

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances

Tusla I.D.: TU2015DY027

Name of Service Bizzy B's Creche

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

Proposed change: Proposal to open a new room in the service increasing the number of care rooms from 3 rooms to 4 rooms.
To increase the number of children to 50 children.
To increase staff numbers by two staff.
To provide additional sanitary accommodation for staff.

Proposed Number of Children: 50 full day care

Recommended Change Following Inspection: Full day care
49 children

Registered change:

Date of Inspection: 0 2 0 9 2 0 2 4

Inspection undertaken by: T. Nelson

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Rationale for Inspection:
Proposed Change of Circumstance

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

Registration Status:	Registered Full Day Care Service for 49 Children
Date of Registration	09.09.2024

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 new care room will provide full day care for up to 9 children ranging in age from 2 years and 6 months to 3 years old. This will bring the total number of care rooms in the service to four, catering for a maximum of 49 children at any one time. The service operates Monday to Friday 8.00am to 6.00pm.
Premises	The childcare service operates from the ground floor of a residential building in Dublin 11. There are three existing care rooms, a cot room, nappy changing facilities, sanitary accommodation for staff and children, an office and a kitchen. There is a communal activity space available in the hallway. There is a fully enclosed outdoor area to the rear of the premises.
Staffing	The service currently employs 12 staff including the registered provider and a cook. The service proposes to employ two additional staff members to provide cover for the new care room.
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. 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 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.

Requirement met:

The requirement is met.

(1)(a) The service has a designated person in charge and a named staff member is available 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.

(8) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) to (7)—

(b) a childminder shall ensure that a second person familiar with the operation of the service and in a position to provide assistance to the childminder in operating the service is, at all times, within close distance of the service and available to attend the service to assist the childminder in the event of an emergency, and

(c) a registered provider of a sessional pre-school shall ensure that, where the person in charge operates the service single-handedly, a second person familiar with the operation of the service and in a position to provide assistance to the person in charge in operating the service is, at all times, within close distance of the service and available to attend the service to assist the person in charge in the event of an emergency.

Requirement met:

The requirement is met.

(1) The registered provider has proposed that 2 staff members will be working with the proposed 9 children in the care room.

(8)(a)(b) Does not apply. The service is not a child-minding service. The person in charge will not operate the service single-handedly.

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:

The requirement is met.

(1)(a) The proposed care room will provide adequate and suitable facilities for the children to play indoors.

- There are defined areas of interest in the room.
- There is an adequate supply of toys and resources available to support a range of play experiences.
- Furniture in the room is suitable for the age and stage of development of the proposed children
- Toys and equipment are stored on low-level shelving, visible and accessible to the children.
- The equipment available to the children will provide them with challenging play experiences.

(1)(b) There are adequate and suitable facilities for a pre-school child to rest during the day.

- There is a cosy area available in the care room where children can take a break from activities and rest.
- There is an adequate supply of sleep mats available for the number of children who will require sleep, with sufficient space for these to be laid out in the care room.

(2)(b) There is an outdoor play area available to the rear of the premises which is fully enclosed. A range of outdoor toys to facilitate physical play experiences for the proposed age range is available.

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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:

The requirement is met.

- There is an on-site kitchen where the service will provide and prepare all meals and snacks for the children.
- The registered provider stated that children will receive four meals per day, with breakfast on arrival, a hot meal at 11.30am, a tea at 2.30pm, and a snack at 4.00pm.
- A water station will be available in the room where children will have access to drinking water.

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 is met.

- The emergency exits are unobstructed.
- The entrance is managed and monitored by staff.
- Door handles are up high out of reach to children, leaving the kitchen and storage facilities inaccessible to children.
- The furniture in use is suitable for the age and stage of the proposed age groups of the children in the rooms.
- Liquid soap, dispensed paper towels and thermostatically controlled warm water is available at all sinks used by the staff and children.
- Cleaning schedules are in place and the rooms were visually clean on the day of the inspection.
- Risk assessments are available for the indoor and outdoor areas.

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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 is met.

- (1) Evidence is available that all staff are trained to First Aid Response Level.
- (2)(a)(b) A suitably equipped first aid box is readily available

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 is met.

- (1)(a) There is a template available to record fire drills that will take place in the service.
- (1)(b) A written record is available to demonstrate the firefighting equipment in the premises were maintained in March 2024 and the smoke alarms were maintained on the 2 August 2024.
- (4)
 - There is a notice displayed in the care rooms of the procedures to be followed in the event of a fire.
 - A fire assembly notice is visible outside of the service to enable staff and children to identify the fire assembly point.

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Part VI – Safety

Regulation 28 – Insurance

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

Requirement met:

The requirement is met.

The registered provider provided evidence of appropriate insurance for up to 52 children in a full-time care service, from the 2 September 2024 to 27 March 2025.

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 is met.

(a) The premises appears to be of a sound and stable structure.

(b) The entrance door to the service is secured adequately to prevent children from exiting unsupervised and unauthorised persons from gaining access.

(c) The service is adequately lit, heated and ventilated:

- A high window provides natural lighting to the care room. This is augmented with a window to the communal hall area and artificial ceiling lighting. Ceiling lights are fitted with protective covers.
- Heating is provided by an air conditioning system. The temperature of the care room on the day of the inspection was maintained between the recommended 18 to 22°C.
- The proposed care room and the sanitary accommodation are ventilated by a mechanical air exchange system.

(d) The room is clean, maintained and in good repair. There is a cleaning schedule available to ensure regular cleaning of the room.

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	<p>(e) There is adequate and suitable sanitary accommodation available for the proposed number of children in the service. There is adequate sanitary accommodation for the proposed number of staff. The following is available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are four toilets and five sinks available for the use of children. One toilet and one sink is required for every 11 children. • There are 3 nappy changing mats and two sinks available for children in nappies. One nappy changing mat and one sink is required for every 11 children. • There are two toilets and two sinks, one of which is wheelchair accessible available for staff. One toilet and one sink is required for every 8 staff.
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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 is met.

(1) The clear floor space available in the proposed new care room for the work, play and movement of children attending is adequate for 9 children.

(2) The clear floor space available measures 21.8 square metres ensuring a minimum amount of 2.35 square metres of clear floor space for each child attending the proposed new care-room in respect of the proposed age range of 2-3 years.

This provides clear floor space for 9 children attending on a full day care basis