

# TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

## Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances

**Tusla I.D.:** TU2015DY134

**Name of Service** Lullaby's Montessori and Afterschool

**Address of Service:** St. Josephs CBS NS  
Marino Park Avenue  
Fairview  
Dublin 3  
D03 PF72

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**Name of Registered Provider:** Tracey Kendellen

<b>Type of Proposed Service:</b>	<b>Full Day Care</b>		<b>Part-Time</b>		<b>Sessional</b>	✓
	<b>Drop-In</b>		<b>Childminding</b>		<b>Temporary</b>	

<b>Proposed change:</b>	Proposal to move to a new care room within the building, increasing the number of children from 12 children to 22 children.
<b>Proposed Number of Children:</b>	22
<b>Recommended Change Following Inspection:</b>	Change in Number of Children from 12 to 22 children
<b>Registered change:</b>	Change in Number of Children from 12 to 22 children

<b>Date of Inspection:</b>	2	2	0	8	2	0	2	4
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**Inspection undertaken by:** T. Nelson

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### Rationale for Inspection: Proposed Change of Circumstance

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

<b>Registration Status:</b>	<b>Registered Sessional service for 22 children</b>
<b>Date of Registration</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup> August 2024</b>

### 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).

<b>Description of Service</b>	Lullaby's Montessori and Afterschool is a privately owned service located in Dublin 3 and will provide a sessional care service to a maximum of 22 children aged 2 to 6 years from 9.15am to 12.15pm. The service is registered to provide school age childcare in the afternoon.
<b>Premises</b>	The proposed care room is located on the ground floor in St. Josephs national school. There is sanitary accommodation located on the first floor of the building, with sanitary accommodation for the staff available by the main school entrance. There is an enclosed outdoor play area to the rear of the premises.
<b>Staffing</b>	The service will have 3 staff members including the person in charge. The registered provider will not work directly in this service, but will manage the oversight of the service, and will be available if needed to provide cover.
<b>Methodology</b>	<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>
<b>Acknowledgements</b>	The Inspector wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the registered provider and person in charge, 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 is met.

(1)(a) The proposed 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.

#### Requirement met:

The requirement is met.

(1) The registered provider has proposed that 3 staff members will be working with the 22 children attending the proposed new childcare room.

### 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:

The requirement is met.

(1)(a) The proposed care room will provide adequate and suitable facilities for the children to play indoors.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is defined areas of interest in the room.</li> <li>• There is an adequate supply of toys and resources available to support a range of play experiences.</li> <li>• Furniture in the room is suitable for the age and stage of development of the proposed children</li> <li>• Toys and equipment are stored on low-level shelving, visible and accessible to the children.</li> </ul> <p>There is an outdoor play area available to the rear of the premises which is fully enclosed; the surface of which is covered in a synthetic grass material and tarmacadam. A range of outdoor toys to facilitate physical play experiences for the proposed age range is available.</p> <p>(1)(b) There is adequate and suitable facilities for a pre-school child to rest during the day. There is a cosy area available in the care room where children can take a break from activities and rest.</p> <p>(2)(b) Not applicable as the service has not moved premises.</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 requirement is met.

- Snacks will be provided by parents and refrigerated appropriately.
- There is a tap for drinking water in the care room.

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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 is met.

- The emergency exits are unobstructed.
- Risk assessments were available for the indoor and outdoor environments.
- Liquid soap, electric hand dryers and thermostatically controlled warm water is available in all hand wash sinks used by the staff and children.
- Cleaning schedules are in place and the premises was visually clean on the day of the inspection.

### 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 is met.

- (1) Evidence is available that a staff member is trained to First Aid Response Level.
- (2)(a)(b) A suitably equipped first aid box is readily available in the care room.

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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:

The requirement is met.

- (1)(a) There is a template available to record fire drills that take place in the service.
- (1)(b) A written record is available to demonstrate the firefighting equipment in the premises was maintained on the on the 10 June 2024 and the smoke alarms were maintained on the 11 October 2023.
- (4) There is a notice displayed in the care rooms of the procedures to be followed in the event of a fire.  
A fire assembly notice is visible outside of the service to enable staff and children to identify the fire assembly point.

### Part VI – Safety

#### Regulation 28 – Insurance

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

#### Requirement met:

The requirement is met.

The registered provider provided evidence of appropriate insurance for up to 22 children in a sessional service, from the 28 March 2024 to 27 March 2025.

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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:

The requirement is met.

(a) The premises appears to be of a sound and stable structure.

(b) The entrance door to the service is secured adequately to prevent children from exiting unsupervised and unauthorised persons from gaining access. Entry and exit is by code access.

(c)

- Windows provide natural lighting to the care room. The natural light can be augmented with artificial ceiling lighting as required. Ceiling lights are fitted with protective covers.
- Heating is provided by gas-fired radiators. The temperature of the care room on the day of the inspection was maintained between 18 and 22°C.
- The proposed care room and sanitary accommodation has openable windows providing suitable ventilation.

(d) The care rooms are clean, maintained and in good repair. There is a cleaning schedule available to ensure regular cleaning of the rooms.

(e) There is adequate and suitable sanitary accommodation available for 22 children who are no longer in nappies and use toilets in the service. One toilet and one sink is required for every 11 children.

- There are four toilets, and three wash hand basins available in the children’s sanitary accommodation.
- Staff in the service have access to staff toilets in the school building.

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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.*
- (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.*

#### Requirement met:

The requirement is met.

(1) There is adequate clear floor space available in the premises for the work, play and movement of children proposed to attend the pre-school service. A total of 47 square metres is available for the proposed 22 children.

(3) The clear floor space available measures 47 square metres ensuring a minimum amount of 1.818 square metres of clear floor space for each child attending the proposed new care-room in respect of the proposed age range of 2-6 years.

This provides clear floor space for 22 children attending on a sessional care basis.