:

(1)(a) The proposed care room will provide adequate and suitable facilities for the children in the 2 to 6 years age range to play indoors.

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

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(2)(b) There is an outdoor play area available with a grass surface to the rear of the premises which is fully enclosed. A range of outdoor toys to facilitate physical play experiences for the proposed age range is available.

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.

- A healthy eating policy is in place called “Healthy Lunch Box”.
- Food will be provided by parents and refrigerated appropriately. Lunch box checks are scheduled as part of the morning greeting.
- Drinks will be available in the proposed care rooms.

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 proposed service will use an external door located at the side of the building which will be monitored by staff to allow access. The registered provider advised children will be accompanied by staff to and from the door during collection and drop off.
- Play materials are safe and suitable for use.
- A risk assessment is available in the proposed outdoor play area identifying potential hazards.
- Cleaning products were observed to be out of reach of children.
- Cleaning schedules are in place and the premises was visually clean on the day of the inspection.
- Emergency exits are clearly indicated and are unobstructed.
- Shelving and storage units are stable and secure.

Part VI - Safety

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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 is met.

- (1) Documentary evidence is available that there will be a staff member trained to First aid Responder level available to the children during the operational hours of the service.
- (2) (a) A suitably equipped first aid box is stored in the care room.
(b) The first aid box was easily accessible and available to adults.

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:

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 in November 2024 and the smoke alarms were maintained on the 1 July 2025.
- (4) There is a notice displayed in the care room of the procedures to be followed in the event of a fire. A fire assembly notice was visible outside of the service to enable staff and children to identify the fire assembly point.

Part VI – Safety

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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.

An insurance quotation was submitted to the registration team prior to this inspection. The quotation references the change of address with a date to be confirmed. 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.

The registered provider has evidence of insurance for a maximum 12 children in sessional care across two sessions valid from 3 January 2025 to 2 January 2026.

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 partially 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.
- (c) The premises is adequately lit, heated and ventilated.
 - 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 and recessed into the ceiling.
 - Heating is provided through under floor heating. The temperature of the care room on the day of inspection was 22°C.
 - The sanitary area is fitted with a mechanical ventilation system.
- (d) The care room is clean, maintained and in good repair. There is a cleaning schedule available to ensure regular cleaning of the premises.

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	<p>(e) A nappy changing mat is available if required. A staff toilet and wash hand basin are also available.</p>								
<p>Requirement not met:</p>	<p>(e) The premises is not equipped with adequate and suitable sanitary facilities.</p> <p>1. The sanitary facilities available are not sufficient to provide for the proposed number of 12 children who are no longer in nappies and use toilets as outlined below:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="564 667 1422 1048"> <thead> <tr> <th>Sanitary Facilities for children</th> <th>Number of toilets</th> <th>Number of Wash hand basins</th> <th>Number of children this can accommodate</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>First Floor children's sanitary</td> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> <td>11</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>One toilet and one sink are required in sanitary accommodation for every 11 children.</p> <p>2. There was no evidence that the water in the sinks in the sanitary accommodation was thermostatically controlled to the required maximum temperature of 43 °C. On the day of inspection both sinks exceeded a temperature of 50°C.</p>	Sanitary Facilities for children	Number of toilets	Number of Wash hand basins	Number of children this can accommodate	First Floor children's sanitary	1	2	11
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<p>Response from Provider:</p>	<p>1. Funding currently provided for maximum of 5 children per session. EISS will not exceed this number per session, therefore staying below the 11 children that can be accommodated with one toilet and two sinks, per session.</p> <p>2. Thermostatically controlled valve fitted to both sinks in the sanitary accommodation, by qualified commercial plumber. Evidence submitted of invoice for works completed and digital images of thermometer, recording temperature in both sinks after works completed.</p>								
<p>Summary Comment:</p>	<p>The requirement is met.</p> <p>The service had adequate facilities to cater for up to 11 children no longer in nappies with nappy changing facility available if required.</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.
- (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.

Requirement met:

The requirement is met:

- (1) There is adequate clear floor space available in the premises for the work, play and movement of the up to 12 children to attend the proposed pre-school service. A total of 36.2m² is available.
- (3) The amount of clear floor space is demonstrated below.

Room name	Age group	Service provision	Room size
Care room first floor – Kinsealy room	2-6 years	sessional	36.2 m ²

Above is sufficient for the proposed 12 children to attend sessional hours per session However, due to regulation 29, this figure is currently capped at 11 children.