

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Initial Inspection of Proposed New Service

Tusla I.D:	TU2024CC007
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Name of Service:	All Stars Preschool
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Address of Service:	Bishop Galvin Central School, Newcestown, Bandon, Co. Cork. P72 VY04
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Email Address:	noelleamurphy@gmail.com
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Name of Proposed Registered Provider:	Noelle Harrington
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Type of Proposed Service:	Full Day Care		Part-Time	↓	Drop-In	
	Sessional	↓	Childminding		Temporary	

Proposed service type:	Sessional and Part Time Day Care
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Proposed Number of Children:	44
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Outcome of the F06 Inspection (e.g., type of service, numbers, age ranges, times,)	The service will operate a sessional and part time service. The registered provider stated the service will cater for children aged from 2 to 6 years (ECCE)
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Registered service:	Registered Part time Sessional Service 44 children.
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Inspection Undertaken by:	M.O' Reilly
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Title:	Early Years Inspector
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Tusla Early Years Inspectorate Address:	Early Years Inspectorate Hospital Grounds, Coolnagarrane Skibbereen Co Cork P81 PD78
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Rationale for Inspection	
Proposed New Service	

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

Registration Status:	Registered Part time Sessional Service 44 children.
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Date of Registration:	27 th August 2024
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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	All Stars Preschool is a new early years service that proposes to operate a sessional and part time day care service, that will cater for children aged between 2 and 6 years of age and for children attending the Early Childhood Care and Education Scheme (ECCE). The service proposes to open from Monday to Friday between 9:15am and 2:15pm. The service also proposes to operate a school aged care service.
Premises	The service proposes to operate from two prefabricated detached single storey buildings on the grounds of, Bishop Galvin Central School. The service is located in the rural village of Newcestown, Bandon, Co. Cork. The two rooms have been suitably converted into early years service playrooms with adjoining children's toilet facilities. The adults have access to a staff toilet within the national school building. The children will have access to designated outdoor areas located beside the two playrooms within the grounds of the national school.
Staffing	The service proposes on opening, that the two early years service rooms will be in operation. There will be two staff assigned to each room who will work directly with the children. The staff will hold a qualification in Early Childhood Care and Education.
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 Inspector wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the registered provider/person in charge 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:

The requirement has been met.

(a) The service had a named designated person in charge and a named deputy. The registered provider/person in charge was present for the fit for purpose inspection.

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:

The requirement has been met:

(1) It is proposed that both rooms will be in operation on opening and that four adults will be employed who will work directly with the children. When required, an adult will be employed under the Access and Inclusion Model (AIM) Support Scheme.

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.

Requirement met:

The requirement has been met.

(1)(a) There are low shelves provided in the playrooms that are accessible to the children. The shelves are stocked with a selection of activities, equipment and play materials that are all functioning and maintained in good condition. The children have access to a designated outdoor play area beside each of the playrooms, with in the grounds of the national school.

(1)(b). There was suitable sleep equipment for children over 2 years that required a sleep while attending the service. Stacking beds were available with suitable individual bed linen and cellular blankets. There was a designated rest area provided in both playrooms consisting of padded floor mats.

(2)(a), (3)(a) There are designated outdoor play areas provided beside the premise. One outdoor play area has a natural grass surface, and the other outdoor play area has a cement surface. Both outdoor play areas were adequately secured. The children will be adequately supervised by staff when playing outdoors.

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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.

- It is proposed that the parents will provide all the food and drink requirements for the children while attending the service.
- A second nutritional food break will be provided for the children attending the part-time day-care service.
- There will be potable drinking water available in the service.
- The children’s water bottle will be freely available to the children while attending the service.
- A fridge is provided in each room, to store perishable foods provided by 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 requirements have been met.

- The entrance door leading to each playroom is adequately secured reducing the risk of unauthorised access by a person onto the premises or the leaving of an unsupervised child.
- All toys and play equipment in the proposed playrooms are safe and in good condition.
- There was thermostatically controlled warm water, antibacterial liquid handheld soap containers and paper hand towels at the wash hand basins for hygienic hand washing and hygienic hand drying in the adult and children’s toilet facilities. All rubbish will be disposed in pedal operated lidded bins. There is no nappy changing unit in the service, as the registered provider stated that all children proposing to attend the service will be toilet trained.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cleaning agents and equipment will be stored safely in a locked room beside the adult toilet, located in the main school building and beside the early years' service. Key is located at adult height when room is not in use. • All the openable windows in the service are at adult height. • The cords attached to the window blinds are all secured by wall brackets. • There is a first aid box located at adult height in both playrooms. • No electrical cables visible in the service on the day of inspection. • The emergency fire exit doors were unobstructed at time of inspection. There was one mains operated alarm on one of the emergency fire exit door in playroom 1. On the inner side of the emergency fire exit door there was a bar located at child height. If a child pushed on the bar and opened the emergency fire exit door by mistake, the staff will be immediately alerted, as it will activate the alarm in place.
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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.

