

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Initial Inspection of Proposed New Service

Tusla I.D:	TU2025DR006
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Name of Service:	Blue Stars Early Years Service
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Address of Service:	Office 3, Lower Ground Floor, Whelan House, South County Business Park, Dublin 18, D18 T9P8
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Name of Proposed Registered Provider:	Analisse Cedeno
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Type of Proposed Service:	Full Day Care	<input type="checkbox"/>	Part-Time	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Drop-In	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Sessional	<input type="checkbox"/>	Childminding	<input type="checkbox"/>	Temporary	<input type="checkbox"/>

Proposed service type:	Part-time service
Proposed Number of Children:	12
Outcome of the F06 Inspection (e.g., type of service, numbers, age ranges, times,)	Part-time service Number of children 11 3 to 6 years of age Operational hours 9.00-13.00 and 13.30-17.30
Registered service:	Registered Part-Time Service for 11 Children

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Inspection Undertaken by:	H. Bourke and S. Early O'Brien
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Title:	Early Years Inspectors
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Rationale for Inspection

Proposed New Service

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

Registration Status:	Registered Part-Time Service for 11 Children
Date of Registration:	26 th August 2025

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	<p>The proposed private childcare facility aims to provide part-time care for children aged three years to six years of age.</p> <p>The service will cater solely for children with a diagnosis of ASD. The service proposes to accommodate a maximum number of 12 children at full capacity, with a morning and evening part-time service.</p>
Premises	<p>The proposed service consists of a single storey, adapted premises which can accommodate the proposed childcare service. There are three care rooms, Room 1, 2 and 3, available on the ground floor. Sanitary accommodation for both children and staff is available and a staff room/kitchen. There is one large enclosed outdoor space to the front of the premises.</p>
Staffing	<p>The registered provider has appointed a manager and deputy manager for the service. Initially there will be five adults working with children and these adults have all attained at least a major award in Early Childhood Care and Education at Level 5 on the National Framework of Qualifications or a qualification deemed equivalent.</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</p>

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	<p>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 deciding 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 manager and the deputy manager 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:	<p>The requirement has been met.</p> <p>(1)(a)</p> <p>The registered provider has ensured that there will be a designated person in charge and a named person to deputise if 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:

The requirement has been met.

(1)

The service proposes to accommodate 12 children on a part time basis with an adequate number of adults working directly with the children at all times. There will be five staff members employed in 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:

This requirement has been met.

(1)(a)

The proposed service consists of three care rooms. The rooms are bright, spacious and well laid out to cater for the age range of children who will be attending the proposed service.

The rooms contained a variety of toys, dolls, colouring pencils, puzzles and jigsaws and a construction area. There is an individual cosy area in each of the proposed rooms.

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	<p>All the equipment and toys examined were age appropriate and will be available for the children attending the service.</p> <p>(b)</p> <p>Storable mattresses have been provided for children over two years of age and a suitable rest area has been provided in care Room 3. Additional mattresses will be purchased if required.</p> <p>(2)(a)</p> <p>There is a large enclosed outdoor area provided to the front of the premises; this area can be accessed from care Room 1. The area is suitable, safe and secure.</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:

The requirement has been met.

Parents will be requested to provide all snacks for their child attending on a part-time basis and will be in line with the Health Eating policy of the service.

Refrigerated storage facilities are available for perishable snacks.

Fresh water will be available for children.

If a child requires additional food the onsite kitchen will 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 manager stated the front door of the proposed service will be locked at all times, ensuring children cannot leave the service unsupervised and unauthorized access to the service cannot occur.
- The emergency exit doors were unobstructed.
- Storage is available for the children’s belongings.
- Cleaning materials and equipment are locked in a cupboard in the service.
- The kitchen is inaccessible to proposed children.
- A fridge is available in the kitchen for the storage of food.
- A cleaning schedule for toys and equipment was available.
- The sanitary accommodation was well stocked with a sufficient supply of liquid soap and paper hand towels. The water temperature was recorded at 36°C. Foot pedal bins were available in the sanitary area and the proposed care rooms for the safe disposal of waste.
- The proposed care rooms and sanitary accommodation were ventilated by openable windows and mechanical ventilation.
- All internal door keys were clearly identifiable and placed in an accessible location for adults and out of the reach of the proposed children.
- Refuse was stored where children have no access to it.
- All blind cords in the proposed care rooms were secured out of the reach of 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)

The manager has a current certification in FAR (First Aid Response) training.

(2)(a)

A suitably equipped first aid box was available for the proposed service.

(b)

The first aid box was clearly identifiable and readily accessible in the kitchen area.

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:

The requirement has been met.

(1)(a)

The manager has indicated that fire drills will be carried out in the care rooms when the part-time service is fully operational.

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	<p>(b)</p> <p>There was a maintenance record for the firefighting equipment and smoke alarm system dated July 2025.</p> <p>(4)</p> <p>There was a notice of the procedure to follow in the event of a fire clearly displayed in each proposed care room and in other prominent locations in 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.

There was evidence of an insurance policy for a part-time service for 22 pre-school children in place which expires on the 4th of September 2025.

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)

The proposed service is located on the ground floor of an adapted building located in a business centre in South County Dublin.

(b)

The point of entry to the service is through the main gate which is monitored by the manager and can be locked from the inside.

The outdoor area is secured with a high wooden fence and brick wall. There is a coded gate at the point of entry to the outdoor area to prevent a child leaving unsupervised and to prevent unauthorised access to the area.

(c)

The premises benefits from natural light via windows in the proposed care rooms.

There is supplemental artificial lighting also provided from covered fluorescent ceiling lights in the rooms.

There is an under-floor heating system in place which can be adjusted by the manager, for the comfort of the children attending the proposed service.

Windows in the proposed pre-school rooms can be opened but have restrictors in place and there is a combination of mechanical and natural ventilation in the sanitary area.

	<p>(d)</p> <p>A cleaning schedule was in place in all three proposed care rooms. The premises and surrounding environment were clean and well maintained.</p> <p>(e)</p> <p>There is sanitary accommodation located within Room 1 and adjacent to Room 2 and Room 3. There is one toilet, a sink and a nappy changing unit.</p> <p>There is also one toilet and one sink for the staff located in the same sanitary area in Room 1.</p>
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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)</p> <p>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:</p> <p>(2)</p> <p>Room 1.</p> <p>The clear floor space measured 63.04 square metres.</p> <p>Room 2.</p> <p>The clear floor space measured 19.88 square metres.</p> <p>Room 3.</p> <p>The clear floor space measured 25.15 square metres.</p>
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There is sufficient space in the service to cater for 11 pre-school children attending on a part-time in the proposed age range.