

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances



Tusla I.D: TU2015DY257

Name of Service: Creative Kids Preschool and Afterschool Service

Address of Service: Assumption Primary School
Walkinstown
Dublin 12

Email Address: contactpreschool@gmail.com

Name of Registered Provider: Bronagh Mooney

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

Proposed change: Additional room to be used in existing premises

Proposed Number of Children: 126 children aged 2-6 years

Registered change: The service has adequate floor space and the required facilities for a maximum of 86 pre-school children on a sessional basis and 67 children on a part-time basis aged 2-6 years.

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Inspection undertaken by: Mary Redmond

Title: Early Years Inspector

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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 86 Children (Max 67 Part Time)
Date of Registration	5 th October 2022

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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	This private childcare facility currently provides sessional and part-time care for children aged two to six years of age; a school-aged childcare service is also provided. The registered provider proposes to utilise another room in the building to facilitate the operation of an additional session. The registered provider does not propose to increase the number of children currently registered to attend the service.
Premises	The service is located within a primary school building in an urban area of south Dublin. Currently three rooms are in use and the registered provider proposes to re-purpose another room in the building to accommodate pre-school children.
Staffing	The registered provider has appointed a manager and deputy manager for the service. The registered provider proposes to staff the additional room from the existing staff cohort and confirmed that adults working with children have all attained at least a major award in Early Childhood Care and Education at Level 5 on the National Framework of Qualifications, or a qualification deemed to be equivalent.
Methodology	<p>The inspection was an announced inspection to assess suitability of the service for a change in registration under the Childcare Act 1991 (Early Years Services) Regulations 2016 and Childcare Act 1991 (Early Years Services) (Amendment) Regulations 2016. The inspection focused on three areas; Governance, Safety and the Premises.</p> <p>The findings on inspection are based on information obtained through examination of documentation, direct observation, and discussion with relevant staff and are documented in the inspection report and submitted to the registration office for consideration of a decision in relation to the service being approved for a change in registration.</p>
Acknowledgements	The inspector acknowledges the cooperation of the registered provider and the designated person in charge who were both present on the day of 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 registered provider has ensured that there will be a designated person in charge and a named person to deputise if 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)—

(b) a childminder shall ensure that a second person familiar with the operation of the service and in a position to provide assistance to the childminder in operating the service is, at all times, within close distance of the service and available to attend the service to assist the childminder in the event of an emergency, and

(c) a registered provider of a sessional pre-school shall ensure that, where the person in charge operates the service single-handedly, a second person familiar with the operation of the service and in a position to provide assistance to the person in charge in operating the service is, at all times, within close distance of the service and available to attend the service to assist the person in charge in the event of an emergency.

Requirement met:

The requirement has been met.

(1) There are a sufficient number of adults currently working in the service to ensure that there will be an adequate number of adults working with the proposed number of extra children and additional staff will be recruited when required.

(8)(b) Not applicable as this is not a childminding service.

(c) Not applicable as this is not a sessional service that operates single-handedly.

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 has been met.

(1)(a) The service comprises of four care rooms including the proposed additional room. The rooms are bright and spacious and well laid out to cater for the age range of children who will be attending each room.

(1)(b) Couches are available in each care room to facilitate the rest needs of children.

(2)(b) There are two enclosed outdoor spaces provided on the premises; one is shared with the primary school and the pre-school children have exclusive access to the other space. Appropriate play equipment and materials were available to children in both areas; there were no ponds, pits or other hazards observed.

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:

Parents will provide nutritious lunches for children as per the healthy eating policy for the service. The registered provider will provide snacks and a meal for children attending on a part-time basis and for the school-aged 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.

Requirement met:

The requirement has been met.
The entry door to the service will be secured to prevent children from exiting the service unsupervised and to restrict unauthorised persons from gaining access to the service.
The outdoor areas were suitably secured.
Liquid soap, paper towel dispensers and foot pedal operated bins were available in the sanitary areas.
There were wall mounted hand sanitizing units throughout the service.

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 is available to the children attending the pre-school service at all times

Requirement met:

The requirement has been met.
(1) There was evidence that all adults working in the service had certification in first aid for children.
(2)(a) Suitably equipped first aid boxes were available in the service.

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 has been met.
(1)(a) Fire drills will continue to be carried out and will include the additional room.
(b) There was a maintenance record for firefighting equipment and the smoke alarms.
(4) Notices of the procedures to be followed in the event of fire were displayed conspicuously throughout the premises. The fire assembly point was identified.

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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: There was evidence of adequate insurance for the proposed number of children.

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 partially met.
 (a) It is proposed to use an additional room in the existing building which would appear to be of sound and stable structure.
 (b) The point of entry to the service is through a door which has controlled entry. A controlled access system is in place to allow authorised adults to enter the service by means of a keypad; fob access allows adults working in the service access to the corridors where the care rooms are situated.
 The outdoor areas were secured to prevent a child leaving the area unsupervised and to prevent unauthorised access to the area.
 (c) The premises benefits from natural light via windows in all care rooms. There is supplemental artificial lighting also provided in the rooms. Windows in the care rooms can be opened and natural ventilation is available in the sanitary areas. The premises is heated centrally and there are wall mounted electric heaters to supplement the central heating system if necessary.
 (d) The premises and its environs were clean and well maintained.
 (e) There was one toilet and wash hand basin available for adults and access to another toilet for adults and children with a disability.

Requirement not met: (e) The sanitary accommodation for children is not adequate to accommodate the proposed number of children.
 There are eight toilets and five wash hand basins available for children; a nappy changing unit has no wash hand basin attached. The requirement for one toilet and one wash hand basin for every eleven toilet using children has not been met.
 A nappy changing unit must have a wash hand basin attached.

Response from Provider: (e) The sinks have been removed and replaced with eight single temperature-controlled taps and a large trough sink. A sink has been installed at the nappy changing table.

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Summary Comment:	Evidence has been submitted and reviewed. The requirement for a change in registration has been met.
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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).

Requirement met:	<p>(1) Adequate clear floor space has been provided for the work, play and movement of children proposing to attend the service as demonstrated below:</p> <p>(2)</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Room</th> <th>Red room</th> <th>Blue room</th> <th>Green room</th> <th>Yellow room</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Clear floor space</td> <td>39.91 sqm</td> <td>39.5 sqm</td> <td>35.03 sqm</td> <td>41.37 sqm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Proposed age range</td> <td>2.5-6 years</td> <td>2.5-6 years</td> <td>3-6 years</td> <td>3-6 years</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Max number children</td> <td>22(Sessional) 17(P/T)</td> <td>22(Sessional) 17(P/T)</td> <td>19(Sessional) 15 (P/T)</td> <td>23(Sessional) 18 (P/T)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The required floor space for 67 children in the proposed age ranges attending on a part-time basis is met.</p>	Room	Red room	Blue room	Green room	Yellow room	Clear floor space	39.91 sqm	39.5 sqm	35.03 sqm	41.37 sqm	Proposed age range	2.5-6 years	2.5-6 years	3-6 years	3-6 years	Max number children	22(Sessional) 17(P/T)	22(Sessional) 17(P/T)	19(Sessional) 15 (P/T)	23(Sessional) 18 (P/T)
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(4) There is adequate floor space to accommodate 86 children who may attend during the operation of a concurrent sessional service.

The service is currently registered to accommodate 126 pre-school children. The maximum number of pre-school children that can be accommodated in the space provided is 86 on a sessional basis.