

# TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

## Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances

<b>Tusla I.D:</b>	TU2022WX002
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<b>Name of Service</b>	Naíonra na Siolta Óga
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<b>Address of Service:</b>	Gaelscoil Moshíológ An Chraobhach Bóthar Charn an Bhua Guaire Co. Wexford
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<b>Email Address:</b>	naionranso@gmail.com
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<b>Name of Registered Provider:</b>	Ms. Dairíona Ní Mhuirí
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<b>Type of Proposed Service:</b>	<b>Full Day Care</b>		<b>Part-Time</b>	✓	<b>Sessional</b>	
	<b>Drop-In</b>		<b>Childminding</b>		<b>Temporary</b>	

<b>Proposed change:</b>	Change from sessional to part time care.
<b>Proposed Number of Children:</b>	Sessional 22/part time 16 children.
<b>Recommended Change Following Inspection:</b>	Change recommended by EYI
<b>Registered change:</b>	Addition of a service type from Sessional to Sessional & Part Time for 22 Children (Maximum 16 Part Time)

<b>Date of Inspection:</b>	2	1	0	7	2	0	2	3
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<b>Inspection undertaken by:</b>	C. Ryan
<b>Title:</b>	EYI

<b>Tusla Early Years Inspectorate Address:</b>	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 Part Time / Sessional Service for 22 Children (Max 16 Part Time)
<b>Date of Registration</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> August 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).

<b>Description of Service</b>	Naíonra na Siolta Óga is registered to operate an early years service Monday to Friday offering sessional care and education for children aged 2 to 6 years and can accommodate up to 22 children at any one time. The registered provider proposes to operate a part time service to support and meet the needs of the children and families within the school. The part time service will operate from 8am to 2pm with early years children attending for no longer than 5 hours.
<b>Premises</b>	The service is located within Gaelscoil in Gorey. The service consists of a large early years playroom, sanitary accommodation and outdoor play areas. The service has access to a second classroom for use by the school aged children and to serve breakfast.
<b>Staffing</b>	The registered provider will be the designated person in charge and will be on the premises daily. The registered provider will work directly with the children in the service and holds a childcare qualification at Level 8 Honours in Early Childhood Education and Care. Two staff have been recruited to work within the service.
<b>Methodology</b>	<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>
<b>Acknowledgements</b>	The inspector wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the registered provider who was 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 registered provider is the designated person in charge and is on the premises daily.  
A second named staff member has been employed and will be available 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)—

(a) A registered provider of a pre-school service other than a childminding service or a sessional pre-school service shall ensure that there are at least 2 adults on the premises at all times.

**Requirement met:**

The requirement of the regulation is met.

(1)

The registered provider is familiar with the Child Care Act 1991(Early Years Services) Regulations 2016, schedule 6 Adult: Child ratios and will ensure that there is at all times adequate numbers of adults working directly with the children attending the service.

(8)(a)

The registered provider has employed two additional staff. The registered provider is aware of the requirement to have two staff present once the service is registered as part time.

### Part V - Care of Child in Pre-school Service

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### 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—
- (a) of a full day care service, a part-time day care service, a sessional preschool service or a childminding service that is registered for the first time 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 of the regulation is met:

#### (1)(a)

The service operates from a room located in the school. The playroom provides sufficient space for the number of children attending the service. The room was bright, warm and lit by natural lighting, supplemented by artificial lighting when needed. The room was set up with child sized tables and chairs and equipped with toys and materials suitable to the ages and stage of development of the children who will attend the service. Areas of interest included reading area, home corner, relaxation area, imaginative play areas and art and crafts materials.

The service has access to a second classroom, beside the early years room that will be used for breakfast club and afterschool children. The room will have tables, chairs and toys and materials.

#### (1)(b)

Provisions are in place for children to rest while attending the service and includes mats in a quiet corner of the room. The registered provider has purchased sleep mats and bed linen and has identified an area within the room for rest and sleep.

#### (2)(a)

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	The children will have access to their outdoor play spaces on the school premises. The outdoor space is directly beside the entrance door and is fully enclosed. The registered provider has developed the area over the school year with further plans development to be completed during the summer. The outdoor play area is suitable, safe and secure.
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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>	<p>The requirements of the regulation are met.</p> <p>Parents provide food for mid- morning break time and for lunch. Fridges are available for the storage of food and snacks brought in from home. The service will provide breakfast to the children who will arrive to the service before 9am. The breakfast will consist of porridge, cereal, fruit and toast. The registered provider has updated the service’s healthy eating policy to reflect the requirements for part time care.</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.*

<b>Requirement met:</b>	<p>The requirement of regulation is met:</p> <p>Infection Control:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hot water for hygienic hand washing was available and was thermostatically controlled not to exceed 43°C. The service was clean and well maintained.</li> </ul> <p>Administration of Medication:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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. The registered provider stated that a care plan will be developed in partnership</li> </ul>
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	<p>with parents for any child who requires a regular prescribed medication while attending the service.</p> <p>General Safety:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The entrance door to the service was secured to prevent children exiting unsupervised and unauthorised persons gaining access to the building. The early years service has its own designated entrance for drop off and collection of the children.</li> </ul>
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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
  - (b) is available to the children attending the pre-school service at all times.

<b>Requirement met:</b>	<p>The requirement of the regulation is met.</p> <p>(1) The registered provider has an in date first aid certificate, with a second staff member due to update their training in first aid for children in August 2023.</p> <p>(2) A suitable and equipped first aid box was available on the premises.</p>
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#### 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:

The requirement of the regulation is met.

(1)(a)

Records were available on the premises for the recording of fire drills and the registered provider was familiar with the requirement to carry monthly fire drills.

(b)

Fire- fighting equipment, a fire detection system and smoke alarms were available, and contracts are in place for the service and maintenance of same.

(4)

A notice of procedures to be followed in the event of a fire is displayed in the playrooms.

### 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.

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### 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 registered provider confirmed that there were no known structural issues in the premises. The early years room is located in the Gaelscoil. The school has provided a second room, beside the early years room for breakfast club and school aged children.

(b)

The premises were safe and secure. The doors of the service were secured to prevent the children exiting the premises unsupervised or an unauthorised person gaining access to the premises.

(c)

The playroom was lit and ventilated by natural light through openable windows on external walls, supplemented by artificial lighting when needed. All light fittings had appropriate safety covers. All sanitary accommodation was ventilated by natural ventilation through openable windows. The heating system was thermostatically controlled so that the surface temperature of the radiators in each room does not exceed 50°C.

(d)

The premises were clean, well maintained and in good repair. A cleaning policy and schedule was available for the service.

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	<p>(e)</p> <p>The service has adequate sanitary accommodation for the proposed number of children and staff who will be present in the service at any one time. There are four toilets allocated for use by the children. The staff have their own designated staff toilets.</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).*

<b>Requirement met:</b>	<p>The requirement of the regulation is met.</p> <p>(1)</p> <p>Adequate clear floor space was available to accommodate the number of children who will attend the service on both a sessional and part time basis.</p> <p>(2)</p> <p>The room is large and bright and measures 80 square metres. The registered provider can currently accommodate 22 children (aged between 2 and 6 years)</p>
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attending on a sessional basis at any one time. The registered provider proposes to accommodate up to 16 children attending as part time at any one time.

(3) This requirement has been met.

(4) This requirement has been met.