

Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Report

Pre School

TUSLA Identifier:	TU2015DY099
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Name of Service:	Jumblies
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Address of Service:	10 Glenbeigh Park, Cabra, Dublin 7
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Name of Registered Provider:	Colette Woods
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Service type:	Sessional
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Date of Inspection:	27/09/2023
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No of pre-school children:	AM 8
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Address of the Early Years Inspectorate:	Early Years Inspectorate, Child and Family Agency, Unit 4&5 Nexus Building Block 6A, Blanchardstown Corporate Park, Dublin 15.
Inspection undertaken by:	E Hosford
Title:	Early Years Inspector

Authority to Inspect

The Tusla Early Years Inspectorate carries out inspections of Early Years Services under Section 58(J) of the Child Care Act 1991 (as inserted by Section 92 of the Child and Family Agency Act 2013).

Conditions if applicable	Not applicable.
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Description of service

Jumblies is a private sessional service which operates from a purpose built premises to the rear of the registered providers residence. An outdoor area is available to the children during the session. The service caters for children aged between 2 to 6 years of age and operates from 8:45am to 12:30pm Monday to Friday.

Staffing

The service is operated by the registered provider as a single-handed service. The service has an emergency contact person who is available and familiar with the service in the event of an emergency. The registered provider was working with the children on the day of inspection.

Methodology

Tusla's Early Years Inspectorate is the independent statutory regulator of early years services in Ireland. The Child Care Act 1991 (Early Years Services) Regulations 2016 define the duty of a registered provider to ensure the safety and well-being of children and to comply with these regulations. This Act also gives Tusla the authority to assess compliance with the regulations. The purpose of regulation in relation to early years services is to ensure that the care, safety, and well-being of children attending such services is upheld. Inspections of early years services are planned based on the following:

- Previous inspection history
- Any information received in relation to the service

The findings on inspection are based on:

- Information obtained through examination of documentation
- Direct observation
- Discussion with relevant staff

The unannounced inspection focused on an examination of compliance under The Child Care Act 1991 (Early Years Services) Regulations 2016.

Regulation 9 Management and recruitment (2)(a)(b)(c)(d),(4)

Regulation 11 Staffing Levels (1), (3),(8)(c),

Regulation 15 Record of pre-school child (1)(a)(b)(c)(d)(e)(f)(g)(h)(i),

Regulation 21 Equipment and Materials,

Regulation 25 First Aid (1)(a)(b) and
Regulation 26 Fire Safety Measures (1)(a)(b), (4).

Inspection findings are documented in the inspection report which is first issued in draft format to the service with an opportunity to respond to any findings. Where statutory requirements are identified as not being met, the registered provider must demonstrate how they have rectified the non-compliance and will prevent any non-compliance from re occurring. The Corrective Action and Preventive Action plan (CAPA) will be used to inform decisions about compliance with regulatory requirements. Where the registered provider fails to meet the statutory requirements an escalation process may be commenced.

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.

Acknowledgments

The inspector wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the registered provider and children who were present on the day of the inspection.

Part III – Management and Staff

Regulation 9 – Management and recruitment

(2) A registered provider shall ensure that each employee, unpaid worker and contractor is suitable and competent taking into consideration the nature of the needs of children, including by-

(a) consideration of references from the person’s past employers, if any, and in particular the most recent employer, if any,

(b) consideration of references from reputable sources in the case of a person who has no past employers,

(c) consideration of the vetting disclosure received from the National Vetting Bureau of the Garda Síochána in accordance with the Act of 2012 in respect of the person, and

(d) ensuring, insofar as is practicable, that where a person has lived in a state other than the State for a period of longer than 6 consecutive months, he or she provides police vetting from the police authorities in that state.

(4) A registered provider shall ensure that, without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (2) and subject to paragraphs (5) and (6), each employee working directly with children attending the service holds at least a major award in Early childhood Care and Education at Level 5 on the National Qualifications Framework or a qualification deemed by the Minister to be equivalent.

Compliance Information

(2)(a)

The following references were from a past employer.

