

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances

Tusla I.D.: TU2015DY036

Name of Service Bunratty Community Childcare Centre

Address of Service: Northside Civic Centre, Bunratty Road, Bonnybrook, D17
K462

Email Address: manager@bunrattyccc.ie

Name of Registered Provider: Declan Golding

Type of Proposed Service:	Full Day Care	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Part-Time	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sessional	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Drop-In	<input type="checkbox"/>	Childminding	<input type="checkbox"/>	Temporary	<input type="checkbox"/>

Proposed change: To increase the number of children attending the service from 38 to 42.

Proposed Number of Children: 42

Recommended Change Following Inspection: Increase in children from 38 to 42

Registered change: Change in number of children from 38 to 42.
Change in number of staff from 11 to 12.

Date of Inspection: 0 3 0 9 2 0 2 5

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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 for 42 Children.
Date of Registration	10.09.2025

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	Bunratty community childcare centre is a community early years' service which was established in 2013. The service provides full day and part time care to children aged 1 to 6 years of age operating from 8:30am to 6:00pm Monday to Friday. The service is proposing to increase the number of children attending the service from 38 to 42.
Premises	Bunratty Community Childcare Centre is located in a two storey purpose built premises located on the grounds of Northside Civic Centre on the northside of Dublin city. There are 3 care rooms in the service all of which are located on the ground floor namely the Waddler room (1 to 2 years) Junior Preschool room (2 to 4 years) and the Senior Preschool room (aged 3 to 5 years). The room that was previously used as a dining room on the ground floor has been reconfigured to create a sleep room to accommodate the children attending the Waddler room. Each care room has access to its own individual outdoor area which is located to the rear of the care rooms.
Staffing	A service manager is employed in the service to coordinate the day-to-day operational management of the service in addition to 12 staff members who work directly with the children in addition to a further 10 ancillary staff members. The registered provider does not work directly with the children attending the service.

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<p>Methodology</p>	<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>
<p>Acknowledgements</p>	<p>The Inspector wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the person in charge, staff and children who were present on the day of the inspection.</p>

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 service manager is the designated person in charge on a daily basis and a named person is available to deputise as required.

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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 is aware of the minimum ratio of adults to children specified in Part 2 of Schedule 6 and would ensure that an adequate number of adults would at all times work directly with the children in the 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.

(3) A registered provider of a full day care service, a part-time day care service or a childminding service, other than such a service to which paragraph (2) applies, shall ensure that—

(a) a suitable, safe and secure outdoor space to which the pre-school children attending the service have access on a daily basis is provided on the premises or

Requirement met:

The requirement has been met.

(1)(a) The care rooms were resourced with a broad range of suitable play materials and equipment to facilitate children to initiate and sustain meaningful play activities. Interest areas were clearly defined and included well-resourced home corners, libraries, construction areas, a wide range of tabletop materials, sensory play materials including sand trays and arts and crafts areas. The play materials were

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stored at an accessible level to the pre-school children. A secure outdoor area is located to the rear of the service.

(b) A sleep room containing 10 standard cots is provided in the sleep room on the ground floor of the service. Five floor beds are available for children aged 15 months and older to sleep in along with floor mats and stackable beds for pre-school children aged 2 years and older who would require or wish to sleep or rest in the service. A rest area is available in all the care rooms with soft matting, low level couches and cushions provided close to the libraries to enable a child to rest and take a break from activities throughout the day if required.

(3)(a) An outdoor area is located to the rear of the service, each care room has access to an individual outdoor area directly from the care rooms the area The outdoor play areas was observed to be suitable and secure, and no safety hazards were noted on the day of inspection.

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 has been met.

A weekly menu is available in the service. The service provides all meals and snacks for children attending the service. The main meal is sourced from an outside catering company. There is a fridge provided in the Waddler room and in the kitchen for the storage of perishable food items.

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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.

There are no hazards observed by the inspectors that would impact the health, safety or welfare of the children attending the service. Appropriate measures have been undertaken in the service to ensure the safety of the children.

- The external doors and windows were appropriately secured to prevent children from exiting the service unsupervised and to restrict unauthorised persons from gaining access to the service.
- The windows in the care rooms were fitted with restrictive opening devices.
- Blind cords were secure in all of the care rooms.
- All furniture and equipment were clean and in good condition and suitable for use by the proposed age groups.
- The heating system for the service was thermostatically controlled.
- Thermostatically controlled running water was available at the wash hand basins in the service.

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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) There are eight staff members in the service who hold in-date first aid response (FAR) training.

(2)(a)(b) First aid boxes were suitably equipped and stored in readily accessible and conspicuous positions in the care rooms, available at all times for the children if necessary.

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 template is available which would be used to record fire drills that would take place monthly at the service.

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- (b) The firefighting equipment was commissioned and installed on the 20th of March 2025 and the Fire Detection and Alarm System was commissioned on the 20th of March 2025.
- (4) Notices of the procedures to be followed in the event of a fire are displayed in the care rooms in the service.

Part VI – Safety

Regulation 28 – Insurance

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

Requirement met:

The requirement has been met.

A current insurance certificate is in place for up to 42 children to attend the service on a full day basis, valid until 27 March 2026.

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) On visual inspection the premises appears to be structurally sound.

(b) The premises were safe and secure. The entrance doors to the service and the internal door were secured adequately to prevent children from exiting unsupervised and to prevent unauthorised access to the service.

(c)

Lighting:

The care room in the service has a number of windows which provides the room with natural light. The natural light can be augmented with artificial ceiling lighting as required. Appropriate shatter proof coverings are provided on the ceiling lighting.

There are sufficient windows provided in the care room to achieve adequate ventilation.

Heating:

The premises is heated by means of gas central heating. The ambient temperatures of the care rooms and the sanitary accommodation were within the optimum care room temperature range of 18-22°C on the day of inspection.

Ventilation:

Ventilation in the care rooms is provided by means of openable windows and trickle vents.

(d) The premises is in a clean condition and in a good state of repair.

(e) Adequate and suitable sanitary accommodation including nappy changing facilities were available in the service.

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:

(1) The requirement has been met. There is adequate clear floor space available for the children.

(2) The clear floor space of the Waddler room measured 38.08 m² which provides sufficient space for 10 children between the age of 1-2 years attending the room on a full day care or part time basis.

The clear floor space of the Junior preschool room measured 39.44 m² which provides sufficient space for 12 children between the age of 2-3 years to be cared for in this room on a full day care basis.

The clear floor space of the Senior Preschool room measured 51.26 m² which provides sufficient space for 20 children between the age of 3-5 years to be cared for in this room on a full day care basis.