

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances



Tusla I.D: TU2015CC377

Name of Service St Anne's Day Nursery CLG

Address of Service: Sharman Crawford St, Cork

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Name of Registered Provider: Dr M Linehan

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

Proposed change: Increase numbers to 52

Proposed Number of Children: 52

Recommended Change Following Inspection: Approve change to 52 children

Registered change: Change in number of children that can be accommodated from 49 to 52

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Inspection undertaken by: C Stokes

Title: Early Years Inspector

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Rationale for Inspection: Proposed Change of Circumstance

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

Registration Status:	Registered Full Day Care Service for 52 Children
Date of Registration	19 th October 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).

Description of Service	This not-for-profit full day care facility first notified in 2013 and is registered to cater for children aged 0-6 years, currently the setting offers full day care and ECCE to children aged 1-6 years from 8.15am to 5.30pm.
Premises	The premises is co-located with a primary school in an urban part of Cork city. It has four care rooms, one designated sleep room, sanitary facilities for adults and children, including two nappy changing areas, a designated kitchen/dining room and a fully enclosed outdoor area for the specific use of this early years facility.
Staffing	The registered provider was not service based. The service proposes to have a minimum of 9 adults working in the setting, directly with the children, including the person in charge.
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 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>
Acknowledgements	The Inspector wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the 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 a designated person in charge and a named person who is able 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.

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

(a) a registered provider of a pre-school service other than a child-minding service or a sessional preschool service shall ensure that there are at least 2 adults on the premises at all times

Requirement met:

(1) The requirement has been met. The registered provider proposes to ensure that at all times an adequate number of adults work directly with the children. The registered provider proposes the following:

Room	Age	Adults proposed	No. of Children proposed
Baby (Ladybirds)	1-2 years	2	9
Toddler (Butterfly)	1-2 (x2) 2-3 (x8)	2	10
Buzzy bees -ECCE	2 years , 8 months +	2	22 (morning) 16 (afternoon)
Preschool	2 years 8 months +	1	11 (morning)

(8) (a) There were at least 2 adults available on the premises throughout the duration of the inspection, and at all times in accordance with the staff roster.

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*

Requirement met:

The requirement has been met.

(1) (a) Adequate and suitable facilities were provided for play indoors with the playrooms currently laid out with defined interest areas. Each room was fully equipped with play materials.

(1)(b) Adequate facilities for rest were provided in the service for the number and age range of children attending. The service had 1 sleep room, with 4 cots. The service also had 5 floor beds for 5 children in the baby room over 15 months of age. The service had a supply of stackable beds to accommodate the rest needs of children over 2 years of age. The person in charge advised that waterproof mattress covers are in place in the cot mattresses. The person in charge confirmed that an individual sleep plan was in place for the 19 children who sleep in the setting.

(2)(b), (3)(a) The registered provider ensured that an outdoor area was available for the use of the pre-school children each day. Children accessed the outdoor play area, which was suitable, safe, and secure on a daily basis.

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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 service provided adequate, suitable, nutritious, and varied snacks and meals to the children in attendance. Snacks were observed to be available on a rolling basis in the buzzy bees (ECCE) and preschool rooms. Children in the toddler and baby room had their snacks and meals in the dining area. Water or milk were served at snack/mealtimes. Diluted cordials were available on a limited basis. A menu plan for four weeks was available for snacks and meals. Menu plans were reviewed each term according to the person in charge. There was designated cook assigned to kitchen duties for meal and snack preparation. The service had a healthy eating policy.

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 external door/main entrance was appropriately secured to prevent children from exiting unsupervised.
- There were no flexes or cables trailing as to pose a hazard.
- All heavy furniture and equipment were anchored.
- Toys and equipment were in good condition.
- The cleaning of toys and play materials was recorded daily.
- Storage of cleaning agents and cleaning equipment were inaccessible to the preschool children and stored in a sluice room.
- The outdoor play area was fully enclosed, and no safety concerns were observed on the day of inspection.
- Liquid soap and paper towels were available for hand washing.

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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 three adults held valid First aid certification (FAR).

(2)(a) A suitably equipped first aid box was readily available, stored in an easily accessible position in each of the playrooms.

(b) The first aid boxes were fully equipped and readily 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. The most recent fire drill was conducted on the 14 September 2023.

(b) A record of the number, type, and maintenance record of fire-fighting equipment in the service was on file. The fire-fighting equipment was serviced on the 12 January 2023. The fire alarm system was serviced on the 4 April 2023.

(4) A notice of the procedures to be followed in the event of a fire were displayed in each playroom.

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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. The facility has cover for a full day care service valid until the 27 March 2024.

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 premises was of sound and stable structure.

(b)The playrooms were safe and secure. There were clear arrangements in place for the safe handover of children.

(c)Adequate lighting was provided by enclosed diffusers. There was natural light in each of the playrooms. The windows were openable, and the playrooms were observed to be well ventilated. The service was heated by means of radiators and underfloor heating.

(d) Cleaning equipment was safely stored away from the main play areas in the sluice cupboards. There was a cleaning schedule currently in place.

(e) Sanitary facilities were suitable and adequate. There were 4 children’s toilets and sinks, and 2 toilets and sinks for adults. There were 2 nappy changing stations with nappy changing mats and sinks, one in the accessible toilet and a second in a designated nappy changing room. The premises were serviced by public water 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.
- (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).

Requirement met:

The requirement was met.

(1) Adequate floor space was provided in the playrooms for the free movement of children to work and play.

(2) The measurements of the playrooms were as follows,

Room	Age range	Measurements	Proposed number of children
baby	1-2 years	33m2	9
toddler	1-2 years and 2-3 years	28m2	2 under 2 years 8 over 2 years
Buzzy Bees ECCE & FDC	2 years 8 months-5 years (1 child under 3 years FDC)	60m2	22 morning 16 afternoon
Preschool	2 years 8 months-5	31m2	11 morning 0 afternoon
Total			52

(3) (4) 1.818m2 was available per child attending the period of the ECCE session and where a child attends full day care after the ECCE session, the ratio of 2.3m2 was

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	<p>applied in respect of children over 3 years and 2.35 m² was applied in respect of children between 2 and 3 years. Sufficient space was available for the proposed based on the age ranges provided on the day of inspection.</p>
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