

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances



Tusla I.D: TU2015DY086

Name of Service: Griffith Community Playgroup

Address of Service: Griffith Childcare Centre,
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Dublin 11

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Name of Registered Provider: Ms Orla Mc Grath

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

Proposed Number of Children: 22

Date of Inspection:	Day	Month	Year
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Inspection undertaken by: Ms D Murray
Title: Early Years Inspector

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Rationale for Inspection :	
Proposed Change of Circumstance	Move to a new premises on the same site

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

Registration Status:	Registered Part time and sessional service for 22 children
Date of Registration	28 th June 2021

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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	Griffith Community Playgroup previously operated a sessional/part-time service from 9am to 1pm weekdays and catered for 22 children from 2 to 6 years. The proposed new service which is situated on the same site will offer a sessional /part-time care & education to children from 2 years 8 months to 5 years from 9am to 2pm Monday to Friday. The service will cater for 22 children at any one time.
Premises	The service is located in a purpose built facility with a reception area, kitchen, office, 1 care room with children and staff sanitary facilities. The original outdoor space is located to the rear of the building.
Staffing	The registered provider is the person in charge of the service along with 2 other staff members.
Methodology	<p>The inspection was an announced Focused 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 three themes; Governance, 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 for consideration of a decision in relation to the service receiving registration.</p>
Acknowledgements	The Inspector wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the registered provider and staff 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 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 has been met.

(1) The registered provider has ensured that an adequate number of adults will be working directly with the children attending the pre-school service. There will be 3 adults with a maximum of 22 children attending on a sessional basis with some children staying on to avail of part-time service.

(8) (b) Not applicable as this is not a childminder service.

(c) Not applicable as this service is a sessional/part-time 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 outdoor space to which the preschool children attending the service have access on a daily basis is provided on the premises.*
- (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*
 - (b) *where no such space is provided, the preschool children attending the service have access on a daily basis to an outdoor service*
- (4) *Where outdoor space to which the pre-school children attending the service have access is provided on the premises of a sessional pre-school service other than such a service to which paragraph (2) applies, a temporary pre-school service or a pre-school service in a drop-in centre, the registered provider shall ensure that such outdoor space is suitable, safe and secure.*
- (5) *Where pre-school children attending a sessional pre-school service other than such a service to which paragraph (2) applies, a temporary pre-school service or a pre-school service in a drop-in centre have access to an outdoor space other than such a space specified in paragraph 4, the registered provider shall ensure that such outdoor space is suitable*

Requirement met:

(1)(a) The requirements have been met.

The care room had well defined areas of interest with a range of suitable toys placed on low level shelving accessible to the children. Areas of interest included sand/water table, painting board, blackboard, home area with supporting play equipment, dress up rail, animal box, a wooden train set and plastic shapes. Art and craft materials will be brought from the existing service.

(b) A wooden bench with a padded seat was available in the room for children to take a break from activities if needed. Two sleep mats were available with bed linen if children needed to sleep.

The requirement has been met.

(2) (b) The existing outdoor space is located to the rear of the new premises. It is enclosed with a railing and has a secure gate. The surface area consisted of grass with a cement pathway. Equipment included planting boxes, play house, building blocks, kitchen and a climbing tunnel.

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- (3) (a) Not applicable.
(b) Not applicable.
- (4) Not applicable.
- (5) Not applicable.

Part V – Care of Children in Pre-School Services

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.

The children will bring their own lunch to the service. A fruit snack will be available for the children attending the service until 2 pm.

A constant supply of water will also be available and accessible to the children.

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 play materials and equipment in the service were stored on stable-based low level shelving units which were secure reducing the risk of injury. The play materials and equipment were observed to be safe and suitable for the developmental age of the proposed children.
- A system was available for the safe storage of cleaning agents and equipment.
- A sleep log was available to ensure 10 minutes sleep checks are conducted if a child is sleeping.
- All emergency doors were found to be clear and unobstructed.
- All staff members had received in service training and had completed the Covid-19 Return to Work Questionnaire.
- Covid-19 information will be given to parents and a Return to Crèche Form was available for parents to complete.
- A visitor's questionnaire was available to facilitate contact tracing.
- Hand sanitisers were available at the entrance hall and in the care room. Pictorial hand washing posters were placed beside the sinks in the children sanitary facilities as a reminder regarding effective hand washing.
- An adequate supply of personal protective equipment was available in the service.

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- An allocated isolation area was available in the reception area with 2 chairs in the event of a child or staff member becoming unwell while attending 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—
- 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) An adequate number of staff had up to date paediatric first aid training.

(2)(a) and (b) The first aid box was suitably equipped and safely stored in a readily accessible and conspicuous position in the care rooms and were available at all times.

Part VI - Safety

Regulation 26 – Fire Safety Measures

- (1) A registered provider shall ensure that a record in writing is kept of—
- any fire drill that takes place in the premises, and
 - 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 was available to record fire drills that take place in the service.

(b) A record was maintained of the number, type and maintenance of the fire fighting equipment and smoke detection system in the service. The fire fighting equipment was last serviced on 21/5/21 and smoke detection system was serviced on 29/4/2021.

(4) A notice of the procedures to be followed in the event of a fire was displayed in the service. There fire assembly point was located at the railing to the front of the main door.

Part VI - Safety

Regulation 28 – Insurance

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

Requirement met:

The requirement has been met.

The service has adequate insurance to cover 22 pre-school children which expires on the 28/2/22.

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 premises appeared to be of sound and stable structure.

(b) The entrance door to the service and the internal doors along with the outdoor areas were adequately secured and supervised to prevent children from exiting unsupervised and to prevent unauthorised access to the service.

(c)

- The care room had window panes which provided natural lighting The natural light can be augmented with artificial ceiling lighting as required.
- The service was heated with thermostatically controlled under floor air heating. The care room had a thermostat which displays the temperature of the room. The temperature of the care room was recorded at 20°C on the day of inspection.
- The sanitary facilities in the service were ventilated by means of a mechanical ventilation system.

(d) The service was in a clean and hygienic condition on the day of inspection. Cleaning schedules were available in the care room and sanitary facilities to ensure regular cleaning.

(e) The sanitary facilities off the care room consisted of 2 separate children’s toilets with 2 half doors and 2 wash hand basins. A staff toilet was also available with 1 wash hand basin.

Warm water not exceeding 43°C, liquid soap and hand paper towel was available.

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).
- (5) A registered provider of a temporary pre-school service shall ensure that a minimum of 2 square metres of clear floor space is available for each child attending the service.

Requirement met:

The requirement has been met.

- (1) The registered provider ensured that adequate clear floor space was available in the premises for the work, play and movement of children attending the pre-school service.
- (2) The registered provider ensured that a minimum of 2.3 m² of clear floor space is available for each child attending the service on a part-time basis.
- (3) The registered provider ensured that a minimum of 1.818 m² of clear floor space is available for each child attending the service on a sessional basis.
- (4)

Care room

Free floor space available was 52.25 m². This provides sufficient space for the proposed:

 - (a) 22 children between the ages of 2 years 8 months to 5 years attending on a sessional basis.
 - (b) 22 children between the ages of 2 years 8 months to 5 years attending on a part-time basis.
- (5) Not applicable.