

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Initial Inspection of Proposed New Service

Tusla I.D:	TU2024WW004
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Name of Service:	Coolboy Pre-school
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Address of Service:	Cornfield Coolboy Tinahely Co. Wicklow Y14 N840
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Email Address:	saraswords@hotmail.com
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Name of Proposed Registered Provider:	Sara Swords
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Type of Proposed Service:	Full Day Care	<input type="checkbox"/>	Part-Time	<input type="checkbox"/>	Drop-In	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Sessional	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Childminding	<input type="checkbox"/>	Temporary	<input type="checkbox"/>

Proposed service type:	The registered provider proposes to operate a sessional service, for children ages two to six years of age.
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Proposed Number of Children:	22
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Outcome of the F06 Inspection (e.g., type of service, numbers, age ranges, times,)	To allow the proposed registered provider to operate a sessional service for 22 children aged two to six years of age from 09.00am to 12.00pm for 38 weeks of the year.
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Registered service:	Sessional Service 22 children
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Inspection Undertaken by:	H. Bourke
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Title:	Early Years Inspector
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Tusla Early Years Inspectorate Address:	Tusla Child and Family Agency First Floor Trinity Building IDA Business Park Southern Cross Road
	Bray Co. Wicklow

Rationale for Inspection
Proposed New Service

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

Registration Status:	Sessional Service 22 children
Date of Registration:	21 st 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	The proposed private childcare facility aims to provide a sessional service for children in the 2-to-6-year age range. The service had applied to accommodate 22 children and the proposed hours of operation are from 9am to 12pm, Monday to Friday for 38 weeks of the year.
Premises	The proposed new service will operate from a converted garage located on the grounds of the proposed registered provider's home. The service will comprise of one large care room with separate sanitary facilities located in the premises. There is a large enclosed outdoor space to the side and rear of the premises.
Staffing	The proposed registered provider and a second adult will work directly with the children who will attend the service. Both adults working with children have attained major awards in Early Childhood Care and Education on the National Framework of Qualifications.
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>

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Acknowledgement	The Inspector wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the proposed registered provider 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:	<p>The requirement has been met.</p> <p>(1)(a)</p> <p>The proposed registered provider has ensured that there will be a designated person in charge and there will be a named person to deputise when required.</p>
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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:	<p>The requirement has been met.</p> <p>(1)</p> <p>An adequate number of adults have been recruited to work in this proposed service.</p>
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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 proposed service comprises of one large pre-school room. The room is bright and spacious and suitably laid out to cater for the needs of children who will be attending the proposed childcare facility.

(b)

A suitable cosy rest area, with several mats and cushions, has been provided in the proposed service room, should children require a rest during their day.

(2)(a)

There is a large outdoor area provided on the premises. The area is directly accessed from the care room. The area has an impact absorbing mulch area and is completely enclosed with wooden fencing. Suitable play equipment and materials are available including a pirate's ship, wooden house, outdoor kitchen, covered sand pit, climbing frame, a small greenhouse and ride-on toys. There were no ponds, pits or other hazards observed in the outdoor area.

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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.

The parents of the children proposing to attend the service will provide all the snacks the children require. The snacks will need to be in line with the Healthy Eating Policy of the proposed service. Refrigerated storage facilities are available for perishable snacks. Portable water will be available for children. If a child requires additional food the proposed registered provider can provide a healthy snack as needed.

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 proposed registered provider stated the sliding double doors, which are the main access point to the service will be locked at all times, ensuring children cannot leave the service unsupervised and unauthorised access to the service cannot occur.
- The emergency exit doors were unobstructed.
- Storage is available for children’s belongings.
- There is provision for the appropriate disposal and storage of waste including the provision of foot pedal operated bins in the care room and sanitary area.
- Cleaning materials and equipment are locked away in the proposed pre-school room.
- A fridge is available in the proposed care room for the storage of food.

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- A proposed cleaning schedule for toys and equipment was available
- The sanitary accommodation was well stocked with a sufficient supply of liquid soap, warm water and paper hand towel.
- The sanitary area has natural ventilation.
- All windows have restrictors in place.

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 proposed registered provider has a current certification in First Aid Responder (FAR) training.

(2)(a)

A suitably equipped first aid box is available in the proposed pre-school room.

(b)

The first aid box will always be available.

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 proposed registered provider has indicated that fire drills will be carried out.

(b)

There is a record available relating to the number and type of firefighting equipment and for the commissioning and 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.

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.

Full insurance policy was provided to the registration office. There was evidence of an insurance policy for pre-school children attending on a sessional basis which expires on the 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:

The requirement has been met.

(a)

The proposed service is in the grounds of the proposed registered provider’s home, in a converted garage and appears to be of sound and stable structure.

(b)

There are two points of entry to the service. Firstly, through the sliding door to the front of the building and the second through the door located to the side of the premises. Both doors are secured with turnkey locking system which will be monitored by the proposed registered provider.

The outdoor area is secured to prevent a child leaving the area unsupervised and to prevent unauthorised access to the area.

(c)

The premises benefits from natural light via windows in the proposed pre-school room. There is supplemental artificial lighting also provided from covered fluorescent ceiling lights in the rooms. Thermostatically controlled hot water (which did not exceed 43 degrees Celsius) and a centrally controlled electric heating system was available. Windows in the proposed care room can be opened and natural ventilation is provided in the sanitary area.

(d)

The premises and its environment were clean and well maintained.

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(e)

Adequate and suitable sanitary facilities have been provided.

There are two toilets and two wash hand basins designated for children’s use. There is a separate sanitary unit with disability access, this can also be used by adults in the proposed service.

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.

(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:

The requirement has been met.

(1)

Adequate clear floor space has been provided for the work, play and movement of the number of children proposing to attend the service as demonstrated below:

(3)

The clear floor space measured 42.73 square metres, allowing for 22 children on a sessional basis.