

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Initial Inspection of Proposed New Service

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Name of Service:	Mini Me's Crèche Butlersbridge Ltd
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Address of Service:	Drumahurk, Butlersbridge, Co Cavan.
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Email Address:	minimesbb@gmail.com
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Name of Proposed Registered Provider:	Eugenia Sheridan
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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:	Sessional, Part-Time and Full Day care Service
Proposed Number of Children:	65
Outcome of the F06 Inspection	<p>Sessional, Part-Time and Full Day care Service</p> <p>54 children (this is based on calculation of floor space as per Reg 30)</p> <p>2 to 6 years</p> <p>08:30am to 6pm</p>
Registered service:	Registered Sessional, Part-Time and Full Day care Service 54 children.

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Inspection Undertaken by:	D.Murray
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Title:	Early Years Inspector
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Tusla Early Years Inspectorate Address:	Tusla Early Years Inspectorate 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 Sessional, Part-Time and Full Day care Service 54 children.
Date of Registration:	20 th August 2024

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 from 2 to 6 years. It is proposed that the service will operate from 08:30am to 6pm each weekday catering for a maximum of 65 children. The service proposes to participate in the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Programme. A school aged service will also be provided.
Premises	The service is purpose built consisting of 2 pre-school care rooms and 2 school aged rooms, kitchen, sanitary facilities and a storeroom. An outdoor space is located adjacent to the building with a grass area in front of the building. The grass area was not in use on the day of inspection due to nearby construction work in progress.

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	<p>The registered provider is purposing the following:</p> <p>The Tornado room will provide care and education to children from 2 years 6 months to 6 years attending the service on a sessional, part-time and full day care basis from 9am to 6pm.</p> <p>The Adventurer room will provide care and education to children from 2 years 6 months to 6 years attending the service on a sessional, part-time basis from 09:15am to 1:30 pm. This room will accommodate school aged children from 1:30pm to 6pm.</p> <p>The Chillers and Afterschool 3 care rooms accommodate school age children only.</p>
Staffing	<p>The registered provider will be the person in charge along with a deputy and 5 childcare care staff.</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 wish to acknowledge the co-operation of the proposed registered provider and deputy person in charge who were 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:

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

The registered provider will be the designated person in charge of operating the service, a named person to deputise has also 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. The registered provider has appointed a deputy person in charge along with 5 childcare staff members to work directly with the children attending 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.

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.

Stackable beds are placed in the Tornedos room for the older children requiring sleep. Cosy areas consisting of mats, cushions and couches are available in both care rooms for children to take a break from activities and rest if needed.

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

An outdoor space is located adjacent to the premises, which is divided by fencing, enclosed by walls and fencing with a secure gate. The surface area consists of cement ,soft tiles, gravel and an artificial grass surface. Equipment included wooden benches, climbing tunnel, mud kitchen, sand trays, gravel pit, wooden play house, childrens table and chairs for outdoor activities, toy cars and ride on toys.

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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.

A healthy eating policy along with a 3-week menu plan is available for the service. The children will bring their morning snack with the remainder of the meals prepared onsite by the cook. 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 service is secure, as the main entrance door is operated by a buzzer system and the outdoor area is secure by walls, fencing with a secure gate. These safety measures prevent a child from exiting unsupervised and unauthorised access to the service.
- 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.
- The kitchen is located upstairs. The kitchen door will remain closed during the hours of operation.
- All emergency doors were found to be clear and unobstructed.
- All cleaning equipment were stored out of reach of children.

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- Pedal bins are provided in all care room and sanitary facilities throughout the service. 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 all sleeping 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*
 - (b) 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.

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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) 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 and mains powered smoke alarm which was last serviced on the 30/05/2024.

(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 on the fence beside the entrance to 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 registered provider has adequate insurance for 65 children at any one time attending for full day care. The service is currently insured from 07th August 2024 to the 27th March 2025.

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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 appear to be of sound and stable structure.

(b) The service and outdoor space is secure.

(c)

- The care rooms and the sanitary facilities in the service have a number of windows which provides these areas with natural light. A mechanical ventilation system is in place in the sanitary area.
- The natural light can be augmented with artificial ceiling lighting as required.
- The heating system in the service is regulated by oil wall mounted radiators on the walls in the care rooms and sanitary areas. The temperature of the care rooms range between 18.0°C to 20.8°C on the day of inspection.

(d) The service is clean and maintained.

(e) The following sanitary facilities are available:

- One staff sanitary closet is located off the main hallway downstairs.
- In total the service has 6 children’s sanitary closets with 6 toilets, 6 sinks and 1 nappy changing unit mounted to a wall in one of the closets.
- Warm water not exceeding 43°C, liquid soap and hand paper towel 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.

Requirement met:

The requirement has been met.

(1) The registered provider ensured that adequate clear floor space was 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 room the registered provider ensured that the minimum amount of clear floor space is available for each child proposing to attend the service on a full day care/part- time basis. These are outlined as follows

Tornado room

Clear floor space available is 43.6 square meters. This provides sufficient space for the proposed:

24 children between the ages of 2.6 years to 6 years attending the service on a sessional basis or 19 children between the ages of 2.6 years to 6 years attending the service on a part-time /full day care basis.

The proposed registered provider has stated that there will only be 22 sessional children and 8 full day care children.

Adventurer room

Free floor space available is 55.24 square meters. This provides sufficient space for the proposed:

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30 children between the age of 2.6years to 6 years attending the service on a sessional basis or 24 children between the age of 2.6 years to 6 years attending the service on a part-time basis.

The proposed registered provider has stated that there will only be 22 sessional children and 4 full day care children.