

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances



Tusla I.D.: TU2015DY246

Name of Service: Fatima Groups United Children's Day Care Centre

Address of Service: 78 Reuben Street, Rialto, Dublin 8, Co. Dublin D08 K681

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Name of Registered Provider: Joe Donohoe

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

Proposed change: Change in number of children from 65 to 72 aged between 1-6 years of age and to repurpose the existing cot room into a care room. The cot room will be moved to another care room in the service.

Proposed Number of Children: 72

Recommended Change Following Inspection: Change in number of children that the service can accommodate from 65 to 72

Registered change: Change in number of children from 65 to 72 children

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Inspection undertaken by: E Hosford

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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 & Part-Time for 72 Children
Date of Registration	15th January 2026

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	Fatima Groups United Children’s Day Care Centre is a community service located in an urban area on the south side of Dublin city. The service provides sessional, part time and full day care services to children aged from 1 to 6 years, from 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday. The service offers two sessions for children from 9am to 12:30pm and 1:30pm to 5pm.
Premises	This service operates from the ground floor of a purpose-built premises and currently consists of six care rooms, an outdoor area, a separate cot room, a service kitchen for the preparation of meals, a staff office, and sanitary facilities. A standalone one storey building is situated in the outdoor area and following refurbishment it will function as a sensory room for one-to-one support and small group work. The service proposes to repurpose the existing cot room into a Toddler room and assign the cot room to an additional care room in the service.
Staffing	The registered provider does not work in the service and proposes to employ one staff member to work directly with the children in the new care room on a sessional and part time basis.

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<p>Methodology</p>	<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>
<p>Acknowledgements</p>	<p>The Inspector wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the registered provider, person in charge, staff and children who were present on the day of the inspection.</p>

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. The service has a designated person in charge and a named deputy available 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 has been met.

(1) The registered provider has ensured that an adequate number of adults will be working directly with the children attending the service. There will be 11 adults caring for a maximum of 74 children attending as follows.

- **Wobbler 1 room**- There will be 2 adults caring for 10 children aged 1-2 years of age attending on a sessional basis.
- **Wobbler 2 room**- There will be 2 adults caring for 10 children aged 1-2 years of age attending on a sessional basis.
- **Toddler 1 room**- There will be 2 adults caring for 10 children aged 2-3 years of age attending on a sessional basis.
- **Toddler 2 room**- There will be 1 adult caring for 6 children aged 2-3 years of age attending on a sessional basis.
- **Messy room** - There will be 1 adult caring for 11 children aged 2 years 8 months to 5 years attending on a sessional basis.
- **Tabletop room**- There will be 2 adults caring for 14 children aged 2 years 8 months to 5 years attending on a sessional basis and full day care basis.
- **Construction room** -There will be 1 adult caring for 11 children aged 2 years 8 months to 5 years attending on a sessional basis.

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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.
- (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) There are adequate and suitable facilities available to meet the needs of the 6 children enrolled to attend the proposed new care room on the day of inspection.

The room is equipped with the required number of low-level tables and chairs.

Low accessible shelving is maintained and will allow the children easy access to toys and equipment which were all labelled and visible.

The room is equipped with suitable toys and equipment to meet the needs of the proposed number of children.

(b) There is a suitable rest and relaxation area available in the proposed care room.

These areas are clean and of a size suitable to the number of children proposed.

The service is not registered for and does not provide an overnight pre-school service.

(3) The outdoor play area is located at the rear of the premises. A daily roster is available with each room allocated time in the area.

The area is secure with high fencing around 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 requirement has been met.

- A healthy eating policy is in operation within the service with breakfast and a hot meal provided to the children in the morning session and a snack and hot meal provided for children in the afternoon. Additional food and snacks are available should a child become hungry between meals. Drinking water is available in all the care rooms and milk and water are offered at each meal. Children that have specific dietary requirements are catered for and the service works closely with parents to ensure that each child and their individual preferences are accommodated.

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.

- The main entrance door to the service is appropriately monitored and secured with a buzzer system. The system in place adequately secures the building to prevent a child from exiting unsupervised and to prevent unauthorised access to the service.
- The window openings of the care room are secured with restrictor devices to prevent children from opening.
- The play materials and equipment in the care room are stored on stable-based low level shelving units and were observed to be safe and suitable for the developmental age of the proposed children.