- One reference for the registered provider.
- One validated written reference for the emergency contact person.

(b)

The following references were from a source other than a past employer.

- One reference for the registered provider.
- One validated written reference for the emergency contact person.

(c)

Garda vetting disclosures were available for the registered provider and emergency contact person.

(d)

International police vetting was not required as documentary evidence indicated that the registered provider and emergency contact person had not resided outside of the jurisdiction for more than 6 months as an adult.

(4)

The registered provider had documentation to demonstrate that they held at least a major award in Early childhood Care and Education at Level 5 on the National Qualifications Framework.

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.

(3) Subject to paragraph (5), a registered provider of a sessional pre-school service shall ensure that at all times the minimum ratio of adults to children specified in column (3) of Part 2 of Schedule 6 opposite a particular reference number specified in column (1) of that Part in respect of the age range of the children specified in column (2) therefore at that reference number is satisfied.

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

(c) a registered provider of a sessional pre-school service 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.

Compliance Information

(1) There were an adequate number of adults working directly with the children as there was one adult working with eight children aged between 2-5 years of age.

(3) The correct adult/child ratio was maintained in the service throughout the inspection at all times. The adult child ratios were maintained as follows;

Main care room: One adult to 8 children aged between 2-5 years of age.

(8)(c) The registered provider ensured that a second person who was familiar with the service was available at all times to attend the service to assist the person in charge in the event of an emergency.

Part IV – Information and Records

Regulation 15 – Record of pre-school child

(1) A registered provider of a pre-school service other than a pre-school service in a drop-in centre or a temporary pre-school service shall ensure that a record in writing is kept in respect of each pre-school child attending the service containing the following particulars:

- (a) the name and date of birth of the child;*
- (b) the date on which the child first attended the service;*
- (c) the date on which the child ceased to attend the service;*
- (d) the name and address of a parent or guardian of the child and a telephone number where that parent or guardian or a relative or friend of the child can be contacted during the hours of operation of the service;*
- (e) authorisation for the collection of the child;*
- (f) details of any illness, disability, allergy or special need of the child, together with all the information relevant to the provision of special care or attention;*
- (g) the name and telephone number of the child's registered medical practitioner;*
- (h) record of immunisations, if any, received by the child;*
- (i) written parental consent for appropriate medical treatment of the child in the event of an emergency.*

Compliance Information

(1)

(a) to (i)

On review of the documentation relating to the children in attendance within the service, the required information and detail was available and complete.

Part V - Care of Child in Pre-school Service

Regulation 21 – Equipment and materials

A registered provider shall ensure that there is adequate and suitable furniture, play and work equipment and materials available on the premises of the pre-school service.

Compliance Information

- The furniture provided in the care room was low level and age appropriate for the children attending with toys and play materials accessible and stored on low level shelving.
- The care room was bright and laid out in a variety of designated interest areas including: home corner (with dolls, cots, play kitchen with additional supporting equipment such as; pots, pans, dishes, plates and cutlery available), construction area (with cars, trucks, and building blocks), rest area (with soft seating and books), craft area (with paper, paint, crayons, pencils, wooden lollipop sticks, glue, scissors and craft paper), table top area (with jigsaws, matching games, board games and picture dominos).
- The outdoor play areas consisted of concrete paving and grass. The children had access to; sand play, hula hoops, chalk board with chalk, climbing frame and a wooden play house along with a vegetable garden.

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.

Compliance Information

(1)
The registered provider ensured that a person trained in First Aid Responder (FAR) certification was available to the children during the operation of the service.

(2)
(a) and (b) A first aid box was suitably equipped, accessible and available to the children attending the service.

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.

Compliance Information

- (1)
- (a)
- The last recorded fire drill that took place in the service was on the 2 June 2023, prior to the service finishing for the summer holidays.
- (b)
- The number, type and maintenance of the firefighting equipment and smoke alarms was present in the service. Fire extinguishers and smoke alarms were serviced on the 17 May 2023.
- (4)
- A notice of the fire procedures to be followed in the event of an emergency were clearly displayed in the main hallway of the service.