

# 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, D17X677

**Email Address:** moatvieweec17@gmail.com

**Name of Registered Provider:** Susin Russell

<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>	

**Proposed change:** Increase of No. of children from 25 to 32

**Proposed Number of Children:** 32

**Recommended Change Following Inspection:** No change permitted.

**Registered change:** Changes not approved – service to remain registered for 25 children

<b>Date of Inspection:</b>	0	6	1	1	2	0	2	4
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**Inspection undertaken by:** Á Dunne & E Griffin

**Title:** Early Years inspectors

**Tusla Early Years Inspectorate Address:** Early Years Inspectorate, Child and Family Agency, Unit 4&5 Nexus Building Block 6A, Blanchardstown Corporate Park, Dublin 15

**Rationale for Inspection:**  
**Proposed Change of Circumstance**

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

<b>Registration Status:</b>	<b>Remains unchanged – Registered Part-Time &amp; Sessional Service for 25 children</b>
<b>Date of Registration</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> December 2024</b>

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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).

<b>Description of Service</b>	Moatview Nursery and Early Education Centre Ltd by guarantee is a community-based service that has been in operation since 1994. The service currently operates from Monday to Friday providing a sessional service from 8.30 to 11.30am and an afternoon session from 12.00pm to 3.00pm and a part time service from 8.30 to 1.00pm. The service participates in the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE).
<b>Premises</b>	The service operates from a terraced house in Dublin 17. There are 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. There are three care rooms – the Pencil room, a Yoga room and a Sensory room, one staff toilet and a small kitchenette on the first floor. The Yoga room and Sensory room are used as additional rooms to provide extra opportunities for play. There is an outdoor area at the rear, side and front of the property which provides onsite outdoor play facilities.
<b>Staffing</b>	The service is operated by the registered provider, with a deputy manager, four childcare staff, three full time staff and one parttime staff employed under the Access and inclusion Model and a cook employed under the Community Employment scheme.
<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</p>

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	administrative and legal processes. The contents of the report are compiled by the inspectorate body.
<b>Acknowledgements</b>	The Inspectors wish 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 had 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 is proposing that six adults will be working 8.30am to 11.30am directly with 23 children who are to attend the service on a sessional basis in the morning and is proposing that five adults will be working 12.00pm to 3.00pm and one additional adult from 1.00pm to 3.00pm directly with 20 children who are to attend the service on a sessional basis in the afternoon and two adults will be working directly with 9 children who are to attend parttime basis 8.30am to 1.00pm. The registered provider and deputy manager will be available in a supernumerary capacity.

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(8)(a) The registered provider has ensured 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

- (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.*
- (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*
  - (b) *where no such space is provided, the preschool children attending the service have access on a daily basis to an outdoor service*

#### Requirement met:

The requirement has been met.

(1)(a)

The service has two care rooms in operation on the ground floor - the Playroom and the Workroom and three care rooms in operation - The Pencil room, the yoga room and the sensory room the first floor. In the Workroom and Pencil room there are tables and chairs available for the children with defined interest areas for play and facilities for work and eating. The Playroom 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 Sensory room has soft mat surfaces with related toys such as a bubble tube, an activity wall and a sensory wall. The Yoga room has soft mat surface with cushions and exercise balls.

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(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.

(2)(b) There is access to an outdoor area from the care room to the back, side and front of the property. The outdoor area is covered with an artificial grass surface. The outdoor areas contain outdoor equipment which included a large climbing frame with slide, a seesaw, balance bike, trike, a covered play area with large sand pit, a sensory tunnel, a climbing wall ramp and rope, a mud kitchen with table and chairs and blackboards. A secure fence is erected around the play space.

(3)(a) The children have access to the outdoor space on a daily basis.

### 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 and the part time service will be provided with hot meals and snacks by the registered provider. Drinking water and milk is available in the care room and is accessible to the children.

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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.*

<b>Requirement met:</b>	<p>The requirement has been partially met.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• The emergency exit doors of the service are unobstructed.</li> <li>• The outdoor area is secured with fencing and a secure gate to prevent a child from exiting the area.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• The tables and chairs in the care room, to be used for activities and mealtimes, are the appropriate height for the age of children to be accommodated in the room.</li> <li>• All storage of waste both indoors and outdoors is inaccessible to the children.</li> <li>• A system is available for the safe storage of cleaning agents and equipment.</li> <li>• Cleaning schedules are in place and the care room is visually clean on the day of inspection.</li> </ul>
<b>Requirement not met:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In the Playroom, the blind cords were not secured to the wall. Although they were not immediately accessible to the children, they were accessible should a child stand on a chair which was available in the room.</li> <li>2. In the Work room, no visibility strips were present at child height on the large glass door.</li> <li>3. In the Pencil room, two tall units are not stable or securely anchored to the wall.</li> <li>4. In the outdoor area, a trailing hose reel and a trampoline was observed.</li> </ol>
<b>Response from Provider:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Blind cord secured to wall.</li> <li>2. Safety stickers on glass at child level.</li> </ol>

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	<p>3. Storage units fixed to wall.</p> <p>4. Hose removed from outside tap and Trampoline removed from centre</p>
<b>Summary Comment:</b>	The requirements have 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.

