

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Initial Inspection of Proposed New Service

Tusla I.D: TU2024CC010

Name of Service: Cherry Blossoms Lisgriffin

Address of Service: Lisgriffin National School
Lisgriffin
Mallow,
Cork.
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Name of Proposed Registered Provider: Christina Dunstan

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

Proposed service type: Full Day Care

Proposed Number of Children: 22

Outcome of the F06 Inspection
(e.g., type of service, numbers, age ranges, times,)
Type of Service: Full Day Care
Number of Children: 22
Age range: 2 years to 6 years
Times: 7:00 am until 6:30 pm

Registered service: Registered Full Day Care Service 22 children.

Date of Inspection: 1 8 0 9 2 0 2 4

Inspection Undertaken by: E. Friel

Title: Early Years Inspector

Tusla Early Years Inspectorate Address: 13 Market Square, Mallow, Cork. P51 DD5Y:

Rationale for Inspection
Proposed New Service

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

Registration Status: Registered Full Day Care Service 22 children.

Date of Registration: 24th September 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	Cherry Blossoms Lisgriffin proposes to operate as a private early years care and education service offering a range of provision including full day, part-time and sessional services. It plans to cater for children aged from 2 years to 6 years of age and the proposed operating hours are from 7:00 am until 6.30 pm, Monday to Friday, 51 weeks of the year, facilitating the Early Childhood Care and Education scheme (ECCE) within these hours. A school age care service is currently in operation in the morning from 7:00 am until 8:50 and in the afternoon from 1:30 pm until 6.30 pm.
Premises	The registered provider proposes to operate one classroom as a care room, which is located in Lisgriffin National School, near Buttevant in North Cork. There are two toilets, provided off the main care room, for use by the children and adult toilets are available in the building. The proposed service will have designated access to secure outdoor play areas that will be directly accessible from the entrance of the service.
Staffing	It is proposed that there will be three staff employed in the service, all of whom hold a childcare qualification and will work directly with the children. The registered provider is not service based.
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</p>

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	administrative and legal processes. The contents of the report are compiled by the inspectorate body.
Acknowledgement	The Inspector wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the proposed registered provider who was present on the day of the inspection.

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. (1) (a) The proposed manager will be the designated person in charge and two named persons will be available to deputise.
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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) The proposed registered provider stated that there will be an adequate number of adults, working directly with the early years children, at all times. A minimum of two adults will be on the premises at all times, as the service proposes to operate on a full day care basis.
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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

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(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.

Requirement met:	<p>The requirement has been met.</p> <p>(1) (a)</p> <p>The large care room was laid out in clearly defined areas with equipment and toys providing play and learning opportunities to enhance the learning needs of the proposed children across all developmental areas. The equipment and toys were located on low-level shelving providing easy access, choice and independence.</p> <p>The service will have access to a secure outdoor area which has three areas where the proposed children can play; there is a concrete area with tennis and basketball courts providing opportunities for practicing gross motor skills, mulch area; with equipment encouraging imaginary play including a large wooden boat, Garda car and a shop, which is a wooden hut where the children could play in all weathers. There was also equipment which promoted balancing and climbing skills and offered an element of safe risk. Examples included a ropey wooden bridge stationed on the ground, balancing steps, and a wooden semi circle climbing frame with hand and foot grips. In addition, a large, grassed area; is available and is currently in use as a football pitch.</p> <p>(b) There was a large, cosy, designated rest/quiet area with soft furnishings including a large sofa, cushions and a tent. Three stackable beds are available along with two rainbow sleep mats for children who may wish to rest or sleep, and individual bed linen suitable for children over two years of age was available. There are three window blinds in the area and the lights can be dimmed to provide ambient light for sleep. There is ample room for children who will not be resting to engage in quiet activities away from the rest/quiet area.</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:

This requirement was met.

- It is proposed that breakfast will be provided by the service along with afternoon snack. Foods items including oat and wheat-based cereals, bread, cheese and butter were observed along with milk and orange juice in the service.
- It is proposed that parents/guardians will provide morning snack and a hot lunch.
- Water will be available at all times and children will have the option of bringing individual water bottles.
- A supply of appropriate cutlery and crockery is available for children's use.
- A fridge is available in the care room for storing perishable food and a microwave is available for reheating food.
- Alternative food will be available for children who do not want their food or are hungry.

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 partially met.

