

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Initial Inspection of Proposed New Service

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Name of Service:	Generation Education
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Name of Proposed Registered Provider:	Irene Heredia
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Type of Proposed Service:	Full Day Care	✓	Part-Time	✓	Drop-In	
	Sessional	✓	Childminding		Temporary	

Proposed service type:	Full Day Care, Part Time and Sessional
Proposed Number of Children:	33
Outcome of the F06 Inspection:	The service proposes to cater for children aged from 2 to 6 years. The service proposes to offer full day care, part time and sessional services. The service proposes to operate from 07:30 to 18:00 hours each day Monday to Friday.
Registered service:	Registered Full Day Care Service for 33 Children

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Inspection Undertaken by:	Margaret O Reilly
Title:	Early Years Inspector

Tusla Early Years Inspectorate Address:	Administration Building, St Mary's Health Campus Gurranabraher, Co. Cork
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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 Service for 33 Children
Date of Registration:	24 th January 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	Generation Education proposes to operate a full day care service catering for children aged from two to three years and three to six years and for children attending the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) scheme. The service also proposes to commence a school aged care service. It will be a privately operated service and proposes to cater for up to a maximum of 33 children on the premises at any one time. The proposed opening times are from 7:30am to 6pm each day Monday to Friday.
Premises	The service is located in a residential building, a large space on the ground floor has been accommodated to operate a childcare service. The service consists of three playrooms named the yellow, blue and green rooms, a sensory room, kitchen, a staff room and administration office. Adult and children's toilet and nappy changing facility. There is an enclosed outdoor play area to the rear side of the service.
Staffing	It is proposed there will be three staff employed to work directly with the children in the service and this will include the registered provider. The proposed person in charge and the adults who will work directly with the children will have a recognised qualification in Early Childhood Care and Education.
Methodology	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. 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.
Acknowledgement	The Inspector wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the registered provider/person in charge 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:

The requirement has been met.

(1)(a) There is a named person in charge for the service and there is a proposed named person to deputise as required. This information was displayed in the service.

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 fit for purpose inspection was carried out in the absence of children. It is proposed that there will be three adults employed who will work directly with the children when service is operating to maximum capacity.

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

(b) where no such space is provided, the pre-school children attending the service have access on a daily basis to a suitable outdoor space.

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Requirement met:	The requirement has been met. (1) (a) There are low shelves provided in the playrooms that are accessible to the children. The shelves are stocked with a large selection of activities, equipment and play materials. There was an adequate number of child size tables and chairs in the three rooms. There is a designated outdoor play area located beside the service. (b) There was suitable sleep equipment available for children over 2 years who required a sleep while attending the service. The sleep equipment consisted of individual age-appropriate soft padded floor mats with a washable surface. There were suitable new fitted sheets available for the sleep mats and blankets. All sleep equipment will be washed and cleaned after each use. There were designated rest areas provided in the playrooms consisting of soft padded floor mats. (2)(a), (3)(a) There is an outdoor play area provided beside the premise. The surface in the outdoor play area is mainly consisting of natural grass. The outdoor play area is adequately enclosed with a timber fence and two timber gates with gate locks located at adult height and will be secured when the children are playing outdoors. There is a small area within the outdoor play area that is covered. (3)(b) Not applicable as the children have access to an outdoor play area located beside the facility.
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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 service has developed a Healthy Eating policy. • It is proposed that the parents will provide all the food and drink requirements for the children attending the sessional service each day. (ECCE). • A fridge is provided to store perishable foods provided by parents. • The registered provider advised there will be drinking water available to the children at all times while the service is in operation. • The service proposes to provide a breakfast meal, consisting of a choice of low sugar cereals with milk and toast. • The service proposes to offer parents and guardians the option of a hot meal and mid-afternoon snack provided by a registered food company and will be prepared/reheated and served to the children by the adults in the service.
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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 requirements have been met.

