

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances



Tusla I.D:	TU2015FL063												
Name of Service	Children's Kingdom												
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Email Address:	liviastancik@gmail.com												
Name of Registered Provider:	Livia Stancikova												
Type of Proposed Service:	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Full Day Care</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Part-Time</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Sessional</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Drop-In</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Childminding</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Temporary</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </table>	Full Day Care	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Part-Time	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sessional	<input type="checkbox"/>	Drop-In	<input type="checkbox"/>	Childminding	<input type="checkbox"/>	Temporary	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Proposed change:	Change in service type from sessional to full day care, increase of number of children to 20.												
Proposed Number of Children:	20												
Recommended Change Following Inspection:	Approve all changes												
Registered change:	Change in Service Type from Sessional to Full Day Care, Change in number of children that can be accommodated from 12 to 20.												
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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 20 Children
Date of Registration	6 th October 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	Children’s Kingdom currently operates a sessional early years’ service for children aged from 2 to 5 years of age in the Dublin 15 suburb of Clonee. The service is provided for 38 weeks per year and operates from 9.30am to 1pm Monday to Friday for a maximum of 12 children.
Premises	The services propose to use a second care room for the provision of a full day care service to children which currently operates to the side of the registered providers residence. The staff and children have access to sanitary accommodation, a ground floor kitchen, and an enclosed outdoor area to the front of the building.
Staffing	The service employs two staff, to include the registered provider, and deputy person in charge. On the day of inspection, the registered provider and deputy person in charge worked directly with six 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>
Additional information	On the day of inspection, it was observed that two children in attendance were registered to attend the service from 9am to 5.30pm. This change of service type occurred without the required sanctions from the registration department.
Acknowledgements	The Inspector wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the registered provider, deputy person in charge, and children who were present on the day of the inspection.

Part III - Management and Staff

 An Ghníomhaireacht um Leanaí agus an Teaghlach Child and Family Agency	Child and Family Agency Act 2013 Child Care Act 1991 (Early Years Services) Regulations 2016	Version 05 Implemented- Aug 2022 EYI-IR12.23 F07 FFP (CIC)	2 of 10
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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 service had a designated person in charge and a named staff member was available 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.

(2) Subject to paragraphs (4) and (5), a registered provider of a full day care service or a part-time day care service shall ensure that at all times the minimum ratio of adults to children specified in column (3) of Part 1 of Schedule 6 opposite a particular reference number specified in column (1) of that Part in respect of the age range of the children specified in column (2) thereof at that reference number is satisfied.

(8) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) to (7)-

(a) a registered provider of a pre-school service other than a child-minding service or a sessional pre-school service shall ensure that there are at least 2 adults on the premises at all times.

Requirement met:

The requirement has been met.

(1) The registered provider has proposed that initially two staff members will be working with 20 children aged between 2 years 8 months to 5 years during the sessional service from 9.30am to 1pm and then depending on the age range and number of children a third staff member will be employed to work with the children on a full day care basis.

(8)(a) The registered provider has confirmed that there were always at least two adults on the premises.

Part V - Care of Child in Pre-school Service

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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.
- (3) A registered provider of a full day care service, a part-time day care service or a childminding service, other than such a service to which paragraph (2) applies, shall ensure that—
- (a) a suitable, safe and secure outdoor space to which the pre-school children attending the service have access on a daily basis is provided on the premises

Requirement met:

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

The service comprises of two care rooms which were laid out as follows.

- The care rooms are bright and laid out in areas of interest to include a home area with play kitchen (equipped with pots, pans, dishes, play food), construction (stacking blocks and bricks, cars, trucks, and train sets), rest area (cushions, mats, books, and soft toys), art and crafts (paint, paper, pencils, crayons, and stencils).
- Outdoor area: The enclosed space is surfaced with concrete paving and had materials and games available for the children to engage with. Playhouses, hoops, see saws, sand trays, bikes, scooters, and prams.
- All materials and equipment in the care rooms were appropriate to the age and development of the child and were stored on low level accessible shelving.

