

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances

Tusla I.D.:	TU2015DY091
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Name of Service	Happyways Artane Beaumont
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Address of Service:	Artane Beaumont Family Recreation Centre, Kilmore Road, Artane, Dublin 5, D05 W603
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Email Address:	artane@happywayschildcare.com
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Name of Registered Provider:	Miriam Caffrey
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Type of Proposed Service:	Full Day Care		Part-Time	X	Sessional	
	Drop-In		Childminding		Temporary	

Proposed change:	Change of Address from St John of Gods Primary School, Kilmore Road, Artane, Dublin 5 to Artane Beaumont Community Centre, Kilmore Road, Artane, Dublin 5. Change of Service Type from sessional to part-time. Change of Hours from 9am-12pm to 8am-1pm. Change in Number of Staff from 2 to 4 staff
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Proposed Number of Children:	22
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Inspection undertaken by:	E. Finnegan Hayes
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Title:	Early Years inspector
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Tusla Early Years Inspectorate Address:	Early Years Inspectorate, Floor 7 Brunel Building, Heuston South Quarter, St. John's Road West, Kilmainham, Dublin 8
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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 Part-Time & Sessional Service for 22 children
Date of Registration	26th September 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	Happy ways Artane Beamont is a privately operated service which proposes to offer care and education to children aged 2-6 years on a part-time basis. The service will participate in the ECCE scheme.
Premises	The proposed service will operate from two rooms in Artane community centre; room one is located on the ground floor and room 2 is located on the first floor. It is proposed to cater to 11 children in each care room. Sanitary accommodation is available in the hallway outside of each care room. An enclosed outdoor area is provided to the side of the building.
Staffing	The registered provider has employed four staff to work in the service including the service manager.
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>

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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:	(1) (a) The service has a designated person in charge and a named person 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:	(1) The registered provider proposes to have four staff working directly with the children in the 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:	<p>(1)(a)</p> <p>The toys and materials available were assessed and deemed adequate to support the learning and development of the children. For example.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Both care rooms were equipped with a range of toys and equipment suitable for children in the proposed age group. The toys were grouped thematically into clearly defined interest areas and accessible to the children on low level shelving.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child sized tables and chairs were provided for the children to engage in tabletop activities and eat meals. • The outdoor area is equipped with a range of toys and equipment to support a range of play experiences. <p>(b)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Both care rooms have cozy areas which consist of a soft mat and cushions providing a comfortable place for the children to rest or to take a break from activities during the day. • Low level beds and appropriate bedlinen will be available for children who require sleep during the day. <p>(2) (b) An adequately secured outdoor area is available within the grounds of the community centre. Storage was available to store toys and equipment when not in use.</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:

The service has a Healthy eating policy. Breakfast and afternoon snack will be provided by the service and a sample menu is available. Parents will supply lunch for the children daily; a fridge is available in both care rooms for storage of lunches to prevent spoiling. Water will be available to the children in individually labelled beakers.

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 registered provider has put the following measures in place to ensure the safety of the children;

- The entrance to the community centre is manned by a receptionist to prevent unauthorised persons accessing the building and prevent children leaving unsupervised.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The care room doors are closed when the children are present, and a retractable safety gate is in place to prevent children leaving the care rooms unsupervised. • The outdoor area is adequately secured with high fencing and a gate which is secured. • Toys and equipment are well maintained and free from hazards. • Flexes are appropriately secured out of reach of the children. • The fire assembly point is clearly labelled in the outdoor area. • A system is in place to ensure linens are laundered on a set schedule and as needed.
<p>Requirement not met:</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Water was thermostatically controlled at two of the four sinks in the downstairs sanitary accommodation. Signage is required to identify the two thermostatically controlled sinks which are to be used by the service. 2. Water in the downstairs care room was not thermostatically controlled at a suitable level. The water temperature was 50.8°C. 3. Hand towel dispensers are required in both care rooms to support the maintenance of adequate hand hygiene. 4. The radiator covers were not sufficient to prevent children touching the radiator for example the gaps in the radiator cover in the downstairs room were big enough for adult fingers to fit through while pipes were exposed on the radiators in both care rooms which could pose a risk of scalding to the children. 5. Toilet brushes are present in the cubicles in the upstairs sanitary accommodation. 6. A tall dolls house was not adequately secured to prevent tipping.
<p>Response from Provider:</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The two sinks which are thermostatically controlled we have signposted for the use of Happy ways children. 2. Water has been adjusted to the correct level and checked on numerous to ensure it is at the correct level. 3. Hand Towel Dispensers have been hung in the rooms. 4. Radiator covers have been extended and pipes have been covered.

