

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances



Tusla I.D.: TU2015DY142

Name of Service: Moatview Nursery & Early Education Centre Ltd by guarantee

Address of Service: 35A Moatview Avenue, Priorswood, Coolock, Dublin 17 D17 X677

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Name of Registered Provider: Susin Russell

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

Proposed change: Change in number of children the service can accommodate from 25 children to 32 children.

Proposed Number of Children: 32

Recommended Change Following Inspection: A maximum of 29 children attending on a part-time basis or 32 children attending on a sessional basis.

Registered change: Change in Number of Children from 25 to 32(Max 29 Part-Time) Children

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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 32(Max 29 Part-Time) Children
Date of Registration	14th April 2025

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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	Moatview Nursery and Early Education Centre Ltd by guarantee is a community-based service that has been in operation since 1994. The proposed service will provide a part-time service from 8:30am- 1pm with a sessional service also offered twice daily from 8:30am-11:30am and 12pm-3pm. The service participates in the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE).
Premises	The proposed service will operate from a terraced house in Dublin 17. The proposed service will operate two care rooms: The Playroom and the Work room separated by an entrance hall, with access to a kitchen, sanitary accommodation and an office on the ground floor. The proposed service will operate three care rooms on the first floor: the Pencil room, a Yoga room and a Sensory room and a small kitchenette. The Yoga room and Sensory room will be used as additional room to provide extra opportunities for play. The proposed service will have sanitary accommodation for staff and children on the first floor. There will be an outdoor area at the rear, side and front of the property which will provide onsite opportunities to play outdoor.
Staffing	The registered provider proposes to employ a deputy manager who will work in a supernumerary capacity, eight childcare staff, six full time staff and two parttime staff which are employed under the Access and inclusion Model and a cook.
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</p>

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	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.
Acknowledgements	The Inspector wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the registered provider, deputy manager, staff and children who were present on the day of the inspection.

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 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)—

(a) a registered a registered provider of a pre-school service other than a child-minding service or a sessional pre-school service shall ensure that there are at least 2 adults on the premises at all times.

Requirement met:

The requirement has been met.

(1) The registered provider proposes to employ eight staff to work directly with 32 children. This is sufficient based on the proposed ages of the children attending.

(8) (a) The registered provider will ensure that there will always be at least two adults on the premises.

Part V - Care of Child in Pre-school Service

Regulation 20 - Facilities for Rest and Play

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- (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.
- (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

Requirement met:

The requirement has been met.

(1)(a)

The proposed service will have two care rooms in operation on the ground floor - the Playroom and the Workroom.

- The Playroom has defined play areas including a construction corner with props, a music area, a transport area, a water play area with measuring cups.
- The Work Room has defined interest areas for play and facilities and appropriately sized chairs and tables which will allow children to engage comfortably in mealtimes and tabletop activities throughout the day.

On the first floor the proposed service will have three care rooms in operation. The Pencil Room, The Yoga Room and The Sensory Room.

- The Pencil Room has defined interest areas, such as a kitchen, a shop, dolls with supporting equipment, instruments and construction area. Equipment is accessible to the children on low level shelving in easily accessible containers.
- The Yoga room has soft mat surface with cushions and exercise balls.
- The Sensory room has soft mat surfaces with related toys such as a bubble tube, an activity wall and a sensory wall.

The proposed service will have an outdoor play area.

- The area is covered with an artificial grass surface. The outdoor areas contain outdoor play equipment which included a large climbing frame with slide, a seesaw, balance bike, trike, a covered play area with large sand pit, a sensory

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tunnel, a climbing wall ramp and rope, a mud kitchen with table and chairs and blackboards.

- The proposed outdoor areas will allow the service to cater appropriately to the needs of the children and supports their social, emotional, and gross motor development. Materials and equipment in these areas supported various types of play including role play, imaginative play, cooperative play, and risky outdoor play. Half of the back outdoor area was covered for play in inclement weather.

(1)(b)

A cosy area is provided with soft seating and books in the Workroom the Playroom and the Pencil Room. There are sleep mats and bedding available should a child require sleep. The service does not provide an overnight pre-school.

(3)(a)

The children have access to the outdoor play space on a daily basis. A secure fence is erected around the play space.

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 has been met.

A healthy eating policy is in operation within the service. The children attending the sessional with a morning snack and one hot meal. The part time service will be provided one hot meal and two snacks. Milk and drinking water will be available in the care rooms.

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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 has been met.

