

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Initial Inspection of Proposed New Service

Tusla I.D: TU2023MH007

Name of Service: The Village Pre-School & After-School

Address of Service: Carnaross, Kells, Co Meath.

Email Address: celinegovern@gmail.com

Name of Proposed Registered Provider: Celine Govern

Type of Proposed Service:	Full Day Care	✓	Part-Time	✓	Drop-In	
	Sessional	✓	Childminding		Temporary	

Proposed service type: Full Day Care / Part Time / Sessional

Proposed Number of Children: 33

Outcome of the F06 Inspection: Full Day Care / Part Time / Sessional Service for 33 children aged between 2 to 6 years.
A maximum of 33 children can be accommodated based on the assessment of space under Regulation 30.

Registered service: Registered Full Day Care/ Part Time/Sessional Service for 33 Children

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

Inspection Undertaken by: D. Murray

Title: Early Years Inspector

Tusla Early Years Inspectorate Address: Family Resource Centre, Commons Road, Navan Co Meath

Rationale for Inspection
Proposed New Service

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

Registration Status: Registered Full Day Care/ Part Time/Sessional Service for 33 Children

Date of Registration: 27th November 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	The proposed new service intends to provide full day care, part-time, sessional service to children aged between 2 to 6 years. It is proposed that the service will operate from 7am to 6pm each weekday catering for a maximum of 33 children. The service proposes to participate in the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Programme. A school aged service will also be provided.
Premises	<p>The service is a renovated building on the grounds of Carnaross GAA pitch consisting of the following rooms:</p> <p>Room 1 will be a dining and food preparation area.</p> <p>Room 2 will cater for children from 2 to 6 years attending the service on a sessional, part time and full day care basis.</p> <p>Room 3 is a partially sheltered outdoor care room which will facilitate the care of children from 2 to 6 years attending the service on a sessional, part-time and full day care basis.</p> <p>The registered provider is proposing that the children have a choice to move between Rooms 2 and 3 throughout the day.</p> <p>Other rooms in the service also include staff and children’s sanitary facilities. An outdoor space is located to the front and side of the premises.</p>
Staffing	The registered provider has appointed a designated person in charge to manage the service along with 1 other staff member. An additional staff member is available to work in the service when the numbers enrolled have increased.
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 two 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 wish to acknowledge the cooperation of the registered provider and the designated 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.

A designated person in charge along with a person to deputise has been appointed.

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 requirement has been met.

A designated person in charge along with 1 staff member has been appointed to work directly with the children attending the service.

An additional staff member is available to work in the service when the numbers enrolled have increase.

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.

Requirement met:

(1)(a) The requirement has been met.

The care rooms have low shelving units available for the storage of toys and equipment for the children. Areas of interest are well developed with supporting equipment which incorporates natural and sensorial materials, art and crafts and a range of suitable toys.

(b) The requirement has been met.

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Two stackable beds are available in Room 2 for children who require sleep. A cosy area consisting of mats and cushions with 3 children's arm chairs are available in Room 2 for children to take a break from activities and rest if needed.

(2)(a) The requirement has been met.

An outdoor space is located to the front and side of the premises, which is enclosed with fencing with 2 secure gates. The surface area consists of wood chip and gravel. Equipment includes goal posts, sand and water tables and a plastic play house. An enclosed container also had additional play equipment.

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.

A healthy eating policy is available for the service. The service will provide all meals with the main hot meal provided by a catering company. A 4-week menu plan is available with a variety of dishes ranging from meat, chicken, fish along with a varied hot and cold snack menu. A constant supply of water will also be available and accessible to the children.

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 play materials and equipment in the service are stored on stable- low level-based shelving units. The play materials and equipment were observed to be safe and suitable for the developmental age of the proposed pre-school children.
- All emergency doors were found to be clear and unobstructed.
- All cleaning equipment were stored out of reach of children.
- Appropriate shatter proof coverings are provided on all ceiling lights in the service.
- Pedal bins are provided in the care rooms and sanitary facilities. A daily cleaning schedule is available to ensure adequate cleaning of the service.
- A sleep log is available to record 10-minute sleep checks on children if required.

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

Requirement met:

The requirement has been met.

(1) An adequate number of staff are available with up to date First Aid Responders course.

(2)(a) and (b) The first aid boxes were suitably equipped and safely stored in a readily accessible and conspicuous position throughout the service and is available 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:

The requirement has been met.

(1)(a) A template is available to record fire drills that take place in the service.

(b) A record is maintained of the number, type and maintenance of the fire fighting equipment which was serviced in November 2023. The smoke detection system was serviced on the 21/09/2023.

(4) A notice of the procedures to be followed in the event of a fire is displayed on the premises. The fire assembly point is located at the fencing to the front of the service in the outdoor space.

Part VI - Safety

Regulation 28 – Insurance

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

Requirement met:

The requirement has been met.

The service has adequate insurance for 44 children from the 01/12/23 to the 27/03/24.

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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 requirement has been met.

(a) The premises appears to be of sound and stable structure.

(b) The service is secure, as the main gate into the outdoor space has a buzzer system in place with the lock having to be released by a staff member. There is an additional secure gate which leads to the back of the premises. The outdoor space is secure by fencing.

(c)

- The care room and the sanitary facilities in the service have a number of windows which provides these areas with natural light. The natural light can be augmented with artificial ceiling lighting as required.
- The heating system in the service is regulated by gas wall mounted radiators which are thermostatically controlled. The temperature of the care rooms ranges between 18.0°C to 21°C on the day of inspection.
- A mechanical ventilation system is in place in the sanitary areas along with doors and windows throughout the service.

(d) The service is clean with all maintenance work completed.

(e) The following sanitary facilities are available:

- A disability accessible sanitary closet with a toilet, sink and nappy changing unit.
- Two children's toilets and 2 sinks. An additional sink is also available in Room 3 outdoor care room.
- One staff toilet and 1 sink.
- Warm water not exceeding 43°C, liquid soap and hand dryers is provided for hand washing.

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.

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(3) 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) The registered provider ensured that adequate clear floor space is available in the premises for the work, play and movement of children attending the pre-school service.

(2) Based on the measurements of the care rooms the registered provider ensures that the minimum amount of clear floor space is available for each child proposing to attend the service on a part-time/ full day care basis.

(4) (a)&(b)

Room 2:

Free floor space available is 35.85square meters. This provides sufficient space for the proposed:

- 20 children between the ages of 2 to 6 years attending the service on a sessional basis, or
- 16 children between the ages of 2 to 6 years attending the service on a part-time /full day care basis.

Room 3:

Free floor space available is 32.91 square meters. This provides sufficient space for the proposed:

- 13 children between the age of 2 to 6 years attending the service on a sessional basis, or
- 14 children between the ages of 2 to 6 years attending the service on a part-time /full day care basis.