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- The tables and chairs in the care room that are used for tabletop activities and mealtimes are the appropriate height for the age of children accommodated in the room.
- The emergency exit doors in the care room were unobstructed.
- The outdoor area is secured with high fencing, therefore preventing a child from exiting the area and preventing unauthorised access to the service.
- The rest areas and low beds were observed to be in good condition, and each had a washable and wipeable cover.

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) Three staff members had up to date first aid response (FAR) training.

(2)(a), (b) Each care room had suitably equipped and safely stored first aid boxes that were readily accessible and stored in a conspicuous position.

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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:	<p>The requirement has been partially met.</p> <p>(1)(a) A template is available to record fire drills that take place in the service.</p> <p>(b) A record was available of the number, type and maintenance of the smoke detection system of the service which was serviced on the 20 August 2025.</p> <p>(4) A notice of the procedures to be followed in the event of a fire was displayed in the entrance hall and the care room.</p>
Requirement not met:	<p>(1)(b) A record was not available of the number, type and maintenance of the firefighting equipment of the service.</p> <p>(4) A fire assembly notice was not visible outside of the service to enable staff and children to identify the fire assembly point.</p>
Response from Provider:	<p>(1)(b) Please see attached the fire extinguisher certificate attached shows the available number, type and maintenance of the firefighting equipment of the service.</p> <p>(4) Please see attached photographic evidence of a fire assembly notice which is now visible outside the service to enable staff and children to identify the fire assembly point.</p>
Summary Comment:	<p>The service has met the requirements for regulation 26.</p>

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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 insurance in place to cover the maximum number of 74 children aged between 1-6 years that were proposed to be accommodated in 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*
- (e) equipped with adequate and suitable sanitary facilities.*

Requirement met:

The requirement has been met.

(a) During the inspection it was observed that the premises and service were of sound and stable structure.

(b) The main entrance door to the service is appropriately monitored and secured with a buzzer system. The system in place adequately secures the building to prevent a child from exiting unsupervised and to prevent unauthorised access to the service.

(c) The care room has windows which provide natural lighting. The natural light can be augmented with artificial ceiling lighting as required. Ceiling lights were fitted with shatter proof coverings.

The service is heated by gas with thermostatically controlled wall mounted radiators in place with a temperature not exceeding 50°C. The temperature of the care room was recorded as 18.7°C on the day of inspection.

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	<p>The windows in the care room provided sufficient ventilation with internal sanitary facilities fitted with active mechanical ventilation to extract stale air.</p> <p>Warm water not exceeding 43°C and liquid soap were provided in the sanitary facilities. Staff members use a separate sanitary facility.</p> <p>The temperature of the water at the sinks was recorded as between 20.5°C and 39°C during the inspection.</p> <p>(d) The proposed new care room is adequately cleaned and maintained. Cleaning schedules which will be used in the care room were reviewed.</p> <p>(e) An adequate number of sanitary facilities were available in the service to meet the needs of the children attending. For example, there are four nappy changing facilities and four sinks along with five children’s toilets and five sinks.</p>
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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.*
- (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.*
- (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.*
- (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).*
- (5) *A registered provider of a temporary pre-school service shall ensure that a minimum of 2 square metres of clear floor space is available for each child attending the service.*

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.

(2) The minimum amount of clear floor space is available in the care rooms as the table below demonstrates.

Room	Number and age profile of children	*Clear floor space available
Wobbler 1 room	10(1-2 years of age)	30.155m ²
Wobbler 2 room	10(1-2 years of age)	28.724m ²
Toddler 1 room	10(2-3 years of age)	42.70m ²
Toddler 2 room	6 (2-3 years of age)	18.069 m ²
Messy room	11 (2 years 8 months to 5 years of age)	31.77m ²
Tabletop room	14 (2 years 8 months to 5 years of age)	36.249m ²
Construction room	11(2 years 8 months to 5 years of age)	38.548m ²
Total number of children	72 (1-6 years of age)	

**Based on Schedule 7 Minimum Space Requirements Full day care service or part-time day-care service.*

The above table illustrates that the minimum clear floor space is available in the care rooms of the service to accommodate 72 children on a sessional and full day care basis.

(3) The registered provider ensured that a minimum space of 1.818 square metres of clear floor space is available for each child attending the service on a sessional basis.

(4)(a) The minimum clear floor space is available for the duration of the sessional preschool service.

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	(b) The minimum clear floor space is available for a full day care service or a part-time day care service
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