

Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Report

Pre School

TUSLA Identifier:	TU2015DR075
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Name of Service:	Jelly Stone Park Day Nursery
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Address of Service:	134 O' Rourke Park, Sallynoggin, Co. Dublin
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Name of Registered Provider:	June McCann
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Service type:	Full Day, Part Time, Sessional
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Date of Inspection:	01/04/2026
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No of pre-school children:	AM	29	PM	29
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Inspection undertaken by:	R Phillips E Mulhern
Title:	Early Years Inspectors

Authority to Inspect

The Tusla Early Years Inspectorate carries out inspections of Early Years Services under Section 58(J) of the Child Care Act 1991 (as inserted by Section 92 of the Child and Family Agency Act 2013).

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Description of service

Jellystone Park Day Nursery is a privately operated Early years' service registered to provide full day care, part time and sessional care to children aged from 1-6 years. The service operates Monday to Friday from 08:00-18:00. This service is located in an urban area of Dun Laoghaire Co. Dublin. The premises comprises of a two-story building, with the Wobbler room, kitchen and Pre-Montessori rooms on the ground floor. There was a Montessori room on the first floor. There was a designated sleep room and an office accessed via another stairs. An enclosed outdoor play area was available to the rear of the premises.

Staffing

A total of nine staff were employed in the service, including a designated person in charge, deputy person in charge, a cook and six childcare practitioners. On the day of inspection there were eight adults present in the service, including the person in charge, deputy person in charge and registered provider, all of whom worked directly with the children in the service.

Methodology

Tusla's Early Years Inspectorate is the independent statutory regulator of early years services in Ireland. The Child Care Act 1991 (Early Years Services) Regulations 2016 define the duty of a registered provider to ensure the safety and well-being of children and to comply with these regulations. This Act also gives Tusla the authority to assess compliance with the regulations. The purpose of regulation in relation to early years services is to ensure that the care, safety, and well-being of children attending such services is upheld. Inspections of early years services are planned based on the following:

- Previous inspection history
- Any information received in relation to the service

The findings on inspection are based on:

- Information obtained through examination of documentation
- Direct observation
- Discussion with relevant staff

This inspection was unannounced and focused on the area of governance, health, welfare and development of child, and safety. The inspection may also focus on other areas as required.

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The inspection focused on an examination of compliance under regulations:

- 9(1)(2)(3)(4) Management and recruitment
- 11(1)(2)(8)(a) Staffing levels
- 15(1)(a) - (i) (3)(c) Record of preschool child
- 19(1)(b) Health Welfare and Development of Child
- 23 Safeguarding health, safety and welfare of child
- 25 First Aid and
- 26 Fire Safety

A sampling process was used to assess compliance under Regulation 15 Record of preschool child.

Inspection findings are documented in the inspection report which is first issued in draft format to the service with an opportunity to respond to any findings. Where statutory requirements are identified as not being met, the registered provider must demonstrate how they have rectified the non-compliance and will prevent any non-compliance from re occurring. The Corrective Action and Preventive Action plan (CAPA) will be used to inform decisions about compliance with regulatory requirements. Where the registered provider fails to meet the statutory requirements an escalation process may be commenced.

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.

Additional Information

A referral was made to the local fire officer, for fire safety advice because the sleep room is now situated on the first floor.

Acknowledgments

The inspectors wish to acknowledge the cooperation of the registered provider, 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,
- (b) at all times during the period when the pre-school service is being carried on, the designated person in charge or the named person referred to in subparagraph (a) is on the premises, and
- (c) there is a clear management structure in the service that identifies the lines of authority and accountability in the service and the specific roles and responsibilities of each employee and unpaid worker.

