

# TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

## Initial Inspection of Proposed New Service



**Tusla I.D:** TU2025KK001

**Name of Service:** Nurture and Grow

**Address of Service:** 27 Fiodh Mor, Abbeylands, Ferrybank, Kilkenny

**Email Address:** nurtureandgrow@hotmail.com

**Name of Proposed Registered Provider:** Laura Aylward

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

**Proposed service type:** Part-time, Sessional

**Proposed Number of Children:** 15

**Outcome of the F06 Inspection**  
(e.g., type of service, numbers, age ranges, times,) Part-time, sessional service, open from 9:15 to 13:00, caring for up to 15 children aged between 2 and 6 years.

**Registered service:** Registered Part-Time/Sessional Service for 15 Children (Max 14 Part-Time)

**Date of Inspection:** 0 8 0 8 2 0 2 5

**Inspection Undertaken by:** Aileen Bradshaw

**Title:** Early years inspector

**Tusla Early Years Inspectorate Address:** Community Care Building, Cork Road, Waterford City

**Rationale for Inspection**

**Proposed New Service**

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

<b>Registration Status:</b>	Registered Part-Time/Sessional Service for 15 Children (Max 14 Part-Time)
<b>Date of Registration:</b>	26 <sup>th</sup> August 2025

<b>Authority to Inspect</b>
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).

<b>Description of Service</b>	The proposed service will provide part-time and sessional care and education to children between 2 and 6 years. The service will operate from 09:15 to 13:00, Monday to Friday. The service proposes to provide the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) scheme.
<b>Premises</b>	The proposed service will operate from a residential property which has been converted to an early years service at the rear of its sister full-day care service in Ferrybank on the outskirts of Waterford city. The ECCE room is on the first floor of the building with two adjacent toilets and wash handbasins. The entrance to the proposed service will be through the main building of the full-day care service. Both services join at the rear with a shared outdoor space.
<b>Staffing</b>	The proposed registered provider will redeploy a staff member from the main service, and both will work directly with the children.
<b>Methodology</b>	<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</p>

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	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.
<b>Acknowledgement</b>	The inspector wished to acknowledge the cooperation of the proposed registered provider and person in charge who were present on the day of the inspection. Both persons will hold a major award in Early Childhood Care and Education at Level 5 or above on the National Framework of Qualifications.

### 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 proposed registered provider is the designated person in charge, and a named staff member is available to deputise as 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) The registered provider is proposing that 2 adults will work directly with 15 children attending on a part-time or sessional care basis.

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.*
- (3) *A registered provider of a full day care service, a part-time day care service or a childminding service, other than such a service to which paragraph applies, shall ensure that—*
- (a) *a suitable, safe and secure outdoor space to which the pre-school children attending the service have access on a daily basis is provided on the premises, or*

**Requirement met:**

(1) The requirement has been met.

The room is bright with clear floor space available to enable children to move freely around the room. Areas of interest are clearly defined with solid wooden structures creating a play shop area, farm activity table, a tool workbench and a home corner with supporting materials and equipment to complement the various play opportunities. The low shelving is equipped with toys for imaginative play, including cars, trucks, building blocks, farm toys, and dress-up clothes. The tabletop activities include jigsaws, puzzles, and sorting and matching activities. There are sufficient tables and chairs to accommodate children to sit and eat their snacks or work independently with tabletop materials. There is a small rest area with child-size chairs, cosy bean bag cushions and books.

	<p>(2)(a) The requirement has been met</p> <p>There are three outdoor areas to the rear of the proposed service. These outdoor areas are enclosed by fencing and a wall. The registered provider stated that these spaces will be shared with the main service. The area has a mixture of grass, artificial surfacing and a hard surface. There is a covered area which will allow for outdoor play during inclement weather. There is a large wooden climbing structure, a tunnel for crawling, tractor tyres for building dens, buddy benches and a variety of wheeled toys.</p> <p>(3)(a) The requirement has been met.</p> <p>A suitable, safe, and secure outdoor space to which the children attending the service will have access daily is provided on the premises.</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.

A healthy eating policy is in place within the proposed service. Parents will be emailed a copy of the policy when their child is enrolled.

The registered provider stated that the service will supply the children’s food in the morning. Examples of healthy snacks to be served are fresh fruit, cheeses, crackers and rice cakes. Water will be available at all times for the children. There is a fridge in the room to store perishable food.

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 entrance door which leads to the classroom where the service is operated is appropriately secured to prevent a child from exiting unsupervised and to prevent unauthorised access to the service. The children will enter the service through the sister early years service.
- The care room windows have a restrictor to prevent the windows from opening wide.
- The play materials and equipment in the service are stored on stable-based low-level shelving units and secure high-level shelving units. The play materials and equipment are observed to be safe and suitable for the developmental age of the proposed children.
- The tables and chairs in the room that are used for tabletop activities and mealtimes are the appropriate height for the age of children accommodated in the room.
- The emergency exit doors of the service are unobstructed and have emergency lighting fitted.
- All storage of waste, both indoors and outdoors, is inaccessible to the children at the side of the main building.
- A system is available for the safe storage of cleaning agents and equipment in high presses or low locked presses.

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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
  - (b) is available to the children attending the pre-school service at all times

#### Requirement met:

The requirement has been met.

(1)

Two staff members are trained as first aid responders (FAR) and will be at all times immediately available to children attending the service.

(2)(a)(b)

The first aid box is suitably equipped and safely stored in a readily accessible and conspicuous position in the classroom.

### 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)(b)

A template is available to record fire drills which will take place monthly. A copy of the number, type and maintenance of the firefighting equipment is available in the service. The smoke alarms were serviced in November 2024, and the firefighting equipment was serviced in August 2025.

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A notice of the procedures to be followed in the event of a fire is displayed in the classroom. There are illuminated fire exit signs on all the exit doors of the building. A fire assembly sign is evident in the grounds of the service.

### 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.

Documentation is available to demonstrate that insurance is in place for 22 children at any one time from 28 March 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.

During the inspection, the following is noted:

- (a) The registered provider stated that the premises are stable and of sound structure. The walls, flooring, doors, and windows are suitably maintained, and the inspector did not identify any safety issues or concerns.
- (b) The entrance door to the service is adequately secured to prevent children from exiting unsupervised and to prevent unauthorised access to the service.

- (c) The windows in the room provide natural lighting which can be augmented with artificial ceiling lighting as required. Ceiling lights are fitted with shatterproof coverings. The building is heated by a gas boiler, which was serviced on 16 April 2025.
- (d) The room is in a clean condition, and a cleaning schedule is available to ensure a record is maintained of the regular cleaning of the service.
- (e) The sanitary facilities for the children are adjacent to the room. There are two toilets and two wash-hand basins in this area. Warm water is thermostatically controlled to ensure that the water temperature does not exceed 43°C. Liquid soap and paper hand towels are provided. Pedal bins are provided for the disposal of paper and hand towels. Adults have a separate sanitary area.

**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.*

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<b>Requirement met:</b>	<p>The requirement has been met.</p> <p>(1)</p> <p>The proposed registered provider has allowed for adequate, clear floor space to be available to allow children free movement to work and play.</p> <p>(3)</p> <p>There is adequate clear floor space in the service to accommodate 15 children attending a sessional service or 14 children attending part time.</p> <p>The above table illustrates that the minimum clear floor space is available for children based on their age range and attending the service on a part-time or a sessional basis.</p>
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