

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Initial Inspection of Proposed New Service



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Name of Service:	The Village Preschool Nobber
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Address of Service:	Nobber Community Hall, Main Street, Nobber, Co. Meath.
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Email Address:	nobberpreschool@gmail.com
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Name of Proposed Registered Provider:	Celine Govern
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Type of Proposed Service:	Full Day Care	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Part-Time	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Drop-In	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Sessional	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Childminding	<input type="checkbox"/>	Temporary	<input type="checkbox"/>

Proposed service type:	Full Day Care
Proposed Number of Children:	33
Outcome of the F06 Inspection (e.g. type of service, numbers, age ranges, times,)	Full Day Care 33 2 years to 6 years 08.30am to 5.30pm
Registered service:	Registered Full Day Care for 33 children.

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Inspection Undertaken by:	AM Cunningham
Title:	Early Years Inspector

Tusla Early Years Inspectorate Address:	Family Resource Centre, Commons Road, Navan, Co. Meath
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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 for 33 children.
Date of Registration:	25 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	<p>This proposed early years' service will provide full day care, part time day care, sessional care and the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Scheme to pre-school children.</p> <p>The service proposes to operate between 8.30am and 17.30pm Monday to Friday. The ECCE programme will operate from 9am to 12midday, 38 weeks of the year.</p> <p>It is proposed that the service will cater for 33 children. The service also proposes to operate a school aged service from 14.00hrs to 17.30pm each weekday.</p>
Premises	<p>The service is located in a community hall on the main street in the village of Nobber. The premises consists of a large hall converted into a care room and a smaller room adjoining; there is a kitchen and dining area available. Sanitary accommodation and nappy changing facilities are available.</p> <p>Two stackable beds were available on the day of inspection.</p> <p>An outdoor play area is located to the rear of the premises.</p>
Staffing	<p>The registered provider proposes to employ three staff members. The registered provider will not be based in the service but available to staff as required.</p>
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	<p>The Inspector wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the proposed registered provider who was present on the day of the inspection.</p>

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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 service has designated person in charge and a named deputy.

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 service is proposing to cater for a maximum of 33 pre-school children. The registered provider is aware of the minimum ratio of adults to children specified in Part 1 of Schedule 6 is maintained at all times to ensure that an adequate number of adults work directly with the pre-school children in the service. There are three staff members who provide direct care to children to be employed in 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, or*
 - (b) *of a full day care service, a part-time day care service, a sessional preschool service or a childminding service that moves premises 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 has been met.

(1)(a) The pre-school room was laid out with defined interest areas including a home corner, construction area, arts and crafts area, tabletop activities, dress up, train table and a library area. Equipment and play materials available were easily accessible and visible to the children on open low-level shelves.

(b) Soft matting and cushions were provided in the library area of the room to create rest areas should a child wish to take a break from play activities to rest during the day. Two stackable beds are available at present in the service, the registered provider stated more beds are available if required.

(3) An outdoor area was available to the rear of the premises.

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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:

It is proposed that a hot meal will be provided daily. An external caterer will supply chilled meals which will be reheated in the service. Snacks will be provided by the service with a second snack available for children attending parttime or full day care.

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 and examples of this are;

- The front door was secured and is opened solely by a member of staff to control access to the service. A doorbell system is in place and a staff member will allow access from inside the building once they are satisfied the person can gain access.
- A fenced area is provided in the outdoor area with a daily risk assessment carried out by a staff member on arrival to the service. This fencing is fitted to the walls of the building using a bolt and has wooden blocks to secure the lattes of the fencing. The fencing can be moved by a staff member if required as it is not permanently fitted to the wall or ground.
- Emergency exits are unobstructed.
- All storage areas have been made inaccessible to pre-school children.

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 is available to the children attending the pre-school service at all times

Requirement met:

A staff member is trained as Far First Aid Responders for children.
A suitably equipped first aid box is readily available.

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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) A template was available for recording of fire drills.
(b) A written record was available indicating that the firefighting equipment was serviced in August 2023. The smoke detection system was serviced in April 2023.
(4) A notice to be followed in the event of a fire was displayed at the exit points of the building.

Part VI - Safety

Regulation 28 – Insurance

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

Requirement met:

The registered provider ensured that the Full Day Care service was adequately insured with an expiry date of 27th March 2024 for 33 children.

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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 following are examples of the requirement met.

- (a) The premises appears to be in good condition throughout.
- (b) The entrance door leading into the service is kept locked at all times during the operational hours of the service.
- (c) Lighting
The premises is adequately lit by means of natural lighting supplemented by artificial lighting.
- Heating
The premises is heated by means of a ceiling mounted unit that heats and cools the rooms as required. The ambient temperatures of the care rooms and the sanitary accommodation were within the optimum care room temperature range of 18-22°C on the day of inspection. Radiators are also wall mounted high up on the walls of the service.
- Ventilation
Ventilation is predominantly provided by means of small high mounted openable windows in the main hall care room and patio doors and window in the kitchen/ dining area. The sanitary accommodation benefitted from openable windows and mechanical ventilation.
- (d) Documented cleaning schedules are available on display in the service.
- (e) A total of 3 toilets and 3 wash hand basins provide adequate and suitable sanitary accommodation for children in the service. A nappy changing area is available. A staff toilet is also available.
Liquid soap and paper hand towel is available for the pre-school children's use in the sanitary accommodation and air hand dryers.

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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.
- (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:

The requirement has been met.

(1) There is adequate clear floor space available for the safety, play and movement of the 33 children proposed to attend the service.

(2) The registered provider is aware of the minimum clear floor space requirements as specified in Schedule 7.

- The clear floor space in the Hall Room measured 120m².

(4) There is sufficient floor space for the registered provider to contemporaneously provide a sessional and full day care service as outlined in (1)(2) above.