

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Initial Inspection of Proposed New Service

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Name of Service:	The Orchard Creche
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Address of Service:	Corofin, Tuam, Co Galway. H51XY13
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Email Address:	phyllisreddington@gmail.com
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Name of Proposed Registered Provider:	Phyllis Reddington
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Type of Proposed Service:	Full Day Car	✓	Part-Time	✓	Drop-In	
	Sessional	✓	Childminding		Temporary	

Proposed service type:	Full Day Care
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Proposed Number of Children:	132
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Outcome of the F06 Inspection:	Full Day Care service catering for 132 children aged between 1 year and 6 years. The service will operate from 7:30am to 6 :00 pm, Monday to Friday.
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Registered service:	Registered Full Day Care Service for 132 Children
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Inspection Undertaken by:	F Kelly and S Meehan.
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Title:	Early Years Inspector
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Tusla Early Years Inspectorate Address:	Clinical & Administration Building, Block A (1st Floor- Green Corridor), Merlin Park, Galway.
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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 132 Children
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Date of Registration:	10 th 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).

Description of Service	This Full day Care Service proposes to operate a Full Day Care service from 7:30am to 18:00pm from Monday to Friday. It proposes to cater for children from 0 to 6 years.
Premises	This service is located in a rural area near the village of Corofin in the Co. Galway. The service has 3 acres of outdoor space located to the side, front and rear of the premises. This service has 7 playrooms, a dining room, a designated sleep room, staff room and a kitchen area.
Staffing	The proposed number of staff to work in the service is 28 adults.
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 Inspectors wish 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)

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

Requirement met:

(1)The requirement has been met. The register provider shall ensure that there are at all times an adequate number of adults working directly with the children.
(8)(a),
The registered provider ensured that there were at least 2 adults on the premises at all times. A review of the staff roster indicated that at least 2 staff will be rostered to be on the premises at all times during the operational hours at the service.

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.

- (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, or
 - (b) where no such space is provided, the pre-school children attending the service have access on a daily basis to a suitable outdoor space.
- (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.

Requirement met:	<p>The requirement has been met.</p> <p>(1)(a) On the day of inspection, the playrooms were equipped with toys and equipment taking into account the age profile of the children proposed to attend and the amount of time they propose to spend in the playrooms.</p> <p>(b) There were adequate and suitable rest facilities available for the proposed number of children that may attend. There were 2 cot rooms to accommodate the needs of the children under 2 requiring sleep. The first cot room had 8 cots and the 2nd cot room had 9 cots . The children aged between over 2 years of age will be put down to sleep in a downstairs playroom, the service had stackable beds and these were appropriately stored .The registered provider stated the Toddler’s that required sleeps would be facilitated at all times and that children could sleep on demand and not just at a set time each day. There were adequate number of cots and linen (sheets and blankets) for all children aged between 1 and 2 years of age. There were an adequate number of stackable beds and linen available for children over 2 years of age to rest during the day.</p> <p>(2) (a) The registered provider has ensured that suitable, safe and secure outdoor play area are available to the pre-school children at the rear of the premises. (b) Not applicable, as this is a new service and has not moved premises. (3)(a) Children will have access to an outdoor play area on a daily basis. The outdoor areas were observed to be suitable, secure and no safety hazards were noted on the day of Inspection. The ECCE playrooms had access to an enclosed area adjoining their playrooms. (b) Facilities for outdoor play were provided on site. (4) The outdoor space was observed to be suitable, secure and safe.</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 requirement has been met. The registered provider provided evidence in the form of a Healthy Eating Policy that adequate, suitable, nutritious and varied food will be provided by the parents of the children attending the service.

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 requirement has been met. The registered provider has ensured that all reasonable measures are in place to safeguard the health, safety and welfare of the children attending the service.

- The front entrance door to the crèche was secured, thus prevented children from exiting the premises unsupervised and prohibiting unauthorised persons from entering the service.
- The outdoor play area in the service was securely fenced.
- 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.
- The playrooms and the sanitary areas and nappy changing areas were 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:

The requirement has been met as the staff has current paediatric First Aid Course completed.

(2)(a) The registered provider has ensured that the service is equipped with first aid boxes.

(b) The first aid boxes were available to children when required.

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:

The requirement has been met.

(1)(a) Arrangements were in place to record fire drills.

(b) A record of the number, type and maintenance record of firefighting equipment and fire alarms in the service was on file. A record of the maintenance of the fire alarms system and the firefighting equipment stated they were checked prior to the service opening.

(4) A notice of the procedures to be followed in the event of a fire was displayed in the hallways.

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Part VI - Safety

Regulation 28 – Insurance

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

Requirement met:

Full insurance was provided to the Registration Office, valid from 10/08/23 to 27/03/24 for 132 Children on a Full Day Care basis.

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 crèche and there was ample natural lighting and mechanical ventilation in all the playrooms.

(d) The premises and play equipment were clean and well maintained.

(e) There were adequate and suitable sanitary areas adjacent to the playrooms. Liquid soap and paper towels were also available.

There were 2 nappy changing areas to accommodate 2 children in nappies and 11 children's toilets and wash hand basins upstairs to accommodate toilet trained children. There were 3 staff toilet and wash hand basin to accommodate the staff working in the service.

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 requirement has been met.
 (1-5)

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

The Toddler room had 51 square metres of clear floor space.
 The Wobbler Room had 40 Square metres of clear floor space.
 The playschool 1 (2 to 3 years) upstairs had 50 Square metres of clear floor space.
 The playroom 2 (2 to 3 years) had 38 Square metres of clear floor space.
 The ECCE had 81square metres of clear floor space.
 The ECCE 1 had 53 Square metres of clear floor space.
 The ECCE 2 had 53 Square metres of clear floor space.