

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances



Tusla I.D: TU2015DR102

Name of Service The Magic Roundabout

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Name of Registered Provider: Emma Thompson

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 number of children accommodated from 58 to 63 children

Proposed Number of Children: 63

Recommended Change Following Inspection: Approve increase to 63

Registered change: Change in number of children that can be accommodated from 58 to 63

Date of Inspection: 1 3 0 9 2 0 2 3

Inspection undertaken by: Olivia Quill

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

Registration Status: Registered Full Day Care Service for 63 Children

Date of Registration 25th September 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	The Magic Roundabout was established in 1993 and is privately operated. The service is registered to provide full day care. Children attending the service were aged from 7 months to 5 years. The service operates Monday to Friday between the hours of 08:00 –18:00.
Premises	The service is situated in a large detached two storey house in an urban area of Glasthule County Dublin. There are six care rooms available for the pre-school children named the Baby room (7months-18 months), Wobbler room (16 months -18 months), Pre-school room (2-3 years), downstairs Montessori (3.5-5years), and upstairs Montessori (3-5years). The Toddler room (2-3years) was provided in a separate prefabricated building to the rear of the premises. An outdoor play area was provided on the premises.
Staffing	In total nineteen staff are 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>
Additional Information	On a previous inspection this service was found to be already operating this change without prior approval from the Registration Office.
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.

(1)(a) 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.

Requirement met:

The requirement has been met.

(1) There are an adequate number of adults working directly with the children at present.

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—

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(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.

Requirement met:	<p>The requirement has been met.</p> <p>(1)(a) The service comprises of six care rooms. The rooms are laid out to cater for the age range of children who attend each room.</p> <p>(1)(b) A separate cot room with six cots has been provided to facilitate the rest needs of young children attending the service. Rest areas are also available in each care room.</p> <p>(2)(b) There is a small enclosed outdoor space provided to the rear of the premises. Play equipment is provided in this area. There were no ponds, pits or other hazards observed. Scheduled times are allocated for each care room to allow children to avail of outdoor play.</p>
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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:	<p>The requirement has been met.</p> <p>A cook prepares all snacks and a hot meal in the service daily. A menu plan is available to demonstrate that varied nutritious food will be provided. Drinking water was freely available for children in the care rooms.</p>
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Part VI – Safety

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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.

Entry to the service was secured to prevent unauthorised access and to ensure that a child does not leave the service unsupervised. The outdoor space is secure. There is provision for the appropriate disposal and storage of waste including the provision of foot pedal operated bins in the sanitary areas. Fire exits are clearly indicated and are not obstructed. A fire assembly point away from the building is being used.

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:

This requirement has been met.

- (1) All adults working in the service have up to date paediatric first aid training certificates and two adults have the First Aid Responder training with expiry dates of 14 June 2024 and the 12 April 2024.
- (2)(a), (b) A suitably equipped First aid box was safely stored and available to the children.

Part VI – Safety

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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:

This requirement has been met.

(1)(a) A record is maintained of monthly fire drills conducted in the service.

(b) Maintenance records for fire fighting equipment and for the smoke alarms was dated 2 February 2023 and the 24 April 2023.

(4) A notice of the procedure to be followed in the event of a fire was clearly 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:

This requirement has been met.

Evidence of insurance cover for 63 children was submitted to the Registration office. This insurance is valid until the 28 March 2024.

Part VII – Premises and Space Requirements

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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 located in a purposely adapted detached two storey premises that appears to be of sound and stable structure.
- (b) There is one point of entry to the service through a locked door which is controlled by the adults working in the service. The outdoor area is secure.
- (c) The premises benefits from natural light via windows in all care rooms. There is supplemental artificial lighting also provided in the rooms. A central heating system heats wall mounted radiators. Windows in the care rooms can be opened to provide natural ventilation. Mechanical and natural ventilation is available in the sanitary areas and the nappy changing areas.
- (d) The premises and its environs were clean and maintained.
- (e) Sanitary accommodation provided for children consists of five toilets and five wash hand basins and three nappy changing stations and three wash hand basins. Two toilets and two wash hand basins have been provided for use by adults.

Part VII – Premises and Space Requirements

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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.

Requirement met:

This requirement has been met.

(1), (2) Adequate clear floor space has been provided in care rooms for the numbers of children currently attending and the proposed number of extra children attending on a Full Day Care basis.

Room Name	Clear Floor Space available
Baby room	20.9 square metres
Wobbler	9.6 square metres
Toddler	23.08 square metres
Pre-School	40.7 square metres
Junior Montessori	42.7 square metres
Senior Montessori	29 square metres

The above table illustrates that the service has sufficient clear floor space to accommodate the number of proposed additional children. The registered provider proposes to accommodate 63 pre-school children attending the service on a FDC basis within the existing space available.