

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances



Tusla I.D.: TU2015DY322

Name of Service Brighton Day Care

Address of Service: 11 Brighton Road, Rathgar, Dublin 6, D06 F224

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Name of Registered Provider: Emma Sheppard-Mac Donnell

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

Proposed change: Change in number of children that can be accommodated in the service from 109 to 121 through the addition of one care room.

Proposed Number of Children: 121

Recommended Change Following Inspection: Change in number of children that can be accommodated from 109 to 121 children.

Registered change: Change in number of children that can be accommodated from 109 to 121.

Date of Inspection: 1 9 0 3 2 0 2 5

Inspection undertaken by: R. Duff and E. Griffin

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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 & Sessional Service for 121 children.
Date of Registration	26th March 2025

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	Brighton Day Care is a privately operated early years' service and has been operated by the current registered provider since 2019. Education and care is provided on a sessional, part-time, and full day care basis for children aged 0-6 years of years of age. Eligible children may also avail of the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) scheme. The service currently operates from 8.30am to 5.30pm Monday to Friday.
Premises	The service is situated in an adapted period domestic dwelling in the residential area of Rathgar, Dublin 6. There are 11 pre-school rooms over five levels in the main building, and a new purpose-built cabin located to the rear of the service. There is also a designated sleep room on the lower ground floor. The children have access to a large, enclosed garden area located to the rear of the main building.
Staffing	The service currently employs 25 staff and the registered provider who works 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</p>

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	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.
Acknowledgements	The Inspectors wish to acknowledge the cooperation of the registered provider, 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:

(1) (a) The requirement has been met.

The registered provider has ensured that there is a designated person in charge and a named person to deputise when 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 proposes to employ 26 staff to work directly with the children in the service.

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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.*
- (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 11 care rooms in the main building and an additional purpose-built cabin to the rear of the main building. All rooms are suitably resourced and laid out to cater for the proposed number of children attending the service. Child-sized tables and chairs are provided for the children to engage in tabletop activities and eat meals. Highchairs with suitable restraints are available for younger children.

Each room has a variety of age-appropriate equipment and materials which are well organised and easily accessible to children.

(1)(b)

A designated sleep room is provided on the lower ground floor. It is equipped with nine standard cots. Low beds are available for older children to sleep or rest. Individual bed linen is available for children who require sleep during the day. Cozy rest areas are provided in all rooms and are well equipped with soft furnishings to provide a place for children to rest or take a break from activities during the day.

(2)(b)

There is a large fenced off back garden at the rear of the premises which is where the new purpose-built cabin is located. The ground is covered by a safety surface. The area

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is safe and secure and equipped with a table and bench, ride on toys, large blocks, scooters, mini slides and three playhouses.

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 service has a healthy eating policy in place. An external catering company supplies a hot meal each day for the children attending on a fulltime basis. Two snacks are provided by Parents. The registered provider advised that alternative meals are available as needed. Water is available to children in individually labelled beakers in the care rooms.

A kitchen is available for the preparation and provision of food and drinks for children. Refrigerators are available to store any perishable items sent in from home.

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 front door was locked on arrival and remained locked during the inspection.

Blind cords were secured on windows.

The stair carpet was well fitted. Handrails were provided on the staircase.

Cleaning agents were stored out of sight and reach of children.

Water was thermostatically controlled and did not exceed 43°C.

The outdoor area is suitably secured.

Protective radiator covers have been provided where required.

Emergency exits were clear and fire exit doors have been appropriately secured with thumb-turn locks.

There is provision for the appropriate disposal and storage of waste including the provision of foot pedal operated bins throughout the service.

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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.

Requirement met:

The requirement has been met.

(1) The registered provider has ensured there are 2 staff members onsite who have current certification in first aid responder training (FAR).

(2)(a) Suitably equipped first aid boxes are available in each care room in the service. They are clearly identifiable and readily 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.
- (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) Monthly fire drills are carried out and a record kept. Last fire drill was carried out on 18/03/ 2025.

(b) There was a maintenance record for firefighting equipment and the smoke alarms. Fire extinguishers were last serviced on 21/06/ 2024 and smoke alarm on 13/ 03/2025.

(4) Notices of the procedures to be followed in the event of fire are displayed throughout the service and the fire assembly point is 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:

The requirement has been met.
The insurance certificate was submitted to the registration office. Evidence of insurance for 121 children was available for inspection.

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.

(b) The front door was kept locked during inspection. A coded keypad was used to access the building. Access to the rear garden was also controlled by keypad entry.

(c) The premises including the new cabin was suitably lit with natural light in all pre-school rooms via the windows supplemented by covered strip lighting. There was oil fired central heating throughout with protective radiator covers in place.

(d) The premises including the new cabin was clean and well maintained. Cleaning sheets were present in each room to show daily cleaning schedules. The service engages a cleaner each evening to clean all communal areas. There is a contract in place with a pest control company.

(e) Adequate and suitable sanitary facilities have been provided. There are 8 toilets and 5 nappy changing units with 12 wash hand basins which are provided for the children attending the service. There were also 3 adult toilets with wash hand basins.

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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) Adequate clear floor space has been provided for the work, play and movement of children proposing to attend the service as demonstrated. The requirement has been met.

(2) All rooms were measured on this inspection. Measurements are outlined in table below.

Room	Clear floor space	Proposed age range	Maximum number of children
1	25.48 m ²	1 to 2 years	9 full day care
2	20.7 m ²	2 to 3years	7 full day care
3	19.20 m ²	3-4years	8 full day care or 10 ECCE
4	20.21 m ²	3- 6 years	9 full day care or 11 ECCE
5	22.5 m ²	2-3 years	9 full day care or 12 ECCE
6	18 m ²	3-4 years	8 full day care or 10 ECCE
7	19.68 m ²	2- 3years	8 full day care or 10 ECCE
8	22.56 m ²	3- 6 years	10 full day care or 13 ECCE
9	17.95 m ²	3- 6 years	8 full day care or 10 ECCE
10	19.6 m ²	3- 6 years	8 FDC or 11 ECCE
11	11.36 m ²	2 -3 years	5 full day care or 6 ECCE
12	29.51 m ²	2-3	12 full day care