

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances



Tusla I.D.: TU2015CNO49

Name of Service Puddlelane Montessori Playgroup Ltd

Address of Service: Institute Rd, Rakeevan, Bailieboroug, h Co Cavan, A82 RR71

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Name of Registered Provider: Elizabeth Burmiston

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

Proposed change: Change in Age Profile from 3 – 6 Years to 2 - 6 Years

Proposed Number of Children: 28

Recommended Change Following Inspection: Change in Age Profile from 3 – 6 Years to 2 - 6 Years

Registered change: Change in Age Profile from 3 – 6 Years to 2 - 6 Years

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Inspection undertaken by: S Skinnader

Title: Early Years Inspector

Tusla Early Years Inspectorate Address: No 18 The Grange, Plantation Walk, Monaghan

Rationale for Inspection:
Proposed Change of Circumstance

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

Registration Status:	Registered Sessional Service for 28 Children
Date of Registration	17 th October 2025

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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 service commenced operation in 1998. It provides a sessional service to children aged 3 - 6 years. The service operates from 9.00 – 12.30pm and caters for a maximum of 28 children.
Premises	The premises consists of 2 care rooms - Room 1 the larger room to the rear and Room 2 the smaller room to the front in the converted basement area of the registered provider's house. There is sanitary accommodation off the rooms. An enclosed outdoor area is available at the rear of the premises.
Staffing	There are currently 2 staff members employed in the service.
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 registered provider 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 designated person in charge and a named person 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)(a) Two staff members are available to work directly with the pre-school children in the room. The registered provider is aware of the minimum ratio of adults to children specified in Part 1 and 2 of Schedule 6.

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.

(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:

(1)(a) The requirement has been met.

The preschool children have access to adequate and suitable facilities for play both indoors and outdoors on the premises. The care rooms are bright and spacious with age-appropriate toys and equipment in both rooms including a supply of Montessori equipment.

(b) The children have access to a soft cosy corner area which is located within Room 1 and consists of a mat, soft cushions and blanket under an alcove. There is also a small child sized fabric covered sofa in the room.

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(4) The pre-school children have access to an existing enclosed outdoor area to the rear of the building consisting of a grass area and a tarmacked area.

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 lunches and drinks are provided by parents. Perishables food items are stored in the fridge available in the care room. Drinks are accessible to the preschool children and potable drinking water will always be available to 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:

The requirement has been met.
For example, the external doors are appropriately secured to prevent a preschool child exiting unaccompanied. All cleaning agents and medications are stored out of the reach of children up high in a locked cupboard. Emergency doors are unobstructed and there is a designated fire assembly point in the outdoor area.

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) Both staff members have up to date FAR training. Certificates of training were available for inspection.

(2)(a) A suitably stocked first aid box was provided in the service.

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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. A record is available for the servicing of the firefighting equipment and the fire alarm system dated 10/10/24 and 29/9/25 respectively.

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

Insurance is in place for the preschool children which covers a maximum of 28 children and expires on the 27/11/25.

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 service is operating from a premises which appears on visual inspection to be structurally sound.

(b)The service is safe and secure with a locked entrance. The outdoor play area to the back of the building is fenced and secured. Two large gates to the side of the premises area can be closed over to fully secure the area.

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	<p>(c) Light levels in the care room and sanitary accommodation are adequate and are provided by means of natural light through windows and supplemented with covered fluorescent lights.</p> <p>The room temperature in the care rooms is adequate. Heating is by means of oil-fired central heating with radiators in the rooms.</p> <p>Ventilation: The care rooms are ventilated by means of openable windows.</p> <p>(d) The premises, toys and equipment are in a clean condition and in good repair. Cleaning schedules are available.</p> <p>(e) There are 3 toilets and 3 wash hand basins, 2 off Room 2 and 1 off Room 1. There are pedal operated lidded bins in the service. The sanitary areas have a continuous supply of thermostatically controlled running water, a supply of liquid soap and a supply of blue paper towels.</p> <p>A nappy changing mat will be available should a child attend the service who requires a nappy change.</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 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:	<p>The requirement has been met.</p> <p>(1)(2) There is approximately 58m² available in the care room which can accommodate the registered 28 children at the proposed age of 2-6 years on a sessional basis.</p>
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