

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances

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Name of Service	Daisy Chain Montessori and Childcare Centre
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Address of Service:	Fortfield Square, College Drive, Terenure, Dublin 6W
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Email Address:	terenure@daisychain.ie
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Name of Registered Provider:	Lucy Madigan & Gemma Rave
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Type of Proposed Service:	Full Day Care	✓	Part-Time	✓	Sessional	✓
	Drop-In		Childminding		Temporary	

Proposed change:	Extension to existing care room, Increase numbers of children to 67
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Proposed Number of Children:	Increase in numbers to 67 children
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Recommended Change Following Inspection:	Increase in numbers to 66 children due to sanitary accommodation.
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Registered change:	Change in number of children that can be accommodated from 61 to 66
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Inspection undertaken by:	L. Magee & S. Quigley
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Title:	Early Years Inspectors
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	Carysfort Avenue
	Blackrock, Co Dublin

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 66 Children
Date of Registration	13 th 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	This early years service is located in a suburban residential area in Terenure, Dublin 6. The service is privately operated. Full time, part-time and sessional care and education is provided for infants and children aged from one to six years of age. The hours of operation are from 07:30 to 18:30 each weekday.
Premises	This is a purposely adapted premises situated on the grounds of an apartment complex comprising of four care rooms with a separate sleep room. An outdoor area is located on the premises.
Staffing	The service currently employs 13 staff. The registered providers are available to provide planned relief when required.
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 inspectors wish 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:

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

The registered provider has ensured that there will be a designated person in charge and a named person to deputise when 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) An adequate number of adults have been recruited to work in this service.

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

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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)</p> <p>The service comprises of four care rooms which are suitably resourced and laid out to cater for the proposed number of children attending the service. The rooms are bright and spacious and laid out to cater for the age range of children that will be attending in each room.</p> <p>(1)(b)</p> <p>A designated sleep room is provided off room 1. It was equipped with nine standard cots. Additional folding cots were in storage throughout the premises. Suitable rest areas have been provided and low beds are available if required.</p> <p>(2)(b)</p> <p>There was a large back garden at the rear of the premises which was divided into two distinct play areas. The areas were safe and secure and equipped with ride on toys, mini slides and playhouses.</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>Breakfast is available to all children. An external catering company supplies a hot dinner each day for the children attending on a fulltime basis. Children bring in snacks from home. A kitchen is available for the preparation and provision of food and drinks for children.</p>
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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 front door was kept locked.

Blind cords were secured.

Cleaning agents were stored out of sight and reach of children.

Water was thermostatically controlled and did not exceed 43°C.

The outdoor area is suitably secured.

Protective radiator covers have been provided where required.

Emergency exits are clear and fire exit doors have been appropriately secured with thumb-turn locks.

There is provision for the appropriate disposal and storage of waste including the provision of foot pedal operated bins throughout the service.

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 is available to the children attending the pre-school service at all times.*

Requirement met:

The requirement has been met.

(1) The documentation was reviewed, and it was evidenced there were an adequate number of staff members trained in FAR to ensure someone is immediately available to the children at all times.

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(2)(a) Suitably equipped first aid boxes are available in each care room in the service.
They are clearly identifiable and readily accessible.

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) A record was available detailing monthly fire drills which had taken place in the service. The registered provider stated drills will continue to be completed on a monthly basis.

(b) There was a maintenance record for firefighting equipment and the smoke alarms.

(4) Notices of the procedures to be followed in the event of fire are displayed and the fire assembly point is identified.

Part VI – Safety

Regulation 28 – Insurance

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

Requirement met: An insurance quotation was submitted to the registration team prior to this inspection. This quotation was for full daycare for 67 children until 28/03/2024.

There was evidence of current insurance cover for a full day-care service for up to 61 children until the 27/03/24. The registered providers have confirmed Insurance for 67 children will be activated when this change has been approved.

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An updated insurance quotation was submitted on 12 September 2023 for full daycare for 66 children until 27/03/2024.

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:	<p>The requirement has been met.</p> <p>(b) The front door was kept locked at all times. A coded keypad was used to access the building.</p> <p>(c) The premises was suitably lit with natural light in all pre-school rooms via the windows supplemented by covered strip lighting. There was gas central heating throughout with protective radiator covers in place.</p> <p>(d) The premises was clean and well maintained. The service engages a cleaner each evening to clean all communal areas. There is a contract in place with a pest control company.</p>
Requirement not met:	<p>(e) Adequate and suitable sanitary facilities have been provided for 66 children only. Four toilets and two nappy changing units with 6 wash hand basins were provided for children. There were two staff toilets with wash hand basins. Each care rooms has an additional adult size sink.</p>
Response from Provider:	<p>The service is no longer seeking planning and insurance for 67 children. The service is seeking planning for 66 children. Senior management are all aware that the maximum amount of children on the premises at any one time is 66 due to the sanitation facilities available in the service.</p>
Summary Comment:	<p>The regulatory requirement has been met. The service has sufficient sanitary facilities for 66 children.</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 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:

The requirement has been met.

(1) Adequate clear floor space has been provided for the work, play and movement of children proposing to attend the service as demonstrated below. The requirement has been met.

(2) * Denotes the room the registered provider wishes to change.

Room	Clear floor space	Proposed age range	Maximum number of children
1	37.55 m ²	1 to 2 years	13 full day care
2	54.48m ²	3-6 years	23 full day care
3	30.61m ²	2-3years	13 full day care
4*	42.80m ²	3- 6 years	18 full day care
			Total number of children attending for full day care = 67 children

The required floor space is available for 67 children in the proposed age ranges attending on a full day care and sessional basis.