

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances



Tusla I.D.: TU2015DY272

Name of Service Cherryorchard Community Childcare Service Ltd.

Address of Service: Croftwood Crescent, Cherry Orchard, Dublin 10, D10 YV32

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Name of Registered Provider: William Mangan

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

Proposed change: Addition of new prefabricated room to the side of the main building.
Increase in number of children attending from 130 to 140.
Change in number of staff from 27 to 35 staff.

Proposed Number of Children: 140

Recommended Change Following Inspection: Changes approved

Registered change: Change in the number of children that can be accommodated from 130 to 140.
Change in Number of Staff from 27 to 35.

Date of Inspection: 2 9 0 7 2 0 2 4

Inspection undertaken by: R. Brien

Title: Early Years Inspector

Tusla Early Years Inspectorate Address: Brunel Building, Heuston South Quarter, Kilmainham, Dublin D08 X01F.

Rationale for Inspection:
Proposed Change of Circumstance

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

Registration Status:	Registered Full Day Care Service for 140 Children
Date of Registration	1 st August 2024

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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	Cherryorchard Community Childcare is a community-based service based in a residential area of Cherry Orchard, South County Dublin. The service provides sessional, part-time and full day care to pre-school children aged 6 months to 6 years of age. School aged care is also provided. The service operates between 08:30 and 17:00 Monday to Friday.
Premises	The service is purpose-built, single storey facility with eight care rooms, a designated sleep room and a sensory room. There were two enclosed outdoor play spaces available to the children. One in an internal courtyard in the service and a second to the rear of the premises.
Staffing	There are 39 adults currently employed to work in the service including the designated person in charge, an adult who performs administrative duties and acts as the deputising person in charge, two chefs, two cleaners, maintenance staff and 32 adults who work directly with the children.
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 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>
Acknowledgements	The inspector wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the person in charge, staff and children who were present on the day of the inspection.

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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:

(1)(a)

The requirement has been met.

The service has a designated person in charge and a named person 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:

(1)

The requirement has been met.

The registered provider proposes to provide an additional care room on the premises of the existing early years service. The person in charge stated that the additional room will accommodate children aged 3 to 5 years.

Thirty-two adults are currently employed to work directly with children. The person in charge is available to provide cover as needed.

The registered provider demonstrated an awareness of the minimum staffing requirements required for the increase in number of children.

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.

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	<p>(1)(a) The care room is bright and is fully equipped with a range of play materials and equipment suitable to the age and stage of the children attending each room. Low level furniture and shelving are available containing materials for manipulative, creative, sensory and imaginative play. These include designated interest areas including a home corner, library area, art and construction areas all accessible to the children at their level.</p> <p>(b) The care room has a suitable rest area available which contains soft matting and cushions where children can rest or take a break from activities. Sleep mats are available for children over 2 years of age attending on a full day care basis who may require sleep or rest.</p> <p>(2)(b) There are two fully enclosed outdoor areas available on the premises. The area to the rear of the main building can be directly accessed from existing care rooms and has a mix of grass and tarmac surfacing. The courtyard area in the centre of the main building can be directly accessed from a corridor in the main building and has an artificial grass surface. Suitable play equipment and materials are available in both areas including ride-on toys, slides, tunnels and sensory play. The outdoor areas were well maintained and no hazards were observed. The gates to enter or exit the outdoor area to the rear of the premises were secured to prevent unauthorised entry or a child leaving unsupervised. Children will access the outdoor areas through the main building.</p>
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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.

The registered provider employs two chefs and a kitchen is available for the preparation and provision of adequate food and drinks for children. A two-week menu plan is available to demonstrate that varied nutritious food will be provided. Perishable foods will be stored in the refrigerator. Drinking water will be available on the premises. A healthy eating policy is in place.

Children attending on a full day care basis will be offered breakfast on arrival, two hot meals will be provided with an afternoon snack. The person in charge confirmed that alternative meals/snacks are available if required and that additional snacks are available outside of scheduled mealtimes.

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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:

This requirement has been met.

- The external door is secured with a keypad to prevent children from exiting the service unsupervised and to restrict unauthorised persons from gaining access to the service. The gate in the outdoor area is suitably secured.
- The emergency exit door is unobstructed to allow for safe evacuation.
- There are no loose cables or cords that could pose a risk of injury.
- An infection control policy is in place to inform practice.
- There is provision for the appropriate disposal and storage of waste including the provision of foot pedal operated bins in the sanitary area and in the care room.
- Cleaning schedules are in place.
- Cleaning materials are stored safely.
- The kitchen is inaccessible to children.

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:

This requirement has been met.

- (1)
A staff member who will be based in the care room has current certification in First Aid Responder (FAR) training.
- (2)(a)(b)
A suitably equipped first aid box is provided in the care room. It is clearly identifiable and easily accessible.

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.*

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(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 met.</p> <p>(1)(a) The person in charge has indicated that fire drills will be carried out on a monthly basis.</p> <p>(b) There is a record available relating to the number and type of firefighting equipment and for the commissioning and servicing of the fire detection and alarm system.</p> <p>(4) The notice of the procedures to be followed in the event of fire was displayed conspicuously in the care room and the fire assembly point was identified.</p>
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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:	<p>The requirement has been met.</p> <p>Evidence of insurance for the required number of children was available. The registered provider must ensure that adequate insurance is in place prior to the commencement of the service. Registration of the service is contingent on the registered provider's compliance with Regulation 28.</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.

Requirement met:	<p>The requirement has been met.</p> <p>(a) The proposed new care room is located in a new, single storey prefabricated building to the side of the existing early years service. The person in charge confirmed that the premises is of sound and stable structure.</p> <p>(b) The registered provider has taken appropriate measures to safeguard the premises. The external door was locked to prevent unauthorised access or a child leaving unsupervised.</p>
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(c) The care room was adequately lit, heated and ventilated. There was a good level of natural lighting in the care room with artificial lighting available as required.

Windows can be opened to provide natural ventilation. The service has thermostatically controlled infra-red heating and the room temperature was maintained between 18-22°C. The sanitary facilities were ventilated by means of openable windows.

(d) The premises and surrounding environment were clean and maintained as required. A cleaning schedule was in place and cleaning equipment was available in the care room.

(e) Adequate and suitable sanitary facilities have been provided. There is one toilet and wash hand basin for children's use and one toilet and wash hand basin available for adults. Thermostatically controlled hot and cold water was available in all hand wash sinks.

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.

Requirement met:

The requirement has been met.

(1) Adequate clear floor space has been provided for the work, play and movement of children attending the service.

(2)

There was sufficient clear floor space to accommodate the proposed number of 10 additional children in respect of their age range.

Room Name	Proposed number of children and type of service	Proposed age of children	Space available m ²
Preschool 2	10 full day care	3-5 years	22.2m ²