

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

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Name of Registered Provider: Emma Sheppard-Mac Donnell

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

Proposed change: Change in number of children to be accommodated in 3 different rooms.

Proposed Number of Children: Increase to 109 children

Recommended Change Following Inspection: The required floor space is available for 109 children in the proposed age ranges attending on a full day care, parttime and sessional basis at any one time.

Registered change: Change in number of children that can be accommodated from 100 to 109

Date of Inspection: 3 1 0 8 2 0 2 3

Inspection undertaken by: L. Magee & M. Redmond

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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 Care Service for 109 Children
Date of Registration	26 th September 2023



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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	Brighton Day Care is a privately operated early years service and has been operated by the current registered provider since 2019. 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 eleven pre-school rooms over five levels in the building. There is a designated sleep room on the lower ground floor. There is a large garden area located to the rear of the building which the children have access to.
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 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 inspectors wish to acknowledge the cooperation of the registered provider, 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 registered provider has ensured that there will be 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) There are an adequate number of adults working with the children attending the service at present. The registered provider has an adequate number of adults available to work with the 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.

(1)(a)

The service comprises of eleven care rooms which are suitably resourced and laid out to cater for the proposed number of children attending the service. There are child-sized tables and chairs and 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 was equipped with nine standard cots. Additional folding cots were in storage throughout the premises. Suitable rest areas have been provided and low beds are available if required.

(2)(b)

There was a large back garden at the rear of the premises which was divided into four distinct play areas. This service has a new sensory garden at the far back with mud

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kitchen tyres and open-ended toys. The areas were safe and secure and equipped with ride on toys, mini slides, playhouses and swings.

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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.

An external catering company supplies a hot dinner each day for the children attending on a fulltime basis. Parents provide an afternoon snack and tea. A kitchen is available for the preparation and provision of food and drinks for children.

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 kept locked.

Blind cords were secured.

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 are 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 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 will be always 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 will continue to be carried out and a record kept.

(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 are displayed 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:	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.
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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>(b) The front door was kept locked at all times. A coded keypad was used to access the building. Access to the rear garden was also controlled by keypad entry.</p> <p>(c) The premises 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.</p> <p>(d) The premises was clean and well maintained. The service engages a cleaner each evening to clean all communal areas. There is a contract in place with a pest control company.</p> <p>(e) Adequate and suitable sanitary facilities have been provided. There are six toilets and four nappy changing units with 10 wash hand basins which are provided for the children attending the service. There were two staff toilets with wash hand basins.</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.

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) Rooms 3,4 and 5 were measured on this inspection as these are the rooms the registered provider wishes to change.

Room	Clear floor space	Proposed age range	Maximum number of children
3	19.20 m ²	2-3years	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
			Total = 33 children.

The measurements and maximum number of children below were taken from last fit for purpose inspection report (19/11/2018).

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	1 to 2years	7 full day care
6	18 m ²	3-6 years	8 full day care or 10 ECCE
7	19.68 m ²	3- 6 years	8 full day care or 10 ECCE

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	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 = 76 children 30 + 76 = 109 children in total.
<p>The required floor space is available for 109 children in the proposed age ranges attending on a full day care, parttime and sessional basis.</p>				