(2) A registered provider shall ensure that each employee, unpaid worker and contractor is suitable and competent taking into consideration the nature of the needs of children, including by-

- (a) consideration of references from the person's past employers, if any, and in particular the most recent employer, if any,
- (b) consideration of references from reputable sources in the case of a person who has no past employers,
- (c) consideration of the vetting disclosure received from the National Vetting Bureau of the Garda Síochána in accordance with the Act of 2012 in respect of the person, and
- (d) ensuring, insofar as is practicable, that where a person has lived in a state other than the State for a period of longer than 6 consecutive months, he or she provides police vetting from the police authorities in that state.

(3) The procedures specified in paragraph (2) shall be carried out prior to any person being appointed, assigned or allowed access to or contact with a child attending the pre-school service.

(4) A registered provider shall ensure that, without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (2) and subject to paragraphs (5) and (6), each employee working directly with children attending the service holds at least a major award in Early childhood Care and Education at Level 5 on the National Qualifications Framework or a qualification deemed by the Minister to be equivalent.

Compliance Information

(1)

- (a) There was a designated person in charge and a named person to deputise as required.
 - (b) The named person in charge and deputy were present in the service when the inspectors arrived unannounced for the inspection and remained throughout.
 - (c) The managers and staff demonstrated an awareness of their roles and lines of authority within the service.
- (2) Following discussion with the service manager it was confirmed that three staff members commenced employment since the last inspection on 06 June 2024. Documentation was reviewed in respect of those employees, and met regulatory requirements as follows:

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- (a) Six references had been sourced from past employers and had a record of verification as required.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) Garda vetting had been sourced for all adults. The service also demonstrated compliance with the Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Notice requiring services to renew Garda vetting every three years for all other adults employed.
- (d) Records of Police vetting had been sourced for two adults and were made available during the inspection for those who had lived outside of Ireland for six months or longer as adults.
- (3) There was evidence that the procedures referred to in paragraph 2 were carried out prior to each adult commencing employment in the service.
- (4) Records were available evidencing that the adults working directly with the children held at least a major award in Early Childhood Care and Education at level 5 on the National Qualifications Framework or equivalent.

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.*
- (2) Subject to paragraphs (4) and (5), a registered provider of a full day care service or a part-time day care service shall ensure that at all times the minimum ratio of adults to children specified in column (3) of Part 1 of Schedule 6 opposite a particular reference number specified in column (1) of that Part in respect of the age range of the children specified in column (2) thereof at that reference number is satisfied.*
- (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 pre-school service shall ensure that there are at least 2 adults on the premises at all times,*

Compliance Information

- (1) An adequate number of adults were working with the children in the service.
 - (2) On the inspector's initial overview of the service, the minimum ratio of adults to children was observed in each care room. There were five adults caring for 29 children.
- The minimum ratio requirement was maintained throughout the inspection.
- (8)(a) There were always more than two adults on the premises at all times during the inspection.

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Part IV – Information and Records

Regulation 15 – Record of pre-school child

(1) A registered provider of a pre-school service other than a pre-school service in a drop-in centre or a temporary pre-school service shall ensure that a record in writing is kept in respect of each pre-school child attending the service containing the following particulars:

- (a) the name and date of birth of the child;*
- (b) the date on which the child first attended the service;*
- (c) the date on which the child ceased to attend the service;*
- (d) the name and address of a parent or guardian of the child and a telephone number where that parent or guardian or a relative or friend of the child can be contacted during the hours of operation of the service;*
- (e) authorisation for the collection of the child;*
- (f) details of any illness, disability, allergy or special need of the child, together with all the information relevant to the provision of special care or attention;*
- (g) the name and telephone number of the child's registered medical practitioner;*
- (h) record of immunisations, if any, received by the child;*
- (i) written parental consent for appropriate medical treatment of the child in the event of an emergency.*

(3) A record in writing referred to in paragraph (1) or (2) shall be open to inspection on the premises by-
(c) an authorised person.

Compliance Information

- (1)(a)-(i) A sample of ten children's records was reviewed and contained the required information to inform their care.
- (3)(c) The records were made available to the inspector.

