

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances

Tusla I.D: TU2015DY133

Name of Service Lullaby's Creche & Montessori

Address of Service: Fairview Close, Richmond Avenue, Dublin 3

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Name of Registered Provider: Tracey Kendellen

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

Proposed change: Change in the maximum number of children registered to attend from 33 full day care to 38 full day care/ 43 sessional

Proposed Number of Children: 38 full day care/ 43 sessional

Recommended Change Following Inspection: Increase in numbers up to 38 children attending on a full day care basis.

Registered change: Change in number of children that can be accommodated from 33 to 38

Date of Inspection: 2 7 0 9 2 0 2 3

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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 Service for 38 Children
Date of Registration	25 th October 2023

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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	Lullaby's Creche & Montessori is a full day care service located in a residential area in Dublin 3. The service offers care and education to children aged 1-5 years from 8am-6pm Monday to Friday and participates in the early childhood care and education (ECCE) programme.
Premises	The service is located on the ground floor of an apartment complex. The service is comprised of three care rooms; Baby room, Toddler room and Montessori room, an office, a kitchen, sanitary facilities, and a staff room. An enclosed outdoor area is available to the rear of the premises.
Staffing	The service employs a total of 9 staff including the registered provider and 8 childcare staff. Two additional staff will be joining the team from the registered provider's other service. The person in charge and service supervisor are not assigned to a room and provide cover and support across all care rooms.
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 Inspectors wish 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 service has a designated person in charge and two named persons who can 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.

Requirement met:

(1)

The registered provider will employ 10 staff to work directly with the children to maintain the adult child ratio taking into account the age range, the number of children and the type of service the children are enrolled for. The service is registered to provide care and education to children aged between 0 and 6 years old.

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.

(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:

(1)(a)

The care rooms were assessed and the facilities to play indoors were deemed adequate. For example;

- Low level tables and chairs were provided for the children to engage in tabletop activities and eat meals.
- Low shelving was used to display toys and equipment at a level accessible to the children.
- The rooms were equipped with an adequate amount of toys and equipment suitable to the age and stage of development of the children. These were grouped into areas of interest and included small world materials, natural resources such as pinecones, a book area with a soft mat and cushions and a selection of books and a play kitchen with supporting equipment.

(b)

- Cozy areas which were large enough to accommodate a number of children if they wished to take a break from activities consisted of soft mats and pillows and provided a comfortable place for the children to rest during the day.
- Cots and low beds are provided for children who require sleep during the day.

(3)(a) A secure outdoor area is available at the rear of the building. This area is equipped with a variety of equipment. A daily roster is available with each room allocated time in the area.

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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 operates a healthy eating policy. The service provides two meals and two snacks per day which vary in accordance with a three-week menu. All meals and snacks are prepared onsite. The service is registered with the environmental health officer.

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 service entrance is secured with a buzzer system and a release button at adult height on the inside. A second coded door provides a containment area for visitors before they can access the care rooms. This prevents unauthorized person entering the premises unknown to the staff and prevents children leaving the service unsupervised.
- The outdoor area is adequately secured with high walls and a button release fire exit door.
- Toys and equipment in the care rooms were maintained in good condition.
- The outdoor play area is well maintained and free from hazards.
- Thermostatically controlled warm water, dispensed paper hand towels and soap were available at the wash-hand basins used by the children and staff to facilitate adequate hand hygiene.
- Cleaning schedules to be used in the care room were reviewed.
- Cleaning spray was observed to be stored on a high shelf.
- Waste was stored inaccessible to the children.
- The kitchen was inaccessible to the children.

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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:

(1) The registered provider ensured a staff member trained in First Aid Response (FAR) will be available on the premises. Certification showed that a number of staff are currently trained in FAR.

(2)(a)(b) An adequately stocked first aid box was available mounted to the wall in the kitchen out of reach of the children but accessible to staff as needed.

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)(a) A record of fire drills was available. The records showed fire drills are completed monthly in the service.

(1)(b) Maintenance certificates for both the firefighting equipment and smoke alarms were available for review.

(4) A notice detailing the route to be followed in the event of an emergency were available throughout the service in care rooms and communal areas.

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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 registered provider has ensured that the service is adequately insured for a maximum of 40 children on a full day care basis.

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)
 - On visual inspection, the preschool premises appeared to be a stable structure.
 - Water is provided by the public mains.
 - Sewage is removed from the building via the public sewage system.
- (b)
 - The service entrance is secured with a buzzer system and a release button at adult height on the inside. Access is managed by staff.
 - The outdoor area is secure with high walls.
- (c)
 - Large windows provided natural light to the care rooms. This is supplemented by artificial light in both the care rooms and sanitary areas.
 - Air conditioning units are available in the care rooms.
 - The room will be ventilated by opening windows. Windows were open on the day of inspection for ventilation purposes.
- (d)
 - The service was adequately cleaned and maintained.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cleaning schedules were displayed throughout the service and completed to date. • Evidence of rodent proofing was observed on site and documentation was reviewed in relation to same. <p>(e)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The children’s sanitary area was fitted with 2 toilet cubicles and 2 sinks, which is adequate for 22 toilet trained children. • Two nappy changing units and two sinks were available to facilitate nappy changing for 20 children. • One toilet and sink were available for use by 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.

(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).

Requirement met:

(1) The following floor space is available in the care rooms;

Room 1: Located on the left as you enter the service; 32 m²

Room 2: Located on the left as you approach the back door; 34 m²

Room 3: Located on the right as you approach the back door; 29 m²

(4)(a) & (b) Based on the observed use of the rooms and information provided by staff the rooms have sufficient space for the following number of children on a full daycare basis.

Room no.	Age range	m ²	Number of children allowable
1	1-2 years	32	11
2	3-5 years	34	15

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	3	2-3 years	29	12
	Total			38