

# TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

## Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances



**Tusla I.D:** TU2015CC089

**Name of Service** Cheeky Cherubs

**Address of Service:** Highfield Park, Carriganarra, Ballincollig, Cork

**Email Address:** info@cheekycherubs.ie

**Name of Registered Provider:** Sarah O Leary & Michelle Akerlind

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

**Proposed change:** Increase numbers from 90 to 108 and add outdoor sessional

**Proposed Number of Children:** 108

**Recommended Change Following Inspection:** 108 Approved

**Registered change:** Change in number of children that can be accommodated from 90 to 108

<b>Date of Inspection:</b>	2	5	0	4	2	0	2	3
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**Inspection undertaken by:** C Stokes

**Title:** Early Years Inspector

**Tusla Early Years Inspectorate Address:**  
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### Rationale for Inspection: Proposed Change of Circumstance

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

<b>Registration Status:</b>	Registered Full Day Care Service for 108 Children
<b>Date of Registration</b>	12 <sup>th</sup> May 2023

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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).

<b>Description of Service</b>	Cheeky Cherubs was established as a private full day care service in 2008. It currently offers ECCE sessional in the mornings and afternoons (outdoors) and full day care from 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday for 51 weeks of the year. The setting is a play-based, rights focused Early Years centre inspired by the Reggio approach and emphasises outdoor play. The service is proposing to expand its outdoor sessional service.
<b>Premises</b>	The premises is a single storey, purpose-built setting in a residential area of Ballincollig with an infant room, wobbler room, Explorers room, Atelier room and Workshop room. The service has an outdoor sessional service which is being expanded. There were 3 designated sleep rooms, 9 children's toilets, 2 adults toilets and a kitchen.
<b>Staffing</b>	The two registered providers are largely service based. The adults working directly with the children had major awards in Early Childhood Care and Education. In addition, there was a chef on the premises.
<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 the following 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 registering the change in circumstance. 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>
<b>Acknowledgements</b>	The Inspector wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the registered providers, person in charge, staff and children who were 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. The service has designated person in charge and a named deputy.

### 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.

(8) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) to (7)—

(b) a childminder shall ensure that a second person familiar with the operation of the service and in a position to provide assistance to the childminder in operating the service is, at all times, within close distance of the service and available to attend the service to assist the childminder in the event of an emergency, and

(c) a registered provider of a sessional pre-school shall ensure that, where the person in charge operates the service single-handedly, a second person familiar with the operation of the service and in a position to provide assistance to the person in charge in operating the service is, at all times, within close distance of the service and available to attend the service to assist the person in charge in the event of an emergency.

**Requirement met:**

The requirement has been met.

(1) The registered provider proposes to ensure that an adequate number of adults work directly with the children as follows,

Room (age range)	Adults	Children
Baby (12-24 months)	2	10
Wobbler (12-24 months)	3	15
Toddler -Atelier (2 years- plus)	4	21
Preschool 1- Explorers (2 years plus)	3	24
Preschool 2- Workshop (2-5years)	2	16
Outdoors ECCE (2 years 8 months-5 years)	2	22
Total	16	108

(8) (b) Not applicable, this service is not a childminding service.

(8) (c) Not applicable as this service is not a single-handed sessional service.

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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—*
- (b) *of a full day care service, a part-time day care service, a sessional preschool service or a childminding service that moves premises 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 (2) 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 preschool children attending the service have access on a daily basis to an outdoor service*
- (4) *Where outdoor space to which the pre-school children attending the service have access is provided on the premises of a sessional pre-school service other than such a service to which paragraph (2) applies, a temporary pre-school service or a pre-school service in a drop-in centre, the registered provider shall ensure that such outdoor space is suitable, safe and secure.*

#### Requirement met:

The requirement has been met.

- (1) (a) Facilities are provided for play indoors as all the playrooms are laid out with defined interest areas. The outdoor sessional service is also laid out with defined areas, and shelters including a canopied area with sofas, tables and chairs; a hut; a geodome, resource cabin etc. The outdoor zoned spaces are timetabled so that children in small pods can enjoy the distinct spaces.
- (1)(b) Adequate facilities for rest are provided in the service for the number and age range of children attending. There are 3 sleep rooms to facilitate sleep on demand for 25 children under 2 years with 14 cots. No children under 1 year are proposed to be catered for. Rest facilities with stackable beds are provided to those children over 2 years in their own room.
- (2)(a)(b) Not applicable. The registered provider has ensured that an outdoor area is available for the use of the pre-school children daily.
- (3)(a) The service has a suitable, safe, and secure outdoor area.
- (3)(b) Not applicable. Facilities for outdoor play were provided on site.
- (4) The outdoor space was observed to be suitable, safe, and secure. Children have access to the outdoor play area daily.

