

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Initial Inspection of Proposed New Service

Tusla I.D: TU2023CC005

Name of Service: Kinsale Kids Academy

Address of Service: Ocean Drive Road, Kinsale Manor, Kinsale, Co Cork

Email Address: info@kka.ie

Name of Proposed Registered Provider: Thomas Stapleton

Type of Proposed Service:	Full Day Care	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Part-Time	<input type="checkbox"/>	Drop-In	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Sessional	<input type="checkbox"/>	Childminding	<input type="checkbox"/>	Temporary	<input type="checkbox"/>

Proposed service type: Full Day Care

Proposed Number of Children: 69

Outcome of the F06 Inspection: Full Day Care for 69 Children aged 1 – 6 years
7.30am to 6pm

Registered service: Registered Full Day Care Service for 69 Children

Date of Inspection: 3 0 1 1 2 0 2 3

Inspection Undertaken by: C Stokes

Title: Early Years Inspector

Tusla Early Years Inspectorate Address: Early Years Inspectorate, Admin Building,
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Rationale for Inspection

Proposed New Service

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

Registration Status: Registered Full Day Care Service for 69 Children

Date of Registration: 20th December 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	Kinsale Kids Academy proposes to commence a service for up to 66 pre-school children in a new purpose built creche facility in a residential area of Kinsale. The proposed hours of operation are from 7.30am-6pm for 50 weeks of the year, offering full day care and the sessional ECCE scheme to preschool children aged from 1 year old.
Premises	The setting has 3 playrooms downstairs, (baby, toddler and ECCE 1) with direct access to the outdoor area and a playroom upstairs (ECCE 2). In addition, there is a kitchen, storeroom, staff room and sanitary areas. The service has two designated sleep rooms off the baby room
Staffing	The service is to be run by a person in charge and deputy person in charge on behalf of the registered provider who is not service based.
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 four 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 the registering application. 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>
Acknowledgement	The Inspector wished to acknowledge the cooperation of the proposed person in charge 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 requirement has been met.
- The registered provider has appointed a person in charge and a deputy person in charge.

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:

(1) The registered provider proposes that at all times an adequate number of adults, will work directly with the children attending. The following is proposed:

Room	Adults	Children
Baby (1-2 years)	2	10
Toddler (2-3 years)	2	12
ECCE1	2	22 (morning), 16 (afternoon)
ECCE2	2	22 (morning), 16 (afternoon)

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 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,

Requirement met:

(1) (a)

- There were adequate and suitable facilities for each child to play indoors.
- The four playrooms were laid out with different interest areas and open shelving with accessible toys and materials for children to access these independently.
- The equipment and materials were age appropriate.
- Child sized tables and chairs were available.
- An outdoor area with canopy and soft pour, impact absorbing surface complete with fitted playground furniture was available to the rear of the premises. In addition, there was a lawn area for ball play. The downstairs rooms opened on to the outdoor area.

(1)(b) There were suitable rest facilities on the premises.

- There were 2 designated sleep rooms off the baby room with 7 cots between these 2 rooms.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each of the playrooms had cozy/soft areas to facilitate rest and downtime for children during the day with rugs and cushions to create a relaxation space. In addition, there were a supply of 20 stackable beds to provide a rest facility for children over 2 years of age attending. <p>(3)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The registered provider of this service ensured that a suitable, safe, and secure outdoor space to which the pre-school children attending the service was provided on the premises and the person in charge advised that children will have access to this daily.
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Part V – Care of Children in Pre-School Services

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 registered provider met the regulatory requirements.
- The service will provide the meals and snacks. The hot meal will be provided by a catering company and reheated from frozen in the service. Snacks will be prepared in the service.
- A fridge is available in the playrooms for storage of perishable foodstuffs.
- A healthy eating policy is available for parents.
- A menu plan will be available from the catering service.
- A supply of jugs and cups were available for water, which is proposed will be accessible to children in the playrooms.

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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.

