

# TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

## Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances



**Tusla I.D.:** TU2015DY195

**Name of Service** ChildVision Early Years Service

**Address of Service:** Grace Park Road, Drumcondra, Dublin 9, D09 WK0H

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**Name of Registered Provider:** Audrey Farrelly

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

**Proposed change:** Increase number of children aged 0-6 years the service can accommodate from 20 to 60  
 Change morning session operating times from 10:00 -13:00 to 9:30-12:30  
 Add additional afternoon session 13:00 -16:00

**Proposed Number of Children:** 60

**Recommended Change Following Inspection:** Sessional service operating from 9:30-12:30 and 13:00 - 16.00  
 60 children attending on a sessional basis aged 0-6 years.

**Registered change:** Change in number of children from 20 to 60 children  
 Addition of a session from 09:30 – 12:30 & 13:00 – 16:00

**Date of Inspection:** 1 9 0 8 2 0 2 5

**Inspection undertaken by:** C. Harte

**Title:** Early Years Inspector

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### Rationale for Inspection: Proposed Change of Circumstance

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| <b>Registration Status:</b> | <b>Registered Sessional Service for 60 Children</b> |
| <b>Date of Registration</b> | <b>9<sup>th</sup> October 2025</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).

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| <b>Description of Service</b> | <p>The service currently offers care and education for up to 20 children aged 0-6 years of age on a sessional basis 42 weeks of the year. The service operates 10.00am -1.00pm.</p> <p>The proposed service will offer care and education for up to 60 children aged 0-6 years of age on a sessional basis over 46 weeks of the year. The service will operate two sessions. The morning session will operate 9.30am-12.30pm and the afternoon session will operate 1.00pm-4.00pm.</p>  |
| <b>Premises</b>               | <p>The pre-school operates from the ground floor of the main building located on the multipurpose Child Vision campus. The preschool consists of three care rooms named 1,2 &amp; 3, sanitary facilities, an office, staff kitchen and a nurse's station. Each care room has a small kitchen unit located within the room. There is an outdoor play area located at the back of the building. The proposed increase in numbers is within the existing care rooms.</p>   |
| <b>Staffing</b>               | <p>The registered provider will employ up to seven staff including an administrator and six staff to work directly with the children including the designated person in charge.</p>   |
| <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>       | <p>The Inspector wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the person in charge, service administrator, staff and children who were present on the day of the inspection.</p>  |

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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 has been 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 will ensure that an adequate number of adults will work directly with the children who attend the service. It is proposed that there will be up to 7 adults including the designated person in charge caring for up to 60 children attending on a sessional care basis.

### 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 partially met.

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

- Care rooms have defined areas of interest.

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|                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is an adequate supply of toys and resources available to support a range of play experiences for the proposed age profile and number of children.</li> <li>• Toys and equipment are stored on low level shelving accessible to the children.</li> <li>• Furniture in the room is suitable for the age and stage of development of the proposed children.</li> </ul> <p>(1) (b) There is a rest area in the care rooms where children can take a break from activities.</p> <p>(2) (b) There is an outdoor play area available on the premises, which is fully fenced, the surface is covered in synthetic material.</p> |
| <b>Requirement not met:</b>    | 1. There are no sleep facilities available including floor beds or bed linen for the proposed children attending Room 1 aged between 1-3 years.  |
| <b>Response from Provider:</b> | 1. Sleep equipment as listed on the Tusla website has been ordered and delivered.  |
| <b>Summary Comment:</b>        | The requirement is met.  |

### 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.

- The service has a healthy eating policy in place.
- Children will bring food from home, and this will be refrigerated appropriately.
- Drinks will be available in the proposed care rooms.
- Children who require alternative diets will be supported.

### 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 partially met.

- Play materials are safe and suitable for use.

