

# TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

## Initial Inspection of Proposed New Service

**Tusla I.D:** TU2023GY003

**Name of Service:** Derryoover Childcare

**Address of Service:** Derryoover, Gorteeny, Woodford, Co Galway

**Email Address:** [pauline.doogan@me.com](mailto:pauline.doogan@me.com)

**Name of Proposed Registered Provider:** Pauline Doogan

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

**Proposed service type:** Sessional Service

**Proposed Number of Children:** 11

**Outcome of the F06 Inspection**  
Sessional service for 11 children aged between 2 and 6 years of age. Operating from 9.15am to 12.15pm Monday to Friday.

**Registered service:** Registered Sessional Service for 11 children.

**Date of Inspection:** 0 6 0 7 2 0 2 3

**Inspection Undertaken by:** F Kelly

**Title:** Early Years Inspector.

**Tusla Early Years Inspectorate Address:** Clinical & Administration Building, Block A (1st Floor- Green Corridor), Merlin Park, Galway

<b>Rationale for Inspection</b>
<b>Proposed New Service</b>

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

**Registration Status:** Registered Sessional Service for 11 children

**Date of Registration:** 24<sup>th</sup> 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).

<b>Description of Service</b>	Derryoover Childcare proposes to provide sessional childcare to pre-school children aged 2 years to 6 years. The pre-school service will operate from 9.15am to 12.15pm, Monday to Friday.
<b>Premises</b>	The service is located in a playroom in the Derryoover National school, Gorteeny, Woodford, Co Galway. The service consists of one large and one smaller playroom and both adult and children's sanitary areas. The service also has access to an outdoor play area at the rear the building.
<b>Staffing</b>	There are two adults working in the service, which does include the registered provider.
<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 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>
<b>Acknowledgement</b>	The Inspector wish to acknowledge the cooperation of the proposed registered provider and the 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:

(1)(a)

The requirement has been met. The service has a designated person in charge and a named person who is able 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)—

(b) 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 requirement has been met. The registered provider will ensure that there is an adequate number of adults working with the children attending the service.

(8)(c)

The Registered provider had a second person familiar with the operation of the service and in a position to provide assistance, within a close distance and available to attend, in the event of an emergency.

### 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

(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.

(3) 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.*

<b>Requirement met:</b>	<p>(1)(a) On the day of inspection, the playroom was fully equipped with toys and equipment and laid out taking into account the age profile of the children proposed to attend and the amount of time they propose to spend in the playroom.</p> <p>(b) There were adequate and suitable rest/relaxation facilities available for the proposed number of children that may attend. There was a large sofa located in a cupboard in the playroom for the children aged over 2 years of age to relax during the session.</p> <p>(2) (b) The registered provider has ensured that suitable, safe and secure outdoor play area is available to the pre-school children at the side of the premises.</p> <p>(3) Children will have access to an outdoor play area on a daily basis. The outdoor space was observed to be suitable, secure and no safety hazards were noted on the day of Inspection. Facilities for outdoor play were provided on site.</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.*

<b>Requirement met:</b>	The registered provider has ensured that adequate and suitable food and drink is available for each pre-school child attending the service. The parents of the children will provide all the snacks and meals for the children attending.
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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.*

#### Requirement met:

- The front entrance door to the pre-school was secured. Thus, prevented children from exiting the premises unsupervised and prohibiting unauthorised persons from entering the service. The door leading into the national school was keypad locked, thus ensuring that adults did not have access to the preschool via the school and children could not gain access to the national school either without adult supervision.
- Practices in relation to administration of medication were not observed on the day of inspection. The adults demonstrated knowledge of safe practices with regard the procedures. Policies were in place for the Administration of Medication to preschool children.
- Regular fire drills will be conducted in the service. Forms to record monthly fire drills were in place.
- The playroom and the sanitary areas were clean and well maintained.

### 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 ensured all adults had first aid training for children.
- (2)(a) A suitably equipped first aid box was in place in the service.
- (b) The first aid box was available to the children attending the service at all times.

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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 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) A register was available that will record the monthly fire drills completed in the service was available for inspection.
- (b) A register that records the number, type and maintenance of the firefighting equipment and smoke alarm in the premises was available for inspection.
- (4) A notice of the procedures to be followed in the events of a fire was conspicuously displayed in the main entrance hall.

### 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 until 27/03/24 covering a maximum of 22 children.

### 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) On visual assessment, the building appears to be of sound and stable structure.
- (b) The indoor and outdoor areas appear to be safe and secure.
- (c) Adequate lighting was provided throughout the playroom and there was ample natural lighting and ventilation in all the rooms.
- (d)

The premises and play equipment were clean and well maintained. The playroom should be cleaned regularly and between separate groups of children using the area.(the same space is used for an afterschool service in the afternoons) . Cleaning should be part of a written cleaning policy and rota outlining methods and frequency of cleaning. Cleaning schedule and cleaning records forms were available for inspection on the day.

(e)

There were adequate and suitable sanitary areas adjacent to the playroom. Liquid soap and paper towels were also available. There were two children’s sanitary areas adjacent to the playroom. The staff sanitary area was in the main area of the National school.

### 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 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:

The requirement has been met.

(1)

Adequate floor space is provided for in the playrooms for the free movement of children to play.

The large pre-school room has 40 square metres of clear floor space and the smaller area has 10 square metres.

With only 2 children’s toilets and wash hand basins available to the children attending, this limits the total number of preschool children to 22.

(3) The total number of preschool children that the service can cater for allowing 1.818 square metre per child is 22 children in the space provided.