

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances

Tusla I.D.: TU2015DY336

Name of Service Treasure Tots Nursery

Address of Service: Le Fanu House, 3b Le Fanu Road, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10,
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Name of Registered Provider: Jonathon Daly

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: Increase in number of children from 50-61. Addition of new care room.

Proposed Number of Children: 61 children

Recommended Change Following Inspection: Increase in number of children to 61.

Registered change: Change in number of children from 50 to 61 children

Date of Inspection: 2 1 0 7 2 0 2 5

Inspection undertaken by: L Magee. O Quill.

Title: Early Years Inspector

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Rationale for Inspection:
Proposed Change of Circumstance

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

Registration Status:	Registered Full Day, Part-Time & Sessional Service from 61 Children
Date of Registration	21st August 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	Treasure Tots Nursery is a community-based service located in a residential, urban area in Ballyfermot and operates from a purposely adapted single storey premises. The service is registered to provide full day care, part-time and sessional education and care for children ranging in age from 0 to 6 years and operates Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm.
Premises	The service consists of three preschool care rooms, a dedicated sleep room, a kitchen, staff room and two offices. The service has an enclosed outdoor play area located to the rear of the premises with a rubber surfacing.
Staffing	Sixteen adults were present on the day of inspection. This included the designated person in charge and ten childcare practitioners, one adult on the community employment programme, three administration staff and a chef. The registered provider does not work in the service.
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</p>

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	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 person in charge, staff and children who were present on the day of the inspection.

Part III - Management and Staff	
Regulation 9 – Management and Recruitment	
<i>(1) A registered provider shall ensure that—</i>	
<i>(a) the service has a designated person in charge and a named person who is able to deputise as required.</i>	
Requirement met:	The requirement has been met. (1)(a) The registered provider has ensured that there is a designated person in charge and a named person to deputise if required.

Part III - Management and Staff	
Regulation 11 -Staffing Levels	
<i>(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.</i>	
Requirement met:	The requirement has been met. (1) The registered provider has an adequate number of adults available to work with the proposed 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.

(1)(a)

With the addition of the new preschool room, the service will comprise of four care rooms. All of these rooms are bright and spacious and are suitably resourced and laid out to cater for the proposed number of children attending in each room.

(1)(b)

Two designated sleep rooms are on the premises. The first is adjacent to the baby room. It was equipped with five standard cots. The second is adjacent to the toddler room and was equipped with two standard cots and nine low lying beds. Suitable rest areas have been provided in each care room.

(2)(b)

The service has a fully enclosed outdoor play area located to the rear of the premises with a rubber surfacing.

There were no ponds, pits or other hazards observed in the outdoor areas.

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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.

All food and drinks are provided by the service. A chef is employed in the service and prepares and cooks food fresh for the children on a daily basis. Water and milk are provided with their meals. The service has a rolling three-week menu available.

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:

External doors were secured to prevent children from exiting the service unsupervised and to restrict unauthorised persons from gaining access to the pre-school.

Blind cords were secured.

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.

Emergency exits are clear.

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

Requirement not met:

1. The fire door in the preschool room was not fully sealed at the push handle. Gaps were visible and air was escaping. Fire doors must be fully sealed to contain fire and smoke, providing crucial time for occupants to evacuate.
2. A concrete pillar in the centre of the preschool room had two of the four aspects covered with soft covering. The remaining two areas had sharp corners. A second concrete pillar in the centre of the new room had no protective covering. If a child while playing ran into one of these pillars, it could cause an injury to a child.

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	<p>3. Trailing flexes from an air conditioning unit were observed to be in reach of the children in the preschool room, posing a risk of injury to a child.</p>
Response from Provider:	<p>1. The Preschool Fire Door will be replaced. The deposit has been paid on the doors and there was a lead time on the doors, however the company have confirmed they will be installed by September 3rd at the latest.</p> <p>2. The pillars in both rooms have been covered with a variety of materials to create a sensory wall. The corners have been secured with cushioned corner protectors.</p> <p>3. Trailing Flexes have been encased in cable casing.</p>
Summary Comment:	<p>Supporting documentation was reviewed. The actions taken by the registered provider have addressed the regulatory requirement.</p>

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 documentation was reviewed, and it was evidenced there were an adequate number of staff members trained in FAR to ensure someone is immediately available to the children at all times.

(2)(a) Suitably equipped first aid boxes are available in each care room in the service. They are clearly identifiable and readily accessible.

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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:

The requirement has been met.

(1)(a) A record was available detailing monthly fire drills which had taken place in the service. The registered provider stated drills will continue to be completed on a monthly basis.

(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.

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.

An insurance certificate was submitted to the registration team prior to this inspection. This certificate was for full daycare for 61 children until 27/03/2026.

Part VII – Premises and Space Requirements

Regulation 29 – Premises

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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>(a) The current service has extended into the building next door. With the addition of this extension to the current building, the service will now have four care rooms, two sleep rooms, a family meeting area, two staff rooms and two offices. The service will be located at ground level.</p> <p>(b) The front door was kept locked at all times. A call bell system was used to access the building with staff allowing entry to the building. The new extension has an entry/exit point which will be used as an exit only for staff and parents in the afternoons. This will be managed by staff.</p> <p>(c) The premises benefits from levels of natural light via windows. There is supplemental artificial lighting also provided from covered fluorescent lights in the rooms. Windows in the preschool room can be opened. An air conditioning unit has been installed in the toddler room, baby sleep room and the new preschool room. There is mechanical ventilation in the sanitary areas.</p> <p>(d) The service was clean and well maintained and cleaning schedules are in place.</p> <p>(e) There are seven toilets and sinks for the children and two nappy changing units in the service. There are four bathrooms for adults.</p>
Requirement not met:	<p>(e)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There are an additional four toilets for children in the service which have shower curtains instead of suitable doors to provide privacy for the children. 2. The plaster around two metal ventilation pipes and beside a ventilation unit in the new toddler sleep room are damaged and unfinished. 3. There is a hole in one of the ceiling tiles in the new toddler sleep room. 4. A leak was evident on one of the ceiling tiles in the toddler room and in the new toddler sleep room.

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	<p>5. An exposed area of concrete and missing tiles were observed at the fire door exit in the preschool room.</p> <p>6. A concrete pillar in the centre of the outdoor area had a protective covering around it. This plastic covering was torn and peeling and needs replacing.</p>
Response from Provider:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bespoke doors were made for each of the toilets. 2. The ventilation pipes have been replastered. 3. The hole has been fixed in the ceiling tile of the new sleep room. 4. The Landlord had the hole in the roof repaired and the ceiling tiles were replaced following the repair. 5. This has been temporarily covered with a mat, when the door is replaced by September 3rd the tiles will be replaced at the same time. 6. The protective covering of the pillars in the garden have been replaced.
Summary Comment:	Supporting documentation was reviewed. The actions taken by the registered provider has addressed the regulatory requirement.

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:	<p>(1) Adequate clear floor space is available for the work, play and movement of 61 children attending the pre-school service.</p> <p>(2)</p>
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The minimum amount of clear floor space for children attending a full time/part time service is 2.8 m² (1-2 year old children), 2.35 m² (2–3year old children) and 2.3 m² (3–6 year-old children). The service has a total of 156.72 m² of clear floor space for 61 children in the proposed age ranges attending on a full day care basis.