

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Initial Inspection of Proposed New Service



Tusla I.D: TU2024DR004

Name of Service: Lycée Français International (LFI)

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Name of Proposed Registered Provider: Philippe Lucquet

Type of Proposed Service:	Full Day Care	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Part-Time	<input type="checkbox"/>	Drop-In	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Sessional	<input type="checkbox"/>	Childminding	<input type="checkbox"/>	Temporary	<input type="checkbox"/>

Proposed service type: Full Day Care

Proposed Number of Children: 30

Outcome of the F06 Inspection: It is proposed that the service will operate from 8.15am to 6pm five days a week.

Registered service: Registered Full Day Care for 30 children.

Date of Inspection:

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Inspection Undertaken by: Mary Redmond and Olivia Quill

Title: Early Years Inspectors

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Co Wicklow

Rationale for Inspection

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

Registration Status:	Registered Full Day Care for 30 children.
Date of Registration:	16 th September 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	This service is a privately operated bilingual school which follows the French educational curriculum. It is proposed to provide full day care for a maximum of 30 children aged 3 to 6 years of age. The proposed hours of operation are from 8.15am to 6pm for approximately 38 weeks of the year.
Premises	The premises is a school building. Two rooms are provided for the care of pre-school children: one on the ground floor and one on the first floor. The building is co-located with a local primary school.
Staffing	The registered provider has appointed a manager and deputy manager for the service. There will be approximately five adults employed to work with the pre-school children.
Methodology	<p>The inspection was an announced pre-registration inspection to assess suitability of the service for registration under the Childcare Act 1991 (Early Years Services) Regulations 2016 and Childcare Act 1991 (Early Years Services) (Amendment) Regulations 2016. The inspection focused on the areas of Governance, Safety and the Premises.</p> <p>The findings on inspection are based on information obtained through examination of documentation, direct observation, and discussion with relevant staff and are documented in the inspection report and submitted to the registration office for consideration of a decision in relation to the service receiving registration.</p>
Acknowledgement	The inspectors wish to acknowledge the cooperation of the proposed registered provider and the designated person in charge who facilitated 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.

(1)(a) The registered provider has ensured that there will be a designated person in charge and a named person to deputise when required.

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) An adequate number of adults have been recruited to work in this service.

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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
 - (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:

The requirement has been met.

(1)(a) The service will operate from two rooms located within the school building. The rooms are bright and spacious and suitably laid out to cater for the needs of children who will be attending in each room.

(1)(b) Suitable sleep beds with appropriate storage for linen are available for children who will require rest during the day.

(2)(a) There is an enclosed outdoor area provided on the premises. Suitable play equipment is available including a climbing frame. The children also have access to a space to the front of the building which is shared with the adjoining school. There were no ponds, pits or other hazards observed in the outdoor area.

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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 partially met. Parents will provide a healthy lunch and snacks for children attending.
Requirement not met:	There is no facility for the provision of a hot meal for pre-school children attending on a full day care basis.
Response from provider:	A signed contract is in place with a supplier for the provision of a hot meal for the return to school in September 2024.
Summary comment:	The requirement for registration has been met.

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. External doors were secured to prevent unauthorised access to the service. Internal doors had high handles to prevent children from exiting the rooms unsupervised. Window blind cords (where they are used) are secured. Protective radiator covers have been provided where required. Emergency exits are clear and fire exit doors have been appropriately secured. There is provision for the appropriate disposal and storage of waste including the provision of foot pedal operated bins in the sanitary accommodation.
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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) The designated person in charge and other adults working in the service have current certification in First Aid Responder (FAR) training.

(2)(a) A suitably equipped first aid box is available in the service.

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 designated person in charge has indicated that monthly fire drills will be carried out.

(1)(b) There is a record available relating to the number and type of firefighting equipment and for the servicing of the fire detection and alarm system.

(4) Notices of the procedures to be followed in the event of fire were displayed conspicuously and the fire assembly point was identified.

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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:

Evidence of insurance was submitted to the registration office. The service is adequately insured for the number of children attending the service from the 31/12/2023 to the 30/12/2024.

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 partially met.

(a) The proposed service is located within an existing school building and appears to be of sound and stable structure.

(b) The main entry point to the service is suitably secured. The outdoor play area is secured to prevent a child leaving the area unsupervised and to restrict unauthorised access to the area.

(c) The premises benefits from natural light via windows in the pre-school rooms. There is supplemental artificial lighting also provided from covered fluorescent ceiling lights in the rooms. Radiators are serviced by a gas central heating system. Windows in the care rooms and in the downstairs sanitary accommodation can be opened.

(d) The premises and its environs are clean and well maintained.

(e) Sanitary facilities have been provided. There are six toilets and five wash hand basins designated for children’s use. A separate toilet and wash hand basin has been provided for adults.

Requirement not met:

- (e)
1. The shower curtains provided as partitions between toilets in the children’s sanitary accommodation were not suitable as they could not be effectively cleaned and posed a risk of cross contamination.
 2. There was no hot water available in the sanitary accommodation adjacent to the pre-school room 1 (downstairs).

Response from provider:

- (e)
1. The partitions will be installed during the mid-term break in February 2024.
 2. The temperature of the water has been reset to ensure that the water is at the correct temperature.

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Summary comment:	The requirement for registration has been met.
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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.

Requirement met:	<p>The requirement has been met.</p> <p>(1) Adequate clear floor space has been provided for the work, play and movement of 30 children proposing to attend the service as demonstrated.</p> <p>(2)</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Room</th> <th>Room 1 Petite Section (downstairs)</th> <th>Room 2 Petite Section/Moyen Section (upstairs)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Clear floor space</td> <td>59.1 sqm</td> <td>56.2 sqm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Proposed age range</td> <td>3-6 years</td> <td>3-6 years</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Maximum number children</td> <td>26</td> <td>24</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The required floor space for 30 children in the proposed age range attending on a full day care basis is exceeded.</p>		Room	Room 1 Petite Section (downstairs)	Room 2 Petite Section/Moyen Section (upstairs)	Clear floor space	59.1 sqm	56.2 sqm	Proposed age range	3-6 years	3-6 years	Maximum number children	26	24
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