<p>Requirement met:</p>	<p>The registered provider met the regulatory requirements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entrance to the service was by means of two entrance doors which were adequately secured. • Internal doors were secured on the day of inspection. • Storage facilities were inaccessible to children. • No cables were within reach of children on the day of inspection. • The outdoor area was suitably enclosed and secured without any observed hazards. • Bins were inaccessible. • There was a supply of thermostatically controlled hot water, liquid soap, and individual use towels available in the children’s toilets. • Lidded, pedal operated bins were in place for nappy disposal.
<p>Requirement not met:</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. On the day of the inspection, the temperature of the two designated sleep rooms was above the acceptable range of 16 to 20 degrees Celsius. It measured 23.4 and 22.5 degrees Celsius respectively. 2. There was a light filter film on the doors of the 2 designated sleep rooms, which the person in charge advised was responsible for the high temperature in the room and the doors were hot to touch creating a safety hazard for children.
<p>Response from Provider:</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The registered provider responded on 13 December 2023 to state that an anti-heat film was added to the fire exit doors. Photographic evidence of the invoice for this was provided.

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	2. Thermometers were purchased for the sleep rooms and invoices furnished to this effect by the registered provider.
Summary Comment:	The response from the registered provider was accepted in meeting the regulatory requirements of this regulation in addressing the issue of the high temperatures in the sleep rooms.

Part VI - Safety

Regulation 25 – First Aid	
	<p>(1) <i>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.</i></p> <p>(2) <i>A registered provider shall ensure that a suitably equipped first aid box for children—</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(a) <i>is safely stored in an easily accessible and conspicuous position on the premises, and</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(b) <i>is available to the children attending the pre-school service at all times</i></p>
Requirement met:	<p>(1) The registered provider ensured the person in charge was trained in first aid for children and is available to the children attending the pre-school service at all times.</p> <p>(2) The registered provider ensured that a suitably equipped first aid box for children—</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(a) was safely stored in an easily accessible and conspicuous position on the premises, one on each floor and one for the outdoor area.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(b) It was available to the children attending the pre-school service at all times.</p>

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 registered provider had a template record for the fire drills, which are proposed to be conducted monthly.
- (b) The registered provider ensured that a record was kept of the firefighting equipment. The service record indicated the fire extinguishers, and the fire alarm were maintained on 24 November 2023.
- (4) A notice of the procedures to be followed in the event of a fire was on display at the fire points in the service.

Part VI - Safety

Regulation 28 – Insurance

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

Requirement met:

The regulatory requirements were met. The setting has adequate insurance to cover 69 preschool children valid until 18 September 2024 for a full day care service.

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) From visual inspection the premises appeared of sound and stable structure, well-finished and weather tight.
- (b) From visual inspection the premises appeared safe and secure. An appropriate security system with a secured entrance doors to manage unauthorised entry and unsupervised exit of children from the service was in place.
- (c) The service was adequately heated, lit, and ventilated. The playrooms were a comfortable temperature, between 18 and 22 degrees Celsius. The heating system was underfloor heating. Windows were openable for ventilation and natural lighting was supplemented with artificial lighting.
- (d) The premises was suitably cleaned and maintained in a good state of repair.
- (e) An adequate ratio of toilets was in place for children as a 1 to 11 ratio was in place, and a 1:8 ratio of toilets was in place for staff.

Location	Nappy Changing Facility	Toilets
Adjacent to Baby room	1 Nappy changing station & 1 sink	
Toddler room	1 nappy changing unit (shared sink)	2 toilets, 2 sinks
ECCE 1		2 toilets, 2 sinks

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	ECCE 2	3 toilets, 2 sinks
	Adult toilets (x2 downstairs, 1 upstairs)	3 toilets, 3 sinks

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.
- (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).

Requirement met:

- (1) Adequate free floor space for the work, play and movement of preschool children was available according to the proposed numbers of children and their age groups.
- (2) The minimum floor space was in place as follows:

Room	Number of Children	Space Required	Space available
Baby	10	28m ²	41m ²
Toddler	12	28.2m ²	69m ²
ECCE1	22 morning, 16 afternoon	40m ²	54m ²
ECCE2	22 morning, 16 afternoon	40m ²	50m ²
	Total Proposed 69		Sufficient

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(4) This service has sufficient space to accommodate a ratio of 1.818 m² per child during the sessional period of the ECCE and reverting to 2.3m² per child after this period.