

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Initial Inspection of Proposed New Service



Tusla I.D: TU2023CE001

Name of Service: Laura's Childcare

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Name of Proposed Registered Provider: Laura Corbett

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

Proposed service type: Sessional

Proposed Number of Children: 11

Outcome of the F06 Inspection
 Sessional service with 11 preschool children
 09.30 hrs to 12.30 hrs
 Monday to Friday

Registered service: Sessional Service for 11 children

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Inspection Undertaken by: M. Ní Nialláin

Title: Early Years Inspector

Tusla Early Years Inspectorate Address: Early Years Inspectorate, Quality and Regulation Directorate, Tusla, Station Road Primary Care Centre, Station Road, Ennis, Co. Clare.

Rationale for Inspection
Proposed New Service

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

Registration Status: Registered Sessional Service for 11 Children

Date of Registration: 25th July 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	This proposed sessional service is in a classroom in Ballynacally primary school. The service proposes to cater for 11 pre-school children who hope to attend from September 2023 onwards. The service will operate from 09.30 to 12.30 hours Monday to Friday.
Premises	The service accommodation comprises of one playroom in a primary school and children's and adult sanitary facilities. Parking for drop off and collection of children is to the front of the premises. An outdoor play area is available to the rear of the school.
Staffing	The registered provider will be working in the service daily. A second adult will be employed to provide AIM support in the service.
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 the proposed registered provider 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 wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the proposed 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:

(1)(a) There will be a person in charge and a person who is able to deputise always working in the service.

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 proposed registered provider will always ensure that there will be an adequate number of adults working directly with the children. There will be two adults employed to care for the pre-school children registered to start attending the service in September 2023.

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—

(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.

(4) the registered provider shall ensure that such outdoor space is suitable. 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.

Requirement met:	<p>(1)(a) The registered provider ensured that adequate and suitable play facilities were available for the proposed number of children who will attend the service. The playroom and the outdoor play area was set up and ready for play. An adequate amount of play equipment and materials was available for the pre-school children proposing to attend the service.</p> <p>(b) Rest areas were available for the pre-school children proposing to attend the service. All children attending will be over two years and seven months of age.</p> <p>(2)(a) A large designated outdoor play area to the rear of the premises had a part tarmacadam/ concrete and grass ground surface.</p> <p>(4) The proposed outdoor space was suitable, safe and secure.</p> <p>(5) The proposed outdoor space was suitable for the pre-school children.</p>
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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 parents will provide the snacks and drinks for their child. The healthy eating policy will be shared with the parents.

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 registered provider had taken the following measures to safeguard the health, safety and welfare of the children proposing to attend the service.

General Safety:

The entrance and exit doors into the service were secure thus preventing children from exiting the premises unsupervised and prohibiting unauthorised persons from entering the service.

Fire exit routes and the passageways were clear of all obstructions in the event of an emergency.

Infection Control:

Hand washing facilities were available to the pre-school children and the adult working in the service.

Hot running water, liquid soap and paper hand towels were provided.

The playroom was clean and well maintained.

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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

Requirement met:

- (1) The registered provider had a First Aid Responder course certificate available for inspection which was valid to 20th June 2025
- (2)(a) The registered provider did ensure that a suitably equipped first aid box was available in a conspicuous position in the playroom.
- (b) The first aid box will be available to the pre-school children at all times.

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) Provision for the recording of monthly fire drills was available.
- (b) Fire fighting equipment was available on the premises, a record of the type, number, and maintenance record of firefighting equipment and smoke alarms was also available.
- (4) A notice of the procedure to be followed in the event of a fire specific to the pre-school service was available.

Part VI - Safety

Regulation 28 – Insurance

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

Requirement met:

Full insurance was submitted to the Registration office, valid from 01/09/23 until 27/03/24 covering a maximum of 11 children on a sessional basis.

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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:

- (a) The premises appeared to be sound and stable.
- (b) The service entrance and exit doors were adequately secured to prevent children exiting unsupervised and unauthorised persons gaining entry.
- (c) The service was adequately lit, heated, and ventilated. The lighting was provided by natural and electrical means. Oil fired central heating was the method of heating. The sanitary facilities and playroom were ventilated by natural means of ventilation.
- (d) The service was maintained in a clean manner.
- (e) There was an adequate number of toilets and wash hand basins in the children’s sanitary accommodation for the proposed number of children that will be in attendance. The adult toilet and wash hand basin was also adjacent.

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.

Requirement met:

- (1) The requirement has been met. The premises can accommodate the proposed number of 11 pre-school children. The clear floor space available to the children in the room measured 73 m².
- (2)) Not applicable, the service will operate as a sessional service.
- (3) The minimum amount of clear floor space per child will be available on the premises as set out in this regulation.