

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances

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Name of Service:	Naionra KCK
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Address of Service:	Cul na Smear, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford.
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Email Address:	naionrakck@gmail.com
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Name of Registered Provider:	Ms. Eimear Radley
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Type of Proposed Service:	Sessional	<input type="checkbox"/>	Part-Time	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Drop-In	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Full Day Care	<input type="checkbox"/>	Childminding	<input type="checkbox"/>	Temporary	<input type="checkbox"/>

Proposed change:	From sessional to part-time care
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Proposed Number of Children:	20
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Registered change:	Change of service type to Part-time
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Inspection undertaken by:	M. Ryan
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Title:	Early Years Inspector
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Tusla Early Years Inspectorate Address:	Community Care Centre, HSE Building, Cork Road, Waterford City.
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Rationale for Inspection:

Proposed Change of Circumstance	Change service type from sessional to part-time care
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Note: For Office use only, to be completed by Registration Office

Registration Status:	Registered Part-time service for 20children, 22sessional 09.15am-14.15pm
Date of Registration	17/11/2021

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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	Naionra KCK operates from a community hall in the rural village of Cul na Smear nestled in the Comeragh mountains in west Co. Waterford (approximately 15 kilometers from Dungarvan town). The service first opened in 2009, as a playgroup and changed to an Irish speaking pre-school in 2013. The service currently operates on a sessional basis and can cater for up to 22 pre-school children. The service proposes to extend to part-time care from 12.30hrs to 14.30hrs.
Premises	The premise is a community building is widely used by other community organisations. The early years service has sole use of the premises in the morning. The main hall is used for the early years service, which has adjoining sanitary accommodation, and a kitchen on the premises that is also available to the early years service. To the front of the building an area is sectioned off specifically for outdoor play for children attending the early years service.
Staffing	The service is governed by a management committee specifically for the early years service and presently employs two staff who hold an award in Early Childhood Care and Education at Level 5 and higher.
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 two themes: Governance, and Safety.</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 presented to the registration panel for consideration of a decision in relation to the service receiving continued registration. 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 and the person in charge.

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 early years service had a designated person in charge and the service had a named person who was available to deputise as required.
Summary Comment:	The requirement had been met.

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 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:	(1) The registered provider proposed to have two staff working directly with the children. (8) (b) Not applicable as this was not a childminding service. (c) The registered provider confirmed that there will be at least two adults available in the service at all times.
Summary Comment:	The requirement of regulation has been met.

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—

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(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.

(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

(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.

(5) Where pre-school children attending 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 have access to an outdoor space other than such a space specified in paragraph 4, the registered provider shall ensure that such outdoor space is suitable.

Requirement met:

(1)

(a) The hall was used by other community groups after the service hours. The furniture had adaptations for storage solutions such as fold away shelving with casters that had supplies of tabletop activities and small world toys. The room was resourced with play materials and equipment and appropriate child sized tables and chairs for the age range of children proposed to attend the service on a part-time basis. There was adequate space available to support the kitchen, shop, construction and art area.

One aspect of the outdoor space on the premises was safely secured with wire fencing and stone walls. This area was cordoned off to provide an outdoor play area for the children attending the service. There was a storage hut erected in the outdoor space for the variety of ball games and other outdoor equipment.

(2)

(b) Not applicable as the service had not moved premises.

(3)

(a)(b) Not applicable as the service had access to an outdoor area on the premises.

(4)

Not applicable as the service was on the premises before the 30 June 2016.

(5)

Not applicable as this service is proposed for part-time care.

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Requirement not met:	(1) (b) There was no defined relaxation area set up on the day of the inspection for the provision of rest for children attending in a part-time capacity. This area is required to be defined and partitioned from the main play areas in the room. This area needs to meet children's relaxation needs with comfortable furniture, soft furnishings and provision for children to rest if they so choose.
Response from Provider:	The Naionra leader responded with photographic evidence on 10 September 2021 of three large full length bean bags/cushions/mats and furniture on casters that segregated a chill out area for the children.
Summary Comment:	All evidence submitted met the requirements of the Childcare Act 1991 (Early Years Services) Regulations 2016.

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 service had a healthy eating policy available on the day that was revised for the provision of part-time care. The service had the use of a newly refurbished kitchen that had storage units, a microwave, cooker and fridge available. The kitchen had been recently inspected by the Health Services Executive (HSE) Environmental Health Services.
Summary Comment:	The requirements of regulation have been met.