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Part V - Care of Child in Pre-school Service

Regulation 19 - Health, welfare and development of child

(1) A registered provider shall, in providing a pre-school service, ensure that-

(b) appropriate and suitable care practices are in place in the pre-school service, having regard to the number of children attending the service and the nature of their needs.

Compliance Information

There was drinking water available to the children throughout the inspection.

The children were offered regular meals. They were observed enjoying a fruit snack and a hot dinner of chicken, vegetables and mashed potato. The portion sizes were ample and the children were offered additional servings as required. Staff sat with the children during mealtimes engaging them in conversation. The children were encouraged to feed themselves and the children in the wobbler room were provided with bibs. Children were observed being supported to change soiled clothes as required.

The children who wore nappies were changed at scheduled times and in between where required.

All the children had an opportunity to play outdoors and were assisted where necessary to put on adequate clothing appropriate to the weather.

The children from the wobbler and Pre-Montessori rooms were facilitated to sleep at a scheduled time, but the staff in the Montessori room stated if the children there were showing signs of tiredness or wanted to sleep they would be facilitated to do so.

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.

Compliance Information

The inspector found by observation of practice, review of documentation, discussion with staff and inspection of the premises that the registered provider had taken the following steps to safeguard children attending:

General Safety:

The door to the service was kept adequately secured to prevent unauthorised access or children leaving unsupervised.

Storage facilities were inaccessible to the children present.

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Thermostatically controlled water was available which did not exceed 43°C.

The toys and equipment observed in use were in good condition.

The mattresses were the appropriate size and fit well in the cots.

There were higher and lower level handrails on the stairways.

Infection Control:

Liquid soap, warm water and handtowels were available to facilitate handwashing.

Staff were observed to wash their hands after assisting children with personal care, as per the services nappy changing and handwashing procedures.

Children were observed to wash their hands at appropriate times to prevent the spread of infection after outdoor play, using the toilet, nappy changing or before eating.

Children's bed linen was stored individually and labelled. Staff stated that all bedlinen is washed each week or as required.

The cots in the designated sleep room were adequately spaced and mattresses were wipeable.

There was an adequate system in place for disinfecting toys in the wobbler room. Staff were observed removing toys that children had put in their mouths to be cleaned prior to their re-use.

Administration of Medication:

No child was observed being given medication during the inspection. Staff demonstrated through discussion that they were familiar with the procedure for safe medicine administration.

A care plan was in place for one child who may require medication, with the pertinent information required to inform their safe care.

Medication was stored in its own packaging, out of reach of children and in a conspicuous place for adults.

Safe Sleep:

The children were supervised in ratio while sleeping in the Pre-Montessori room on low beds as required. An adult remained in the cot room while the children slept there. Individual sleep checks were carried out as required.

Sleep checks were documented every ten minutes. The lighting was ambient for observation at sleep time.

Fire Safety:

All emergency exits were kept clear from obstruction.

Fire procedures notices were displayed clearly throughout the service.

Staff identified the assembly point for the inspector.

Outing:

The registered provider stated that they do not bring the preschool children on outings.

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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.

Compliance Information

(1) There were three staff who held in date First Aid Responder (FAR) training certificates on the premises throughout the inspection. The roster indicated that there was an adult with FAR training available to the children in the service at all times of opening.

(2)(a) The first aid boxes were adequately stocked and stored in conspicuous locations within the service.

(b) The first aid boxes were available to the adults and children in the service 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.

(2) The record referred to in paragraph (1) shall be open to inspection by-

(c) an authorised person.

(4) A notice of the procedures to be followed in the event of fire shall be displayed in a conspicuous position in the premises.

Compliance Information

(1) (a) The service maintained a record of monthly fire drills that had taken place in the premises. The last fire drill was recorded as having taken place on 10 March 2026.

(b) The last maintenance check for the fire-fighting equipment and smoke alarms was recorded as having taken place on the 18 February 2026 and 08 January 2026 respectively.

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(2)(c) The records were made available for inspection.

(4) Notices of the procedure to be followed in the event of a fire were displayed in conspicuous places throughout the service.