- The main door to the service is secured by a key lock mechanism. The key will be stored at adult height beside the entrance door when not in use. This will reduce the risk of unauthorised access by a person onto the premise or children leaving the premise unsupervised.
- All toys and play equipment in the proposed playrooms are safe and in good condition.
- There was thermostatically controlled warm water at all wash hand basins. There were liquid soap dispensers, individual disposable paper hand towels stored in wall dispensers located at an appropriate height were available at all the wash hand basins for hygienic hand washing and hygienic hand drying in the adult and children's toilet facilities.
- The openable windows had a lock system in place that ensures the upper part of the windows can open to ventilate the playrooms.
- Cleaning equipment and materials are stored in areas that are inaccessible to children. There is a large, designated cupboard located in the Green Room for the storage of cleaning equipment and materials and this has a magnetic security lock system in place.
- The first aid box was stored in a conspicuous location at adult height in the Blue Room
- The exit doors were unobstructed.
- Safe storage is provided for the children's belongings which includes their coats stored on walls hooks located in each of the playrooms.
- Low lying electrical sockets are fitted with safety plugs.
- Fire extinguishers are securely wall mounted.
- The surface temperatures of the heaters were recorded at 43°C and 44.3°C respectively, which are both below the recommended maximum temperature of 50°C.
- Lidded, foot pedal operated bins are available throughout the service including the children's sanitary facilities and in the adult toilet facility.

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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)

The available documentary evidence demonstrates that one of the adults employed at the service holds up to date certification in First Aid Responder (FAR) training. This adult will be available on the premises at all times during the hours of operation.

(2)

(a) The first aid box was stored on a shelf at adult height in the Blue Room.

(b) The first aid box was adequately stocked and readily accessible by staff.

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 requirement is met in relation to the provision of a form for recording monthly fire drills.

(b) A record of the number and type of firefighting equipment and wired smoke alarm were available on file. It was recorded that new fire equipment was installed last week the 15th January 2024. It was recorded that the smoke alarm system was last serviced on the 19th January 2024.

(4) The service has a designated assembly point in the event of a fire. Fire assembly signage in place.

A notice of procedures to be followed in the event of a fire is displayed on the premise.

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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.
A record of insurance cover for a maximum of 33 children was provided to the Registration Office, valid from 29/01/24 until 27/01/24.

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) No mould or cracks were visible on the premise.
- (b) The entrance door to the early years' service is adequately secured to prevent access by an unauthorised adult.
- (c) There are openable windows in each of the proposed playrooms, kitchen and administration office. The children's and adult toilet and nappy changing facilities are all mechanically ventilated. The wall vents were observed to be visibly clean. Heating is provided by existing radiators and the surface temperature is thermostatically controlled to a maximum of 50° Celsius. The playroom air temperature and toilet area air temperatures were recorded at between 18 and 22°C during the inspection.
- (d) The required daily and weekly cleaning schedules templates were available that included the playrooms, play equipment and toilet areas.
- (e) There are designated toilets and wash hand basins provided for each of the proposed playrooms that will be in operation. There are three designated children's toilets and one nappy changing facility. There is a designated toilet and wash hand basin available for use by the adults.

The premise is serviced by a public sewage system and the water source is from a public supply.

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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.
- (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)

The Yellow Room measured 22.78 square meters.

The playroom has sufficient floor space for 12 children at 1.81 square meters per child

The room has space for the proposed 11 early years' children to attend the service each morning. (Early Childhood Care and Education)

The room can accommodate 10 children aged between 2 years and 8 months to 6 years attending part time and full day care children each evening. (allowing 2.3 square meters per child)

The Blue Room measured 31.85 square meters.

The playroom has sufficient floor space for a maximum of 17 children. (ECCE) The person in charge proposes to have a maximum of 11 children to attend the service each morning aged between three and six years.

The room has adequate space to accommodate 13 children attending part time and full day care children each evening.

Instead, the service proposes to operate a school aged care service in this room each evening. Operating hours 13:30 to 18:00 hours Monday to Friday school year

The Green room measured 26.07 square meters.

The playroom has sufficient floor space for 14 early years service children to attend the service each morning. (Early Childhood Care and Education) The room has sufficient space to accommodate the proposed 11 children aged between 2 years 8 months and 6 years to attend part time and full day care children each evening.

There was an area around the patio door which is the main exit route to the outdoor play area for all rooms that was not included in the floor measurement of the green room because there was a large cupboard and storage area in this space, and it is an exit route. For future additional reference if the cupboard and storage area was removed and becomes a free floor space, this space was measured at 5.25 square meters. This measurement can be added to the existing room measurement for the green room.

As there are three children's toilets located in the service, the maximum number of toilet trained children that the service can accommodate is 33. There is one nappy changing area.

(3) There was adequate space provided for the proposed maximum number of 33 (ECCE) children that will attend each morning.