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	<p>5. Opening checklist has been updated to state: Toilet brushes must be removed prior to children entering the building. Closing checklist has been updated to state: Toilet brushes must be returned prior closing down the service for the day.</p> <p>6. Dolls House secured to wall and re-enforced to make it sturdier.</p>
Summary Comment:	The requirement under Regulation 23 has been met.

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:	<p>(1) The registered provider ensured three staff members are trained in First Aid Response (FAR).</p> <p>(2) (a)(b) A suitably equipped first aid box is available in both care rooms, stored out of reach of the children but immediately available if required.</p>
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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) (b) A record detailing the servicing of the firefighting equipment was available for review. The certificates showed the most recent service of the firefighting equipment took place on 11 th December 2023. A commissioning certificate was available for the smoke alarms as these have recently been replaced. The certificate was dated 16 th September 2023.
Requirement not met:	(1)(a) A record form for fire drills was not available on the day of inspection.

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	(4) A notice of the procedure to be followed in the event of an emergency was not displayed in the downstairs care room.
Response from Provider:	(1) A fire drill record form is now available. (4) A notice has been ordered and will be hung on arrival.
Summary Comment:	The requirement under Regulation 26 has been met.

Part VI – Safety

Regulation 28 – Insurance

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

Requirement met:	The registered provider ensured that insurance which is valid until 27/03/2025 is in place. The Registered Provider must ensure that adequate insurance is in place prior to the commencement of the change. The change approval is contingent on the registered providers compliance with Regulation 28.
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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:	(a) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On visual inspection, the care room appeared to be of stable structure. • Water is provided by the public mains. • Sewage is removed from the building via the public sewage system. (b) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The service entrance is secured, and access is managed by staff. • The outdoor area is secure with high fencing and low-level fencing is present to section off a designated play area. (c)
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Natural light was available in both care rooms and sanitary areas, this is supplemented by artificial light. Shatterproof covers are fitted on all light fixtures. Both care room and sanitary areas will be ventilated by opening windows. Passive vents are also present. An ambient temperature is maintained in the care room. <p>(d)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The service was adequately cleaned. The service was adequately rodent proofed. <p>(e)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sanitary facilities are available in the hallway outside each care room. Two cubicles and two sinks in both sanitary facilities are designated for use by the service. This is adequate for the proposed number of children in the care room. Additional toilets are available within the area for use by staff. A nappy changing unit is available in the sanitary facilities on the first floor for use by the service.
Requirement not met:	<p>(d)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Plaster and paint was peeling and flaking on the wall under the window in the downstairs care room. A socket in the downstairs care room was not fixed to the wall securely and moved when touched. A piece of wooden edging was broken and exposed a gap between the wooden floor and the concrete. A toilet seat was not fitted on the middle toilet in the upstairs sanitary accommodation.
Response from Provider:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Wall has been filed and painted. Socket has been secured and covered. Floor has been fixed.

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	4. Happy ways will have two cubicles signposted for use by happy ways children only during operational hours. This toilet in question will not be used.
Summary Comment:	The requirement under Regulation 29 has been met.

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)(2) The Downstairs care room measured 30.6m ² and the upstairs care room measured 32.1m ² which is adequate for 22 children attending the service on a part time basis.
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