(1)

The available documentary evidence demonstrates that one of the adults that will be employed at the service holds up to date certification in First Aid Responder (FAR) training. This adult will be available on the premises at all times during the hours of operation.

(2)

(a) The first aid box in each playroom was stored at adult height

(b) The first aid box was adequately stocked, clear signage of location in playroom and readily accessible by staff.

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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:

The requirement has been met.

(1) (a) The requirement is met in relation to the provision of a form for recording monthly fire drills. The person in charge is aware that fire drills will take place on a monthly basis.

(b) A record of the number and type of firefighting equipment and wired smoke alarm is available on file. Service maintenance records were available that the fire equipment and smoke alarms were serviced on an annual basis.

(4) The service has a designated assembly point in the event of a fire. Fire assembly point signage present.

A notice of procedures to be followed in the event of a fire is displayed on the wall in both playrooms.

Part VI - Safety

Regulation 28 – Insurance

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

Requirement met:

- The insurance certificate when the service will commence operating was available on file and demonstrated that the service was adequately insured for a part time service. The information provided on the insurance certificate included details of the number of children covered which was 44. The start date, which will be the 29 August 2024, the end date, which will be 27 March 2025 and the name and address of the premises. The insurance cover also referred to details regarding, contents, public liability and fire and theft cover.

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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 requirements have been met.

The provider proposes to operate a sessional and part-time day-care service in a facility that has been adapted to provide an early years' service.

(a) From a visual assessment, the premises appears to be of sound and stable structure.

No mould or cracks are visible.

(b) The entrance doors leading to the early years service in both rooms is adequately secured to prevent access by an unauthorised adult or exit by a child.

(c) There are openable windows at adult height, in each of the proposed playrooms and in the children's toilets, and adult toilet.

There are an adequate number of fluorescent lights, fitted with covers in the proposed playrooms and toilet facilities.

Electric heaters with radiator covers are provided in one of the playrooms and electric storage heaters with individual radiator covers are provided in the second prefabricated building. The air temperature in the playrooms and toilet areas recorded at 19°C in one room and to 22°C in the second room during the inspection.

(d) Cleaning schedules are available, and all the play materials are clean and in good condition.

(e) The ratio of children's toilets is:

11 children to every one toilet and one wash hand basin

There are four designated toilets, and four wash hand basins provided for the children in attendance. There is a designated adult toilet and wash hand basin available for use by the adults. There are an adequate number of adult and children's toilets in the service.

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Sewerage is serviced by a septic tank located in the school grounds and the water source is from a public supply.

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) +(2)

The measurement for Playroom 1 is 71.40 square meters. (The playroom located nearest to the national school building). The playroom is spacious and adequate floor space is available in the proposed playroom for the work, play and movement of a maximum of 30 children in the room aged between 2 and 3 years and /or 31 children aged between 3 and 6 years attending the part time service.

It will depend on the number and age group of the children in attendance at any one time in the room.

The measurement for Playroom 2 is 60.45 square meters. This playroom is also spacious and adequate floor space is available in the proposed playrooms for the work, play and movement of a maximum of 25 children in the room aged between 2 and 3 years and/or 26 children aged between 3 and 6 years attending the part time service. It will depend on the number and age group of the children in attendance at any one time in the room.

The adult child ratio for part time day care is 1 adult to 6 children aged between 2 to 3 years.

The adult child ratio for part time day care is 1 adult to 8 children aged between 3 to 6 years.

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(3)

The floor space of 1.818 square meters applies per each early years child attending the sessional service (ECCE) Therefore, both playrooms have adequate space to allow up to a maximum of 22 early years children attending the sessional service in each room. The adult child ratio for sessional (ECCE) is 1 adult to 11 children aged between 2 years 8 months to 6 years.