General Safety:

- The six windows in the care are fitted with window restrictors.
- Tilt wands were fitted to the blinds on the windows reducing the risk of any accidents occurring.
- Low-level glass in the emergency fire exit door was fitted with visibility stickers, ensuring children could identify the presence of glass.
- The majority of the toys and equipment were new and existing equipment appeared in good condition and well maintained.

- Electrical cables from the fridge, microwave and radio were inaccessible by the children.
- Anti-febrile medication was available in its original container and will be stored on a high shelf in the care room.
- Pedal operated bins were available for the disposal of waste and the outdoor waste bins were secured behind a tall wooden gate, away from the children’s play area.

Infection Control:

- Sinks and wash hand basins in the care room and sanitary areas were supplied with thermostatically controlled hot water, dispensing soap, paper towels, hand dryers, and pedal operated bins were available for the disposal of paper waste.
- Pedal operated bins were available for the disposal of rubbish and recycle items in the care room and the outside waste bins were secured behind a tall wooden gate that was inaccessible by the children. A pedal operated, sealed, lined and lidded nappy bin was available in the children’s sanitary area for the disposal of nappies.
- Disposable gloves and aprons were available for nappy changing.
- Windows in the care room and sanitary area could be opened allowing for the circulation of fresh air.
- Hooks are available in the care room to hang children’s belongings, away from the floor area.

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.*

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Requirement met:	<p>The requirement has been met.</p> <p>(1) Certificates were available to evidence that the proposed registered provider and a named person have valid First Aid Responder (FAR) certificates.</p> <p>The proposed registered provider stated that the named person will be available at all times to the early years children.</p> <p>(2)</p> <p>(a) (b) There was a well-equipped first aid box available within easy reach of the adults at all times.</p>
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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 firefighting 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:	<p>The requirement has been met.</p> <p>(1)</p> <p>(a) A template was available for recording fire drills in the service. The proposed registered provider was aware that these are carried out on a monthly basis.</p> <p>(b) Records were available which indicated that the firefighting fighting equipment had been serviced in December 2023 and the smoke alarms on 2 July 2024.</p> <p>(4) The notice of the procedures to be followed in the event of a fire were displayed in the service and the fire assembly point was located on the outdoor fencing at the flag poles, a safe distance from the service.</p>
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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:

The requirement has been met.

Documentation was available to evidence that the service is insured. The certificate stated that the service is insured for 22 children on full day care basis with an expiry date of 27th of March 2025.

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:

- (a) The registered provider stated that the service was of sound and stable structure.
- (b) The main entrance door of the service is not accessible from the outside, preventing unauthorised adults from accessing the care room. The kitchen/office in the main corridor is fitted with a hook and eye latch ensuring the children exiting from the service cannot access unsafe areas. The store room in the care room, where the adults will store their belongings, and the cleaning agents, is secured with a key.

The perimeters of the proposed outdoor play areas are secured with high metal fencing and tall hedging. The high metal entrance gate was secured with a sliding bolt and the registered provider stated that it will be secured by a staff member prior to the proposed children playing in the outdoor areas, ensuring no

unauthorised adults can gain entry, and no child can leave any of the areas unsupervised.

(c) The care room was supplied with natural light from the six windows and artificial light from the seven covered strip lights on the ceiling. The sanitary areas had both natural light from windows and artificial light from covered lights. The care room had natural ventilation from the openable windows and the sanitary areas had a fan and open windows.

Heating is supplied from gas radiators which can be controlled from a panel in the kitchen. The room temperature was recorded at 22°C and the radiators were recorded at 32°C, within recommended limits.

(d) The fire system had just been upgraded and the heating system had been serviced. The care room was bright and clean, and the flooring was well maintained.

(e) There were two individual children's toilets, and two wash hand basins, located off the care room, one of which was fitted with a fold down changing table. An adult toilet, with a wash hand basin, was available off the main corridor nearby. All of the sanitary areas had paper towels and hand dryers.

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.

Requirement met:

The requirement has been met.

(1) The proposed registered provider has ensured that there will be adequate floor space available for the work, play and movement of the proposed 22 children with the floor space available measured at 75.3 m².
 will be attending on a full day care basis.

(2) The minimum space requirement for children aged from 2 years attending a full day care service is 2.35 m² or 1.818 for a sessional service. Therefore, there is adequate space of 75.3 m² in the service for the proposed 22 full day care children.