

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Initial Inspection of Proposed New Service

Tusla I.D:	TU2025CC010												
Name of Service:	Janeville Childcare Ltd												
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Name of Proposed Registered Provider:	Elaine Bermingham												
Type of Proposed Service:	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Full Day Care</td> <td>✓</td> <td>Part-Time</td> <td></td> <td>Drop-In</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sessional</td> <td>✓</td> <td>Childminding</td> <td></td> <td>Temporary</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Full Day Care	✓	Part-Time		Drop-In		Sessional	✓	Childminding		Temporary	
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Proposed service type:	Full Day Care and Sessional												
Proposed Number of Children:	183												
Outcome of the F06 Inspection (e.g., type of service, numbers, age ranges, times,)	<p>Number of Children: 141 maximum children for full day care, 153 children for sessional care at any one time.</p> <p>Hours of Operation: 07:30-18:00</p> <p>Age: 1 to 6 years</p>												
Registered service:	Registered Full Day Care & Sessional Service for 153 children (Max. 141 Full Day Care) aged 1-6 years from 07:30-18:00												
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Inspection Undertaken by:	N O'Donoghue & D Cotter												
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Rationale for Inspection

Proposed New Service

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

Registration Status:	Registered Full Day Care & Sessional Service for 153 Children (Max. 141 Full Day Care)
Date of Registration:	10 th December 2025

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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	Janeville Childcare Ltd proposes to register as a full day care service for early years children aged 1 to 6 years. It proposes to operate from 7.30am to 6.00pm, Monday to Friday, 52 weeks of the year. The service also proposes to facilitate children attending the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Scheme, from 9.00am to 12.00pm.
Premises	It is proposed that the service will operate from a purpose built premises, located in a residential area of Carrigaline in Cork. In total, there are eight care rooms, with adjoining or adjacent child sanitary facilities. Three sleep rooms are also available, along a kitchen, a kitchen/staff room, an office and reception area. There is a designated outdoor play space at the rear of the building.
Staffing	It is proposed that a maximum of 24 adults will be attached to the service at any one time. This includes early years educators, students, kitchen staff and caretakers. The proposed registered provider will not be fully 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 administrative and legal processes. The contents of the report are compiled by the inspectorate body.</p>
Acknowledgement	The Inspectors wish to acknowledge the cooperation of the proposed registered provider and person in charge who were 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) A person in charge has been appointed to oversee the operation of the proposed service. A deputy has also been identified.

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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 service proposes that the required adult to child ratios will be adhered to as follows:

- The Wobbler 1 room will each cater for 15 children, aged 1 to 2 years and both rooms will be staffed by 3 adults
- The Wobbler 2 room will each cater for 15 children, aged 1 to 2 years and both rooms will be staffed by 3 adults.
- The Toddler 1 m will accommodate 15 children, with an age range of 2 to 3 years and there will be 3 adults available to these children.
- The Toddler 2 room will accommodate 15 children, with an age range of 2 to 3 years and there will be 3 adults available to these children.
- The Playschool 1 room will cater for 18 children aged 2 to 3 years and there will be 3 adults working directly with these children.
- The Playschool 2 room will cater for 18 children aged 2 to 3 years and there will be 3 adults working directly with these children.
- Preschool 1 will facilitate up to 26 children between the age of 2 ½ to 6 years, during the sessional service and 3 staff. Up to 21 children will remain for full day care and 3 staff will be available.
- Preschool 2 will facilitate up to 31 children between the age of 2 ½ to 6 years, during the sessional service and 3 staff. Up to 24 children will remain for full day care and 3 staff will be available

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.*

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Requirement met:	<p>The requirement has been met.</p> <p>(1)</p> <p>(a) The proposed care rooms are bright and spacious. A broad range of developmentally appropriate play resources are available on low-laying, open shelving.</p> <p>(b)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The rest needs of children aged under 2 years will be accommodated in two designated sleep rooms and in the Toddler 2 care room. • The sleep rooms are equipped with 24 standard cots and waterproof safety mattresses. • There are 16 floor beds accessible. The proposed registered provider is aware of the requirement to complete an individual sleep plan and risk assessment, in respect of each child aged 15 months to 2 years, who will be using a floor bed. • There are 52 stackable beds and a supply of linen provided for any child aged over 2 years, who may require sleep. • A suitably furnished rest area is provided in each care room. These spaces include brightly coloured floor mats, cushions, soft toys and books. <p>(2)</p> <p>(a) A suitable, safe and secure outdoor play environment is located to the rear of the building.</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:	<p>The requirement has been met.</p> <p>A healthy eating policy was available for review and is suitable for a full day care service. Up to four daily meals will be offered: breakfast, a mid-morning snack, a hot lunch and an afternoon snack. It is proposed that the service will supply all of the meals and snacks for the children who will attend full day care, including a hot meal from an outside catering company. Corresponding menus have been developed. Parents or guardians have the option of providing snacks for the children, in particular children who will attend the ECCE sessional service.</p> <p>There are several refrigerators available throughout the premises, for the safe storage of perishable foods and sufficient reheating facilities are also provided. Drinking water will be freely accessible to children throughout the day. Appropriate crockery and cutlery will be used for mealtimes.</p>
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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.

