

# TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

## Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances

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<b>Name of Service:</b>	Carraig Briste
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<b>Name of Registered Provider:</b>	Orlagh Doyle
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<b>Type of Proposed Service:</b>	<b>Sessional</b>		<b>Part-Time</b>		<b>Drop-In</b>	
	<b>Full Day Care</b>	✓	<b>Childminding</b>		<b>Temporary</b>	

<b>Proposed change:</b>	Increase in number of children attending
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<b>Proposed Number of Children:</b>	Additional 11 children (73 to 84)
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<b>Registered change:</b>	Change in number of children that can be accommodated from 73 to 84
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<b>Inspection undertaken by:</b>	C. Ryan
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<b>Title:</b>	Early Years Inspector
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<b>Tusla Early Years Inspectorate Address:</b>	Tusla Child and Family Agency Ely Hospital Ferrybank Wexford
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<b>Rationale for Inspection:</b>
Change in Circumstance

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

<b>Registration Status:</b>	Registered Full Day Care Service for 84 Children
<b>Date of Registration</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> December 2022

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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).

<b>Description of Service</b>	Carraig Briste is a privately operated early years service located in a rural community outside Enniscorthy in county Wexford. It offers full day care, part time and a sessional service to children aged 6 months to 6 years of age. The service operates from 7.45am to 6.00pm and can currently accommodate up to 73 children. The registered provider proposes to increase the number of children attending the service by 11 children with the addition of an outdoor early years service. The outdoor service is proposed to be located on the grounds of the existing service. The new outdoor service will be called 'The School in the Forest'.
<b>Premises</b>	The current full day care service operates from two modern houses and consists of six playrooms, two designated sleep rooms, a kitchen, toilets, and an office. Large outdoor gardens and natural areas are available to the rear of the premises which the children have direct access to. The new 'School in the Forest' consists of a large timber framed cabin, located within an enclosed grass and forest area.
<b>Staffing</b>	The registered provider and the childcare manager are the designated people in charge daily and are supernumerary to the staff working directly with the children. All the staff working directly with children in the service hold the minimum of level 5, 6 and 8 qualifications in Childcare and Early Childhood Care and Education.
<b>Methodology</b>	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. 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.
<b>Acknowledgements</b>	The inspector wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the registered provider and person in charge who were present on the day of the inspection.

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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:**

The service employs a manager who is the designated person in charge and assists when required with the children attending the service. A second named staff member is available to deputise as required. The registered provider is also present on the premises during the day.

### 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:**

The registered provider is familiar with the Child Care Act 1991(early years services) Regulations 2016, Schedule 6 Staff: Child ratios and will ensure that there are always adequate numbers of staff working directly with the children attending the service. The registered provider proposes to allocate one staff member to work directly with the children in the new room. The registered provider and manager will also be present to provide assist as needed.

### 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.

- (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.

<b>Requirement met:</b>	<p>(1)(a) The new School in the Forest is located in a timber framed cabin/building. The room provides sufficient space for the proposed 11 children. The early years room was warm, homely, and lit by natural light. The room was set up and equipped with toys, natural materials, and open-ended products suitable to the ages and stage of development of the children proposed to use the room.</p> <p>(1)(b) Provisions were in place for children to rest and sleep while attending the service. A rocking chair was located beside the fireplace and a cosy corner with blankets and cushions in another corner of the room. There was sufficient seating located through the outdoor space also.</p> <p>(2)(b) The outdoor play area in the School in the Forest consisted of a variety of spaces, with well-developed and resourced interest areas. Children had access to a mud kitchen, a tent under the tress, forest walks, reading areas, messy and imaginative opportunities for play and learning. Toys, equipment, and materials were natural opened ended and varied.</p> <p>(3)(a)(b) The outdoor play area is suitable, safe and secure and provides space, variety and stimulation for the children.</p> <p>(4) Not applicable.                  (5) Not applicable.</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.*

<b>Requirement Met:</b>	The service supplies the main meal for children attending a full day care service. Parents supply the snacks for children attending on a sessional basis. The service has an additional supply of extra snacks if a child requires extra food. Children eat their snacks and meals in the cabin, picnic areas, and in the covered outdoor spaces. A fridge was available for the storage of perishable food.
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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.*

<b>Requirement Met:</b>	<p><b>Infection control:</b> Warm water for hygienic hand washing was available in the outdoor area. The cabin had an outdoor sink with hot and cold running water. A toilet was available with warm water for hand washing. The service was clean and well maintained.</p> <p><b>Administration of medication:</b> There was a policy on the safe administration of medications to children attending the service. An area for the safe storage of medication was identified.</p> <p><b>General safety:</b> The outdoor service was secured, and risk assessed by the registered provider. An outdoor policy was available that reflected the service ethos. The outdoor areas in which the children had access to were fenced and children are supervised by staff.</p> <p><b>Safe sleep:</b> Children attending the school in the forest will be over 2 years of age and will attend for 3-hour sessional service. If children require sleep, they will be accommodated.</p>
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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 is available to the children attending the pre-school service at all times

**Requirement met:**

- (1) Documentary evidence was available to demonstrate that staff were currently trained in first aid for children and will be present on the premises at all times.
- (2)(a)(b) A suitable and fully equipped first aid box was available on the premises and stored in an easily accessible place in the early years rooms.

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) Records were available on the premises for recording of fire drills and the registered provider was familiar with the requirement to carry out monthly fire drills.
- (b) Fire-fighting equipment and smoke alarms were present and contracts are in place for the regular service and maintenance of same.
- (4) A notice of procedures to be followed in the event of a fire is displayed in the early years rooms and the fire assembly point was clearly identified.

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 has been met.  
 (a) The new outdoor cabin appears to be of sound and stable structure.  
 (b) The entrances to the service were safe and secured.  
 (c) The new room is lit and ventilated by natural light through openable door on external walls, supplemented by artificial lighting when needed. All sanitary accommodation had natural ventilation.  
 (d) The premises was well maintained and in good repair. A cleaning policy and schedule was available for the service.  
 (e) The service had adequate sanitary accommodation for the proposed number of children and staff who will be present with a toilet and separate staff toilet available.

**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 cabin was measured on the day of inspection and had sufficient space to accommodate the proposed eleven children. The room measured 24.4 m<sup>2</sup>.  
  
 (1) Adequate clear floor space was available for the of children who will attend the service.

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	<p>(2) The cabin was spacious and bright with ample clear floor space for the number of children who will attend the service.</p> <p>(3) This requirement has been met.</p> <p>(4) This requirement has been met.</p> <p>(5) Not applicable to this service.</p>
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