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|                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is hygienically dispensed liquid soap and hand towels throughout the service.</li> <li>• Blind cords and pull cords in sanitary accommodation are safely secured.</li> <li>• Cleaning products are inaccessible to children.</li> <li>• The emergency exits are unobstructed.</li> <li>• Small kitchen areas in each care room are inaccessible to children.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Requirement not met:</b>    | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. There is no process in place to check and record water temperatures which poses a potential risk of injury to children.</li> <li>2. There is no risk assessment available for the indoor area to identify and mitigate hazards which pose a potential risk of injury to children.</li> <li>3. There are no foot pedal operated bins present in the sanitary areas which poses a potential infection control risk.</li> <li>4. A large storage area in the sanitary area is not sealed and contains toys and soft furnishings which poses an infection control risk.</li> <li>5. Soft material items are stored under the changing unit in the sanitary area of Room 3 which poses a potential infection control risk.</li> <li>6. Flooring around the toilet in the sanitary area of Room 3 is damaged which poses a potential infection control risk.</li> <li>7. There is exposed rusted screws in the fencing of the outdoor area which pose a safety risk to children.</li> <li>8. There is a panel of damaged and chipped wood present in the outdoor area which poses a potential splinter and ingestion risk to children.</li> <li>9. There was no document available to record ten-minute physical checks including the colour, breathing and position of sleeping children.</li> </ol> |
| <b>Response from Provider:</b> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Thermometer purchased to test water temperatures and daily sheets updated to record the temperature of the water.</li> <li>2. Daily checklist has been updated.</li> <li>3. Foot pedal bins were ordered.</li> <li>4. All soft furnishings have been removed, and doors are now in place.</li> <li>5. Soft materials have been removed.</li> <li>6. The floor around the toilet has been repaired.</li> <li>7. Exposed screws have been repaired.</li> <li>8. Damaged panel has been removed.</li> <li>9. Sleep policy and sleep log in place.</li> </ol>   |
| <b>Summary Comment:</b>        | The requirement is met.   |

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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.

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| <b>Requirement met:</b>        | Requirement partially met.<br><br>(2) (a) A suitably equipped first aid box was stored in the care rooms.<br><br>(b) The first aid boxes were easily accessible and available to adults. |
| <b>Requirement not met:</b>    | (1) There was no documentary evidence that there is a staff member qualified in First Aid Responder training.  |
| <b>Response from Provider:</b> | A staff member has completed First Aid Responder training.   |
| <b>Summary Comment:</b>        | The requirement is met.  |

### 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.

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| <b>Requirement met:</b> | The requirement is met.<br><br>(1) (a) There is a template available to record fire drills that take place in the service.<br>(b) A written record is available to demonstrate the firefighting equipment in the premises was maintained on 12 June 2025 and the smoke alarms were maintained on the 16 July 2025.<br><br>(4) There is a notice displayed in all care rooms of the procedure to be followed in the event of a fire and the fire assembly point is clearly labelled. |
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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 requirement is met.

An insurance quotation was submitted to the Registration Team prior to this inspection. The Registered Provider must ensure that adequate insurance is in place prior to the commencement of the change. The change approval is contingent on the registered providers compliance with Regulation 28.

### 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 is secured adequately to prevent children from exiting unsupervised and from unauthorised persons gaining access. Entry and exit are managed by staff and the Preschool entrance within the building is secured by a magnetic lock.
- (c) The premises is adequately lit, heated and ventilated.
  - Windows provide natural lighting to the care rooms. The natural light can be augmented with artificial ceiling lighting as required. Ceiling lights are fitted with protective cover.
  - Heating is provided by a gas central heating system through radiators with protective covers in place.
  - The proposed care rooms have openable windows, and the sanitary accommodation is fitted with mechanical ventilation.
- (d) The care rooms are cleaned and maintained. There is a cleaning schedule available to ensure regular cleaning of the rooms.

(e) The premises is equipped with adequate and suitable sanitary facilities for the proposed age range and number of children attending. There are sufficient nappy change facilities for up to 33 children who wear nappies. There are sufficient toilet facilities for up to 33 children who no longer wear nappies and use a toilet. See table below:

| Number of Nappy changing units | Number of toilets | Number of wash hand basins |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| 3                              | 3                 | 6                          |

- One toilet and one sink are required for every 11 children.
- One nappy change unit is required for every 11 children

There are adequate and suitable sanitary facilities available for staff. There are three staff toilets with wash hand basins available. A minimum of one toilet and one wash hand basin is required for every 8 staff.

### 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 up to 60 children to attend the proposed pre-school service at any one time. A total of 171.6 m<sup>2</sup> is available.

(3) The registered provider ensured that the required minimum space of 1.818 square metres of clear floor space is available for the 20 proposed children attending each of the three care rooms on a sessional basis as demonstrated by the table below:

| Room name | Age group | Service provision | Room size           |
|-----------|-----------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Room 1    | 1-3 years | Sessional         | 57.6 m <sup>2</sup> |
| Room 2    | 3-5 years | Sessional         | 60.8 m <sup>2</sup> |
| Room 3    | 3-6 years | Sessional         | 53.2 m <sup>2</sup> |

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