

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:	Stapolin Educate Together, Myrtle Road, The Coast, Dublin 13, D13 PP2W							
Email Address:	earlyinterventions@gmail.com							
Name of Registered Provider:	Alison Collins							
Type of Proposed Service:	Full Day Care		Part-Time		Sessional		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	Drop-In		Childminding		Temporary			
Proposed change:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Change in Service Address Change in Service Type to Sessional 							
Proposed Number of Children:	12 (no change)							
Recommended Change Following Inspection:	All changes approved fully							
Registered change:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Change in Service Address from EISS, c/o Scoil Ide Nais Cailini, Kilbarron Park, Kilmore,, Coolock, Dublin 5, Co. Dublin, D05 TN12 to EISS, C/O Stapolin Educate Together, Myrtle Road, The Coast, Dublin 13, D13 PP2W. Change in Service Type from Full Day Care to Sessional 							
Date of Inspection:	0	6	1	0	2	0	2	3
Inspection undertaken by:	E. Finnegan Hayes							
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 12 Children
Date of Registration	27 th 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	Early Intervention Support Service is a privately run specialist support service who provide care and education for children aged 2.5-6 years diagnosed with an Autistic Spectrum disorder.
Premises	The service is located in a ground floor classroom of Stapolin Educate Together National School in Dublin 13. Sanitary Facilities are available within the classroom and a secure outdoor area is available within the school grounds.
Staffing	The registered provider employs eight staff to work directly with the children.
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, person in charge, staff and children who were present on the day of the inspection.
Additional information	The service began operating from the new premises on the 4th of September as advised by the registered provider during the fit for purpose inspection. The service was operating the change prior to sanction from the Registration Office.

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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:

(1)(a) The service has a designated person in charge and two named persons 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:

The registered provider will employ 8 staff to work directly with the children to maintain the adult child ratio taking into account the age range, the number of children and the type of service the children are enrolled for. The service is registered to provide care and education to children aged between 2 and 6 years old.

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:

(1)(a)

The care rooms were assessed and the facilities to play indoors were deemed adequate. For example;

- Low level tables and chairs were provided for the children to engage in tabletop activities and eat meals.
- Low shelving was used to display toys and equipment at a level accessible to the children.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The rooms were equipped with an adequate amount of toys and equipment suitable to the age and development needs of the children including small world materials, a book area with a soft mat and cushions and a selection of books and a play kitchen with supporting equipment. <p>(b)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The cozy area consisted of a soft mat with six large cushions which provided a comfortable place for the children to rest during and will allow the children to take a break to take a break from activities during the day. <p>(3)(a) A secure outdoor area is available within the school grounds. Staff bring toys and equipment to this area during outdoor time.</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 service has a Healthy lunchbox policy which is shared with the parents on enrolment.</p> <p>A refrigerator is available in the care room for refrigeration of lunches which contain perishable items. Water will be available to the children in individually labelled beakers.</p>
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Part VI – Safety

Regulation 23 - Safeguarding health, safety and welfare of child

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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:	<p>The registered provider has put the following measures in place to ensure the safety of the children;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The entrance to the care room was secure to prevent unauthorised persons accessing the service and to prevent children leaving the room unsupervised. • The outdoor area is adequately secured with high fencing and gates which are secured with bolt locks. • Toys and equipment are well maintained and free from hazards. • Emergency exit doors are unobstructed. • Blind cords are adequately secured out of reach of the children. • Safety locks were present on low presses to prevent children accessing unsafe materials. • Flexes are appropriately secured out of reach of the children.
Requirement not met:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The sink in the classroom which is used for handwashing was not thermostatically controlled and the water exceeded the maximum allowable temperature of 43°C. The water temperature was recorded as 47.4°C @ 9:25am. 2. A mop, mop bucket and stairgate which was not secured to a wall were stored in the classroom and posed a risk of injury to the children. 3. A bottle of fever reducing medication with an expiry date of 04/2023 was stored beside the first aid box in the care room.
Response from Provider:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A new valve has been fitted to the tap to reduce the temperature. 2. A storage area has been sourced outside of the classroom. 3. A new bottle of fever reducing medication has been purchased and the old ones has been discarded.

Part VI – Safety

Regulation 25 – First Aid

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- (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:	(2) (a)(b) A suitably equipped first aid box is available in the care room, stored on a high shelf out of reach of the children but immediately available if required.
Requirement not met:	(1) First Aid Responder (FAR) certificates for staff were not provided on the day of inspection.
Response from Provider:	(1) A staff member has been trained in first Aid Response (FAR)

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) The form used to record fire drills was reviewed. The registered provider confirmed fire drills will be carried out on a monthly basis. (b) An installation report was available for the fire fighting equipment and smoke alarms. The record showed that both had been installed in the premises on 14 th August 2023. (4) A notice which showed the procedure to be followed in the event of a fire emergency was displayed in the care room.
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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 registered provider ensured that insurance is in place for up to 12 children. The insurance is valid until 02/01/2024.
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Part VII – Premises and Space Requirements

Regulation 29 – Premises

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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:	<p>(a)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On visual inspection, the care room appeared to be of stable structure. • Water is provided by the public mains. • Sewage is removed from the building via the public sewage system. <p>(b)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The service entrance is secured, and access is managed by staff. • The outdoor area is secure with high fencing. <p>(c)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large windows provided natural light to the care rooms. This is supplemented by artificial light in both the care rooms and sanitary areas. Shatterproof covers are fitted on all light fixtures. • The room will be ventilated by opening windows. Windows were open on the day of inspection for ventilation purposes. • An ambient temperature is maintained in the care room. <p>(d)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The service was adequately cleaned and maintained. • Cleaning schedules were available in the care room and completed to date. <p>(e)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two individual sanitary areas are available within the care room; one toilet and one sink in each. This is adequate for 22 toilet trained children. • Nappy changing mats are available for children who may be in nappies. • Staff toilets are available in the corridor outside the care room.
Requirement not met:	(d) Evidence of rodent proofing was not available for review.
Response from Provider:	(d) The registered provider has confirmed the procedure for rodent proofing and has a suitable company retained in the vent they are needed.
Summary Comment:	The requirement under regulation 29 has been met.

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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:

(1)(2) The care room measured 54m² which is adequate for the proposed number of children (12) aged between 2-6 years.