

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances



Tusla I.D.: TU2015DS167

Name of Service Templeogue Montessori

Address of Service: St Judes Pastoral Centre, Orwell Park, Templeogue, Dublin 6W, Dublin, D6W CH64

Email Address: silvercrestpatricks@gmail.com

Name of Registered Provider: Rita O'Dowd Archbold

Type of Proposed Service:	Full Day Care		Part-Time	✓	Sessional	✓
	Drop-In		Childminding		Temporary	

Proposed change: The service applied to change from a sessional service (8.45-11.45 & 12:00 to15:00) to a part time service (09:00 - 14:00)

Proposed Number of Children: 22

Recommended Change Following Inspection: Sessional and Part time service from 9am -2pm

Registered change: Change in service type form sessional to part-time sessional
Change in hours from 08:45 – 11:45 & 12:00 – 15:00 to 09:00 – 14:00

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Inspection undertaken by: L. Magee

Title: Early Years Inspector

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Tusla Early Years Inspectorate Address: Carysfort House, 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 Part-Time & Sessional Service for 22 Children
Date of Registration	1st October 2025

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	Templeogue Montessori is a privately owned early years service which was first established in 2002 and has been operated by the current registered provider since 2023. The service is located within the St. Jude's Pastoral Care Centre in Templeogue South Co Dublin.
Premises	The service consists of two interconnecting classrooms, sanitary accommodation and a kitchen. A large outdoor play area is available on the premises with a blend of artificial and natural grass surfacing.
Staffing	There are four members of staff working in the service. All of whom work directly with the children. The registered provider does not work directly with the children.
Methodology	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.

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	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.
Acknowledgements	The Inspector wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the person in charge who was present on the day of the inspection.

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 registered provider has ensured that there is a designated person in charge and a named person to deputise if 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) The registered provider has an adequate number of adults available to work with the children for the duration of a part time service

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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.*

Requirement met:

(1)(a)

Both preschool rooms are bright and spacious and are suitably resourced and laid out to cater for the proposed number of children attending on a part time service.

(1)(b) Suitable rest areas have been provided in the pre-school rooms. Six stackable beds are available for the children if they need to sleep.

(2)(b) The service has access to a suitable and safe large outdoor play area to the rear of the preschool. This has both a grass area and an artificial grass surfacing. There were no ponds, pits or other hazards observed in the outdoor areas.

Requirement not met:

Bed linen was not stored individually as required to prevent cross contamination.

Response from Provider:

Bed linen has been stored in individual packets to prevent cross-contamination.

Summary Comment:

The response received from the registered provider has met the regulatory requirement. This regulation has been met.

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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:

This requirement has been met.

All children will bring in a packed lunch from home which will be stored in the fridge in the preschool room. Children who attend on a part time basis will receive a hot meal before they go home. The staff prepare and cook food fresh for the children on a daily basis. Water is provided with their meals. The service has a menu available.

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.

External doors were secured to prevent children from exiting the service unsupervised and to restrict unauthorised persons from gaining access to the pre-school. The outdoor area was secured. Protective radiator covers have been provided where required.

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

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

Cleaning schedules were in place.

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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 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.
- (2)(a) A suitably equipped first aid box was provided. It was positioned in an easily accessible and conspicuous position in the main office of the preschool.

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:

- (1)(a) There was evidence that fire drills are practised monthly in the service.
- (4) Notices of the procedures to be followed in the event of fire were displayed. The fire assembly point was identified.

Requirement not met:

- (1)(b) An in-date record relating to the number, type and maintenance of fire-fighting equipment and the smoke detection system for the premises was not available.

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Response from Provider:	An in-date record relating to the number, type and maintenance of fire-fighting equipment and the smoke detection system for the premises has been sourced from the St. Jude's Pastoral Care Centre.
Summary Comment:	The response received from the registered provider has met the regulatory requirement. This regulation has been met.

Part VI – Safety

Regulation 28 – Insurance

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

Requirement met:	There was evidence of insurance cover for 22 children attending on a sessional basis from 28/03/2025 – 27/03/2026. In addition, there was evidence of a receipt for insurance cover which was purchased to change the cover from sessional to parttime, for 22 children.
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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 located in two preschool rooms on the ground floor. (b) There are two points of entry to the childcare service; the doors are secured, and access is controlled from the service. The outdoor area is secured to prevent a child leaving the area unsupervised.
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	<p>(c) The premises benefits from high levels of natural light via windows in the pre-school rooms. There is supplemental artificial lighting also provided from down lights. There is a gas heating system in each preschool room. Windows in the pre-school room can be opened. There is natural ventilation in the sanitary area.</p> <p>(d) The service was clean and well maintained and cleaning schedules are in place.</p> <p>(e) Adequate and suitable sanitary facilities have been provided in the service. There are three toilets and four wash hand basins designated for children's use. There is a separate toilet and wash hand basin designated for use by staff. Thermostatically controlled hot water was available and did not exceed 43°C.</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.*
- (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 has been met.

(1) Adequate clear floor space is available for the work, play and movement of children attending the pre-school service.

(2) & (3)

The minimum amount of clear floor space for children attending a part time service is 2.35 square metres (2–3-year-old children) and 2.3 square metres (3–6-year-old children) or 1.818 square metres when sessional and part time care are running contemporaneously. Clear floor space is available for the work, play and movement to accommodate the number of children that the registered provider proposes to accommodate based on the age range of children attending on a sessional/ parttime basis.

Room Name	Space available m ²
Room 1	41.18 m ²
Room 2	20.17 m ²

(4)(a)(b)

There is approximately 61.35 m² of clear floor space available in the service. The person in charge has demonstrated an awareness of the clear space requirements for each child according to these regulations.