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

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	<p>The rest areas consisted of mats, cushions, and child size seating. The service had provision made for children that may require to sleep while attending the service. These included low beds, with individual sheets and blankets.</p> <p>(3)(a) The requirement has been met.</p> <p>The enclosed space is surfaced with concrete paving and had materials and games available for the children to engage with.</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:	<p>The requirement has been met.</p> <p>The service proposes to introduce the following snacks and meals which will facilitate the children attending on a sessional and full day care basis.</p> <p>8am Breakfast of cereal and milk will be available if required.</p> <p>11am Snack from home to consist of fruits, sandwiches, cheese, and yogurts.</p> <p>1-1.30pm Hot meal provided by parents.</p> <p>3.30-4pm Snack from home to consist of fruits, sandwiches, cheese, and yogurts.</p> <p>The food provided by the service and parents is reflective of the service healthy eating policy. Additional food will be available between meals if a child is hungry, and water is available during meals and throughout the day.</p>
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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.

General Safety:

- The main door is secured with a lock which is managed by staff, thus preventing a child from exiting unsupervised and to avoid unauthorised access to the service.
- The play materials and equipment in the service were stored on stable-based low level shelving units. The play materials and equipment were observed to be safe and suitable for the developmental age of the proposed children.
- The tables and chairs in the care rooms that are used for tabletop activities and mealtimes were the appropriate height for the age of children accommodated in the room.
- The emergency exit doors of the service were unobstructed.

Infection Control:

- All storage of waste, both indoors and outdoors was inaccessible to the children.
- Thermostatically controlled warm water, liquid soap, paper towels and closed lid pedal bins were available in the sanitary accommodation.
- Cleaning schedules were in use within the care rooms, sanitary facilities, and outdoor area.

Rest:

- The service had rest areas available to the children to include soft seating, cushions, and mats if a child was tired and required a break. Additional soft matting and bedding was available should a child require to sleep.

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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) One staff member had an up to date First Aid Responder (FAR) certificate.

(2)(a)(b) The first aid boxes were suitably equipped and safely stored in a readily accessible and conspicuous position in Room 2 and the outdoor area.

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 template was available to record fire drills that take place in the service.

(b) The firefighting equipment and smoke alarms were last serviced in December 2022.

(4) A notice of the procedures to be followed in the event of a fire was in the care rooms.

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Regulation 28 – Insurance

A registered provider shall ensure that the pre-school service is adequately insured.

Requirement met:

The requirement has been met.

The service had an insurance proposal to cover 20 children from the 28 March 2023 to 27 March 2024. 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.

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.

(a) During the inspection it was observed that the walls, flooring, doors, and windows were suitably maintained, and the inspector did not identify any safety issues or concerns.

(b) The entrance door to the service was secured with a lock to prevent children from exiting unsupervised and to avoid unauthorised access to the service. The outdoor area was enclosed with a wall and gate.

- (c)
- The windows in each of the care rooms provide natural lighting. The natural light can be augmented with artificial ceiling lighting as required.
 - Recessed florescent ceiling lights were fitted with shatter proof coverings.
 - The service is heated by gas with thermostatically controlled wall mounted radiators.

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- The sanitary facilities are fitted with open windows to extract stale air and provide ventilation.
- The care rooms had open windows to allow for ventilation and the temperature of the rooms did not exceed the recommended temperature of between 18-22°C.

(d) The care rooms and sanitary facilities were in a clean condition on the day of inspection. A cleaning schedule was available in the care rooms and sanitary facilities to ensure regular cleaning of the service.

(e)

- The sanitary facilities in the service comprised of two children’s toilets, and two wash hand basins.
- Warm water not exceeding 43°C, liquid soap and paper hand towels were provided in all sanitary facilities. Pedal bins were provided for the disposal of paper hand towels.
- A separate sanitary facility is provided for the use of staff to include one toilet and one wash hand basin.

Part VII – Premises and Space Requirements

Regulation 30 – Minimum Space Requirements

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- (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.
- (4) Where a registered provider contemporaneously provides—
- (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:

The requirement has been met.

(1) The registered provider ensured that adequate clear floor space is available in the premises for the work, play and movement of children attending the service.

(2)

Room	Room 1	Room 2
Clear Floor Space	40.7 sqm	12.92 sqm
Age Range	2-5 years	2-5 years
*Proposed Number of children on a sessional and full day care basis.	15	5

*Calculated as per Schedule 7: Minimum Space Requirements.

The above table illustrates that the minimum clear floor space is available in Room 1 and Room 2 for a maximum of 20 children aged between 2 to 5 years old based on their age range and attending the service on a sessional and full day care basis.

(4)(b) The minimum clear floor space is available for the duration of the part time and full day care service.