

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances

Tusla I.D.:	TU2015KE171							
Name of Service	Kildangan Education Centre							
Address of Service:	Unit 1&2 The Village Centre, Kildangan, Nr Monasterevin, Co. Kildare							
Email Address:	sugradhpreschool@hotmail.com							
Name of Registered Provider:	Michael O'Sullivan							
Type of Proposed Service:	Full Day Care		Part-Time	✓	Sessional	✓		
	Drop-In		Childminding		Temporary			
Proposed change:	The service proposes to change the service type to include part time care for children currently attending for sessional care. Part time care will be offered from 12:00pm – 14:00pm thus extending the opening hours from 09:00am-14:00pm.							
Proposed Number of Children:	40 (part time)							
Recommended Change Following Inspection:	Adding an additional service type from sessional to part time and sessional care and education with a maximum number of 40 pre-school children attending on a part time basis and 44 children on a sessional basis.							
Registered change:	Additional Service Type from Sessional to Part- Time & Sessional, Change in number of children can attend from 44 to 44 (Max 40 Part-Time)							
Date of Inspection:	3	1	0	7	2	0	2	4
Inspection undertaken by:	F. Maher							
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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 Part-Time/Sessional Service for 44 (Max 40 Part-Time)
Date of Registration	8th 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	<p>Kildangan Education Centre currently provides sessional care and education to pre-school children aged between two and six years and is currently open Monday to Friday from 09.00am- 12.00pm. The service proposes to change the service type to include part time care for a maximum number of 40 pre-school children. Part-time care will extend from 12:00pm – 14:00pm in addition to the current sessional service operating from 09:00am-12:00pm.</p> <p>The service is registered to provide school age care also.</p>
Premises	<p>The service is located on the ground floor of a commercial premises in the village of Kildangan. The service consists of two large pre-school rooms, an office, sanitary accommodation and a secure outdoor play area at the rear of the service.</p>
Staffing	<p>A sufficient number of adults are currently employed in the service to accommodate a change to a part time service. All adults employed and working directly with children hold qualifications in Early Childhood Care and Education as recognised on the National Framework of Qualifications.</p>

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<p>Methodology</p>	<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>
<p>Acknowledgements</p>	<p>The Inspector wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the person in charge, staff and children who were present on the day of the inspection.</p>

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 is met.

The service has a designated person in charge and a named person 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.

(8) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) to (7)—

(b) a childminder shall ensure that a second person familiar with the operation of the service and in a position to provide assistance to the childminder in operating the service is, at all times, within close distance of the service and available to attend the service to assist the childminder in the event of an emergency, and

(c) a registered provider of a sessional pre-school shall ensure that, where the person in charge operates the service single-handedly, a second person familiar with the operation of the service and in a position to

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provide assistance to the person in charge in operating the service is, at all times, within close distance of the service and available to attend the service to assist the person in charge in the event of an emergency.

Requirement met:	<p>The requirement is met.</p> <p>(1)</p> <p>The registered provider has appointed a sufficient number of staff members to ensure the required adult: child ratios are maintained.</p> <p>(8)(b)</p> <p>Not applicable as this is not a childminding service.</p> <p>(c)</p> <p>Not applicable as the service is not operated single-handedly.</p>
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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*

Requirement met:	<p>The requirement is met.</p> <p>(1)(a)</p> <p>The pre-school rooms have suitable play materials and equipment for children aged from 2-6 years to attend a part-time service. The indoor environments are constructively planned with dedicated play areas that included a home/kitchen area, construction area and library area, sensorial area with sand play, small world materials, puzzles, jigsaws, and plenty of art and craft materials and equipment for fine and gross motor activity skills. A sufficient and appropriate number of child sized tables and chairs to cater for the proposed number of children were available and low-level shelving units displaying the materials and equipment are easily accessible to the children.</p>
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	<p>(b)</p> <p>The rest areas are comfortable and consist of child-sized sofas which are available for any child wishing to take a break from activities and rest. Eight low level beds are available for any child wishing to sleep when attending the part-time service with appropriate bed linen in place. The service has a safe sleep policy in place to guide practice.</p> <p>(3)(a)</p> <p>The outside play area is safe, suitable and secure. The perimeter is enclosed by a high-level boundary wooden fence and two gates, both secured with high level bolt locking mechanisms placed on the inside of the gates. The outdoor area is equipped with a wooden climbing frame, ride on equipment sand and water play with props.</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 requirement is met.</p> <p>The service has a healthy eating policy in place.</p> <p>Parents will be requested to provide a healthy snack and lunch for their children who will be attending on a part-time basis in line with the healthy eating policy of the service. Water is freely available to the children at all times.</p> <p>There is a fridge available for the storage of the children’s food.</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:	<p>The requirement is met.</p> <p>The main entrance door to the pre-school is secure and is controlled by staff to prevent any pre-school child from exiting the service unsupervised and to restrict unauthorised persons from gaining access to the premises. The outdoor area is suitably secure.</p> <p>Storage is available for the safe storage of cleaning products and equipment.</p>
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All fire exits were unobstructed and easily recognisable. The fire assembly point was displayed in the rear car park.

There is provision for the appropriate disposal and storage of waste including the provision of foot pedal operated bins in the pre-school rooms and sanitary area.

Thermostatically controlled hot water, liquid soap and paper hand towel, hygienically dispensed from wall mounted dispensers are available for hygienic hand washing and drying.

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 has been met.

(1)

Current certification in relation to first aid response (FAR) was available for staff members currently working in the service.

(2)(a)

Suitably equipped first aid boxes are available and accessible to children and are stored in conspicuous positions in the service.

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)

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	<p>Documentation was available with up-to-date recordings for monthly fire drills completed.</p> <p>(b)</p> <p>A maintenance contract is in place for the firefighting equipment and smoke alarm system and servicing was dated July 2024 and April 2024 respectively.</p> <p>(4)</p> <p>A notice of the procedures to be followed in the event of fire was clearly displayed within the service and pre-school rooms.</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:

An insurance quotation 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 current pre-school rooms and premises are maintained in a good state of repair.

(b) The main entrance door to the pre-school is secure and is controlled by staff to prevent any pre-school child from exiting the service unsupervised and to restrict unauthorised persons from gaining access to the premises. The outdoor area is

	<p>suitably secured with a high-level boundary wall and gates, both secured with bolt locking mechanisms that cannot be accessed by children or from outside.</p> <p>(c) There are openable windows to naturally ventilate the pre-school rooms and the sanitary accommodation. Natural daylight was provided by large windows and two half-length glass double doors in each room. Supplementary artificial fluorescent strip lighting is provided in the rooms. The accommodation is heated by gas fired central heating with wall-mounted radiators in each room; a service contract is in place for the boiler system.</p> <p>(d) Cleaning schedules are in place in the service and the premises, and its environs were clean.</p> <p>(e) Adequate sanitary facilities are provided in the service including nappy changing facilities. Four toilets and four wash hand basins are available to accommodate the children. An adult toilet and wash hand basin is available upstairs in the premises for staff to use.</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.*
- (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.*
- (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.*
- (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).*
- (5) *A registered provider of a temporary pre-school service shall ensure that a minimum of 2 square metres of clear floor space is available for each child attending the service.*

Requirement met:

The requirement is met.

(1) (2)

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A total clear floor space of 41m² is available in Room 1 and a total clear floor space of 68.2m² is available in Room 2.

The combined space provided is sufficient to accommodate the maximum daily attendance of 44 children aged 2-6 years attending on a sessional basis and a maximum number of 40 children aged 2-6 years attending on a part time basis.