- There is a buzzer exit and entrance system into the main building to prevent a child from exiting unsupervised and to prevent unauthorised access to the service.
- The emergency exit doors of the service are unobstructed.
- The play materials and equipment in the service are stored on stable low level shelving units. The play materials and equipment were observed to be safe and suitable for the developmental age of the proposed children.
- All storage of waste both indoors and outdoors is inaccessible to the children.
- A system is available for the safe storage of cleaning agents and equipment.
- Cleaning schedules are in place and the care rooms were visually clean on the day of 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 has been met.

- (1) The registered provider and two staff members have certification in First Aid Responder (FAR) training.
- (2) (a)(b) The first aid box is suitably equipped and safely stored in a readily accessible and conspicuous position in the office of the service.

Part VI – Safety

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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 firefighting 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 met.

(1)

- (a) A template is available to record fire drills that will take place in the service.
- (b) A record is available of the number, type and maintenance of the firefighting equipment and smoke detection system of the service. The firefighting equipment was last serviced on 20 September 2024 and the smoke alarms were last serviced in October 2024.

(4) A notice of the procedures to be followed in the event of a fire is displayed in the care rooms and there is a defined fire assembly point in the residential area.

Part VI – Safety

Regulation 28 – Insurance

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 from the 28 March 2025 to 27 March 2026 to cover 32 children proposed to attend the service.

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

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e. *equipped with adequate and suitable sanitary facilities.*

Requirement met:

The requirement is met.

(a) During the inspection it was observed that the walls, flooring, doors, and windows were suitably maintained, and the inspectors did not identify any safety issues or concerns.

(b)

- The entrance door to the service was secured with a buzzer system to prevent children from exiting unsupervised and to avoid unauthorised access to the service.
- The outdoor area is adequately secured with a magnetic lock and release system in place to prevent unauthorised access.

(c)

- The windows in the care room provide natural lighting. The natural light can be augmented with artificial ceiling lighting as required.
- The service is heated by gas with thermostatically controlled wall mounted radiators with a temperature not exceeding 50°C.
- The sanitary facilities have windows for ventilation to extract stale air and provide ventilation.
- The care rooms had openable windows to allow for ventilation and the temperature of the rooms did not exceed the recommended ambient temperature of between 18-22°C.

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

(e)

- There is one sanitary facility consisting of two toilets and one nappy changing unit with three hand washing basins is provided for use by the children and located on the ground floor of the service
- There is one sanitary facility consisting of one toilet and one hand washing basins is provided for use by the children on the first floor.
- One separate sanitary facility consisting of one toilet and one wash hand basin is provided for use by staff and is located on the landing of the first floor of the service.

Ground floor	Children's Sanitary Facilities available		
Sanitary 1	2 Toilet	1 Nappy changing unit	3 Wash and basins
Sanitary 2	1 Toilet		1 Wash hand basin
Total	3 Toilets	1 Nappy changing unit	3 wash hand basins

- Thermostatically controlled water, liquid soap and paper hand towels were provided in all sanitary facilities. Lidded pedal bins were provided for the disposal of paper hand towels.

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:

The requirement has been met.

- (1) The registered provider ensured that adequate clear floor space is available in the premises for the work, play and movement of children attending the service.

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(4) The following clear floor space is available in the service:

Room Name	Floor space required per child	Floor space available as measured by inspectors
Playroom	2.35 sqm per child (aged 2 to 3 years) 2.3 sqm per child (aged 3 to 6 years) 1.818sqm per child (aged 2years 8months to 6 years)	17.314 sqm
Workroom	2.35 sqm per child (aged 2 to 3 years) 2.3 sqm per child (aged 3 to 6 years) 1.818sqm per child (aged 2years 8months to 6 years)	20.07 sqm
Pencil room	2.35 sqm per child (aged 2 to 3 years) 2.3 sqm per child (aged 3 to 6 years) 1.818sqm per child (aged 2years 8months to 6 years)	14.874 sqm
Yoga room	2.35 sqm per child (aged 2 to 3 years) 2.3 sqm per child (aged 3 to 6 years) 1.818sqm per child (aged 2years 8months to 6 years)	8.242 sqm
Sensory room	2.35 sqm per child (aged 2 to 3 years)	6.699sqm

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		<p>2.3 sqm per child (aged 3 to 6 years)</p> <p>1.818sqm per child (aged 2years 8months to 6 years)</p>	
<p>*Calculated as per Schedule 7 Minimum Space Requirements Full day care service.</p> <p>Based on the registered age profile of children attending the clear floor space of 67.199m² can accommodate a maximum of 29 children on a part-time basis or a maximum of 36 children on a sessional basis.</p>			