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### Part V - Care of Child in Pre-school Service

#### 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 registered providers provide all meals and snacks to those in attendance, except those children attending on a sessional basis. A weekly menu plan was in place and available for inspection which included morning snack, lunch, and afternoon snack. Meals and snacks were varied and suitable. Drinks are available to children with meals and between meals (potable water). The on-site chef prepares the fresh food daily for both adults and the children.

### 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:

##### GENERAL SAFETY:

- The external doors were appropriately secured to prevent children from exiting unsupervised and to restrict unauthorised persons from gaining access to the preschool.
- Cleaning agents were noted to be stored out of the reach of children.
- The outdoor areas were secured.
- Blind cords were secured with tension devices.
- No electrical cables were observed to be accessible to the preschool children.

##### INFECTION CONTROL:

- The playrooms were kept adequately ventilated, with openable windows for the circulation of fresh air.
- The service had warm running water, liquid soap and paper towels and the thermostatically controlled hot water measured 33 degrees Celsius in the outdoor sanitary area.

##### SAFE SLEEP:

- Ten-minute physical sleep check records were in place.

##### FIRE SAFETY:

- Records of monthly fire drills were in place, the most recent dated 14.04.23.

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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 registered providers ensured that 8 adults hold a valid First aid certification (FAR).
- (2)(a) A suitably equipped first aid box was readily available in all playrooms, outdoor sessional and kitchen.
- (b) The first aid box was fully equipped, and available to the pre-school children at all times.

### 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) Arrangements were in place to record fire drills. The monthly fire drill record was in place, most recently 14 April 2023.
- (b) A record of the number, type, and maintenance record of firefighting equipment in the service was on file. The firefighting equipment and alarms were serviced on the June 2022 and March 2023 respectively.
- (4) A notice of the procedures to be followed in the event of a fire was displayed in the playrooms.

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### Part VI – Safety

#### Regulation 28 – Insurance

*A registered provider shall ensure that the pre-school service is adequately insured.*

<b>Requirement met:</b>	An insurance quotation was submitted to the Registration Team prior to this inspection. The Registered Provider must ensure that adequate insurance is in place prior to the commencement of the change. The change approval is contingent on the registered providers compliance with Regulation 28.
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### 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.*

<b>Requirement met:</b>	<p>The requirement has been met.</p> <p>(a)The premises appeared to be of sound and stable structure.</p> <p>(b)The playrooms were safe and secure. There are clear arrangements in place for the safe handover of children via the entrance door.</p> <p>(c)Adequate lighting is provided by enclosed diffusers. There is natural light in the playrooms. The windows are openable in the playrooms. These rooms appeared well-ventilated. The heating is gas central heating.</p> <p>(d) Cleaning equipment is safely stored on high shelves inaccessible to children. There is a cleaning schedule currently in place daily.</p> <p>(e) The service is equipped with suitable sanitary facilities with a ratio of 1-11 for toilets and nappy changing units for children. The ratio of 1-8 for adult sanitary areas applies and there are sufficient toilets for 16 adults with 2 adult toilets present. The service uses the public water supply and sewage system.</p>
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Room	Toilets/ Changing units	Proposed Children
Baby (12-24 months)	1 nappy changing station	10
Wobbler (12-24 months)	2 nappy changing stations & 2 toilets/sinks	15
Toddler -Atelier (2 years- plus)	2 toilets/sinks & 1 Nappy changing station	21
Preschool 1- Explorers (2 years plus)	2 toilets/sinks plus shared use of wobbler nappy changing station	24

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	Preschool 2- Workshop (2-5years)	2 toilets & 1 nappy changing station	16
	Outdoors ECCE (2 years 8 months- 5 years)	1 toilet/sink	22
	Overall totals	9 children's toilets/sinks & 5 nappy changing stations	108

### 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)

Adequate floor space is provided for the free movement of children to work and play in the service as the service has sufficient space for the proposed 108 children based on the details below.

(2)

Room	Space	Proposed Children
Baby (12-24 months)	28m2	10
Wobbler (12-24 months)	45m2	15
Toddler -Atelier (2 years- plus)	52m2	21
Preschool 1- Explorers (2 years plus)	61m2	24
Preschool 2- Workshop (2-5years)	46m2	16
Outdoors ECCE (2 years 8 months- 5 years)	n/a	22

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- (3) Not applicable as this service is a full day care.
- (4) Not applicable. The registered provider provides full day care and sessional care separately as the outdoors is the designated sessional care and no space ratio applies in this area.
- (5) Not applicable as this service is not a temporary service.