<b>Requirement met:</b>	<p>The requirement has been met.</p> <p>(1) The registered provider and two staff members have certification in First Aid Responder (FAR) training.</p> <p>(2)(a) The first aid box is suitably equipped and safely stored in a readily accessible and conspicuous position in the office of the service.</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.

<b>Requirement met:</b>	<p>The requirement has been partially met.</p> <p>(1)(a) A template is available to record fire drills that will take place in the service.</p> <p>(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 on 14 October 2024.</p> <p>(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.</p>
<b>Requirement not met:</b>	(4) No fire assembly sign was displayed at the fire assembly point.

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<b>Response from Provider:</b>	(4) Fire Assembly sign ordered and in place.
<b>Summary Comment:</b>	The requirement has been met.

### Part VI – Safety

#### Regulation 28 – Insurance

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

<b>Requirement met:</b>	<p>The requirement has been met.</p> <p>The service has adequate insurance from the 7 October 2024 to 27 March 2025 to cover 32 children proposed to attend the service.</p>
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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.*

<b>Requirement met:</b>	<p>The requirement is partially met.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(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 was enclosed with a wall and fence.</p> <p>(c)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The windows in the care room provide natural lighting. The natural light can be augmented with artificial ceiling lighting as required.</li> <li>• The service is heated by gas with thermostatically controlled wall mounted radiators with a temperature not exceeding 50°C.</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The sanitary facilities have windows for ventilation to extract stale air and provide ventilation.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul> <p>(d) The care room 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.</p> <p>(e)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Liquid soap and paper hand towels were provided in all sanitary facilities. Lidded pedal bins were provided for the disposal of paper hand towels.</li> </ul>									
<p><b>Requirement not met:</b></p>	<p>(e)</p> <p>1. Thermostatically controlled warm water, was not available in the larger sanitary facility on the ground floor of the service used by all the children the temperature of the water was recorded as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="587 1285 1493 1451"> <thead> <tr> <th>Wash Hand basin</th> <th>Temperature</th> <th>Time</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>No. 1 nearest to window</td> <td>44.1 ° C</td> <td>11.25am</td> </tr> <tr> <td>No. 2 nearest to door</td> <td>44.5 ° C</td> <td>11.26am</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>exceeding the recommended temperature of 43°C maximum and a potential risk of scalding a child.</p> <p>2. There are not sufficient sanitary facilities available in the service to accommodate the number and age profile of the 32 children which the Registered Provider proposes to attend.</p>	Wash Hand basin	Temperature	Time	No. 1 nearest to window	44.1 ° C	11.25am	No. 2 nearest to door	44.5 ° C	11.26am
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The sanitary facilities in the service comprised of the following:

Ground floor	Facilities available		
<b>Sanitary 1 With wheelchair access</b>	1 Toilet	1 Nappy Changing unit with mat	1 wash hand basin
<b>Sanitary 2</b>	1 Toilet		1 wash hand basin
<b>Total</b>	2 Toilets	1 Nappy changing unit with mat	2 wash hand basins

One toilet with one wash hand basin is required for every 11 children toilet trained and one nappy changing unit with mat with one wash hand basin is required for every 11 children in nappies.

**Response from Provider:**

1. Thermostat fixed to correct temperature.
2. Builder contracted to install a child's toilet on the first floor, quote received.

**Summary Comment:**

Requirement not met for (e) point 2, as an additional toilet was not installed. No timeframe given for completion of this project.

### 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.
- (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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(2) The table below illustrates that the minimum clear floor space is available for 35 children aged from 2- 6 years on a part full day care basis .

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

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	<b>Sensory room</b>	2.35 sqm per child (aged 2 to 3 years)	6.699sqm
		2.3 sqm per child (aged 2 to 6 years)	
		1.818sqm per child (aged 2years 8months to 6 years)	
<p>*Calculated as per Schedule 7 Minimum Space Requirements Full day care service.</p> <p>Based on the information provided by the registered provider the age profile of the children within the care-rooms, the clear floor space available may accommodate 29 children aged from 2 to 6 years of age for part time care and 35 children aged from 2 years 8 months to 6 years for sessional care.</p> <p>(4)(a)(b) The minimum clear floor space is available for a part time and sessional care service.</p>			