General safety:

- Cables from electrical equipment are maintained out of the children’s reach.
- There are no blind cords within the care rooms.
- Visibility strips are in place on low-level glass panels.
- Fire exits were clear and free from obstruction.
- Firefighting equipment is safely wall mounted.
- Thermostatically controlled warm water is available at all of the wash hand basis and all water temperature readings were noted to be below 43°C.

Infection control:

- Warm running water, liquid soap and paper towels are provided for hygienic handwashing and drying. Foot pedal operated bins are also in place and foot pedal operated nappy bins have been ordered.
- Disposable gloves and aprons are readily accessible for use during nappy changing procedures.
- All of the cot mattresses are waterproof and easy to clean.
- The premises is maintained in a notably clean and hygienic condition.

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 relevant certification was available to demonstrate that three adults have completed First Aid Responder (FAR) training. At least one of these adults will be available to the children at all times.

(2)

- (a) First aid boxes are accessible across the service and are adequately stocked.
- (b) The first aid supplies will be available during the hours of operation.

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 designated book is available to document regular monthly fire drills.

(b) A list, which details the number and type of firefighting equipment is maintained on file. The records indicated that the smoke detection system was commissioned on 27 August 2025 and the firefighting equipment was installed on 21 July 2025.

(4) The fire evacuation procedure, outlining details of the steps to be followed in the event of a fire, is displayed in various locations throughout the premises. The fire assembly points are clearly signposted.

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.

A proposed insurance quote is in place for a maximum of 183 children to attend the service. The certificate is valid from 01 December 2025 to 27 March 2026.

This service’s registration is contingent upon the registered provider maintaining up to-date insurance coverage that accurately reflects the number of children attending the service.

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) From a visual examination, the exterior of the building appears to be of sound and stable structure.

(b) The main entrance door is fitted with a keypad and there is a buzzer in place for visitors. Exit from the interior is controlled by a door release button, at adult height. The outdoor play spaces are fully enclosed by walls and secured gates.

(c) The care room is provided with a supply of natural light, through glass windows and doors. This is supplemented by LED ceiling lights, with protective covers, which are also available in the sanitary facilities. Adequate ventilation is provided in the care rooms through openable windows. Mechanical ventilation is in place in the sanitary facilities.

(d) A programme of cleaning has been developed and there are cleaning records displayed across the service, which staff will sign, in line with regular cleaning.

(e) A total of 12 toilets and 18 wash hand basins are available across the children’s sanitary facilities. Two additional wash hand basins within these areas are for adult’s use. There are also 4 nappy changing units in place, which allow for up to 44 children in nappies to be accommodated. Three toilets and three wash hand basins are accessible for adults, which allows for a maximum of 24 adults to be on site at any one time. Adults include students, early years educators and ancillary staff. The premises is serviced by a public water and sewage system.

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.*
- (4) *Where a registered provider contemporaneously provides—*
 - (a) *a sessional pre-school service, and*
 - (b) *a full day care service or a part-time day care service, or both,**the minimum clear floor space applicable for the duration of the sessional preschool service in respect of the children attending that service shall be the floor space specified in paragraph (3).*
- (5) *A registered provider of a temporary pre-school service shall ensure that a minimum of 2 square metres of clear floor space is available for each child attending the service.*

Requirement met:

The requirement has been met.

- (1) There is adequate clear floor space available in the premises for the work, play and movement of the children planning to attend the additional preschool service.
- (2) The proposed new care rooms were measured as follows:
 - Wobbler 1: 56.39m², 15 children (full day care) aged 1 to 2 years.
 - Wobbler 2: 46.71m², 15 children (full day care) aged 1 to 2 years.
 - Toddler 1: 51.02m², 15 children (full day care) aged 2 to 3 years.
 - Toddler 2: 51.23m², 15 children (full day care) aged 2 to 3 years.
 - Playschool 1: 51.07m², 18 children (full day care) aged 2 to 3 years.
 - Playschool 2: 51.40m², 18 children (full day care) aged 2 to 3 years.
 - Preschool 1: 48.74m², 26 children (sessional) or 21 children (full day care) aged 2 ½ to 6 years.
 - Preschool 2: 56.89m², 31 children (sessional) or 24 children (full day care) aged 2 ½ to 6 years
- (3) The registered provider proposes to contemporaneously cater for children attending the sessional service and the full day care service. The Preschool room allows for the children attending the sessional service, to have a minimum of 1.818 square metres of clear floor space during this time.