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 service had taken the following measures to safeguard the health, safety and welfare of children attending: General Safety Access to the early years service was restricted with the entrance hall and both doors secured with high level bolts. A stair gate was erected on the access from the hall to the stage and kitchen. Water for children's use was thermostatically controlled within the required ranges. All heaters were thermostatically controlled or out of children's reach. Cleaning agents were stored on a high shelf in a separate room that had door locks out of children's reach.
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	<p>Infection Control:</p> <p>A sickness and infection control policy in line with Health Protection Surveillance Centre (HPSC) COVID-19 public health advice was available and discussed with the registered provider and person in charge.</p> <p>Cleaning schedule templates were available for the early years room, toilet areas, toys, equipment and all the furniture in the room. Hygienic hand drying facilities such as paper towels were provided adjacent to the wash hand basin in the children’s sanitary accommodation. Liquid soap for hygienic hand washing was provided adjacent to the wash hand basin in the children’s sanitary accommodation.</p>
Requirement not met:	The firefighting equipment was last serviced in November 2019. Annual checks on all firefighting equipment are essential to ensure safe working order in the interest of best practice and the safety and welfare of the children attending the service.
Response from Provider:	The Naionra leader stated in the response that a service company for fighting equipment visited the premises on 28 September 2021 and all firefighting equipment on the premises was serviced.
Summary Comment:	All evidence submitted met the requirements of the Childcare Act 1991 (Early Years Services) Regulations 2016.

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 is available to the children attending the pre-school service at all times

Requirement met:	(2) (a) There was a first aid box available in the service that was stored in the storage room out of children’s reach.
Requirement not met:	(1) The first aid certificates for both staff had expired. It is acknowledged that due to the COVID -19 restrictions that local First Aid Responder training course were postponed until 2021.
Response from Provider:	The Naionra leader sent evidence to Tusla inspectorate on the 13 September 2021 from a local First Aid course provider. This confirmed enrolment for the staff of Naionra KCK for the First Aid Responder training on 13, 20 and 27 October 2021.
Summary Comment:	The evidence submitted fulfils the requirements of the Child Care Act 1991 (Early Years Services) Regulations 2016.

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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 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:	(1) (a) There was provision of a template form for recording of monthly fire drills last recorded prior to the school closing in June 2021. (b) The smoke alarm system was last serviced in November 2021. (4) A notice of procedures to be followed in the event of a fire was available and displayed in the entrance hall on the premises.
Summary Comment:	The requirements of Regulation have been met.

Part VI – Safety

Regulation 28 – Insurance

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

Requirement met:	Revised insurance cover was available for children to attend part time care. This policy was valid until 28 February 2022.
Summary Comment:	The requirements had been met.

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)The building is approximately 100 years old. The premise has been recently renovated with insulation, new windows and doors, new heating system and a refurbished kitchen. The community building was connected to both the public drainage and public water supply. (b) The premises was surrounded by a combination of stone walls and three cast iron gates. To the front of the building an area was sectioned off specifically for outdoor
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	<p>play for children attending the early years service. Bins were stored in an area outside of the premises to which children were denied access.</p> <p>(c) There were three openable windows in the hall room that was used for the service, these ensured adequate day light and ventilation in the room. All light fittings were covered with shatterproof covers. Heating was provided via three electric storage heaters and two wall mounted electric bar heaters for back up in the winter months.</p> <p>(d) The premises was well maintained and had significant refurbishment in stages over the last five years. For example, all the interior walls in the building had been dry lined in 2019. The main hall had new carpet covering since the last inspection. The play group leader reported that contract cleaners were employed at the end of each term for deep cleaning. Cleaning schedules were available to view.</p> <p>(e) There was an adequate supply of toilets and wash hand basins on the premises for the children attending the service.</p>
Summary Comment:	The requirements of regulation have been met

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:

(1)

Room Name	Age Range	Type of Service	Floor Space Available	Number of Children space will accommodate
Main hall	2.8 -5 years	Part-time care	49.29m/sq.	20

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	<p>(2) Adequate clear floor space was available in this room for children aged 2 years 8 months to 6 years of age; therefore, the service was compliant with the minimum space requirements for part-time care in this room.</p> <p>(3) Adequate clear floor space at a minimum of 2.35 meters was available for 20 children aged 2 years 8 months to 5 years of age.</p> <p>(4) Adequate clear floor space was available in this room for the provision of a part-time service for 20 children (aged 2 years 8 months to 5 years of age), while simultaneously catering for the provision of a sessional service for 22 children (aged 2 years 8 months to 5 years of age).</p> <p>(5) Not applicable as the registered provider had no proposal to operate a temporary service.</p>
Summary Comment:	The requirements of regulation have been met.