

# TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

## Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances

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<b>Name of Service</b>	Hartstown Montessori Preschool
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<b>Address of Service:</b>	Hartstown Community Centre Hartstown Dublin 15 D15 CY60
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<b>Name of Registered Provider:</b>	Maria Gabriela Bujoreanu
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<b>Type of Proposed Service:</b>	<b>Full Day Care</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Part-Time</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Sessional</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	<b>Drop-In</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Childminding</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Temporary</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>Proposed change:</b>	<p>Proposal to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Move from current premises at prefabricated building at rear of Hartstown Community Centre to room within Hartstown Community Centre.</li> <li>- To increase number of children to 16 on a sessional basis</li> </ul>
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<b>Proposed Number of Children:</b>	16 on a sessional basis.
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<b>Recommended Change Following Inspection:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Change of address from current premises at prefabricated building at rear of Hartstown Community Centre to room within Hartstown Community Centre.</li> <li>- Sessional care, operating hours 9.00am to 12.00pm and 12.30pm to 3.30pm.</li> <li>- 15 children, age range 2 to 6 years old.</li> </ul>
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<b>Registered change:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Change in number of children from 11 to 15.</li> <li>- Change of location of service from the prefabricated building to a room within the community centre.</li> <li>- Change in number of staff employed from 4 to 2.</li> </ul>
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<b>Inspection undertaken by:</b>	T. Nelson
<b>Title:</b>	Early Years Inspector

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<b>Rationale for Inspection:</b>
<b>Proposed Change of Circumstance</b>

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

<b>Registration Status:</b>	Registered sessional service for 15 children
<b>Date of Registration</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> September 2025

<b>Authority to Inspect</b>
<p>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).</p>

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<b>Description of Service</b>	Hartstown Montessori Preschool is a privately run sessional care service who provide early care and education to children aged from 2 to 6 years old. The service provides two sessional care services; 9.00am to 12.00pm and 12.30pm to 3.30pm.
<b>Premises</b>	The proposed new care room will operate from the ground floor of Hartstown Community Centre. There is access to sanitary facilities directly off the care room and there is an enclosed outdoor play area at the rear of the building.
<b>Staffing</b>	The registered provider currently employs two staff to work directly with the children. The registered provider works in the service.
<b>Methodology</b>	<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>
<b>Acknowledgements</b>	The Inspector wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the registered provider, 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:

The requirement is met.

(1)

(a) The proposed service has a designated person in charge, and a named staff member is 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.

#### Requirement met:

The requirement is met.

(1) The registered provider states that an adequate number of adults works directly with the children attending the service. It is proposed that there will be up to 3 adults caring for up to 16 sessional 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 is met.

(1)

(a) The proposed care room will provide adequate and suitable facilities for the children in the 2 to 6 years age range to play indoors.

- There are defined areas of interest in the room.
- There is an adequate supply of toys and resources available to support a range of play experiences.
- Furniture in the room is suitable for the age and stage of development of the proposed children.
- Toys and equipment are stored on shelving and are visible and accessible to the children.
- The equipment available to the children will provide them with challenging play experiences.

(b) There is a cosy area available in the care room where children can take a break from activities and rest.

(2)

(b) There is an outdoor play area available to the rear of the premises which is fully enclosed. A range of outdoor toys to facilitate physical play experiences for the proposed age range is available.

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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 is met.

- A healthy eating policy is in place.
- Food will be provided by parents and refrigerated appropriately in the care room.
- Drinks will be available in the proposed care room.

### 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 is partially met.

- Play materials are safe and suitable for use.
- A risk assessment is available for the proposed outdoor play area identifying potential hazards.
- Cleaning products were observed to be out of reach of children.
- Liquid soap, dispensed paper hand towels and thermostatically controlled warm water is available to support hygienic handwashing.
- Appropriate waste disposal units were observed in the sanitary areas.
- Emergency exits are clearly indicated and are unobstructed.

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<b>Requirement not met:</b>	1. There is no risk assessment available for the care room, showing consideration of potential hazards and identifying checks to mitigate potential risks posed.
<b>Response from Provider:</b>	A comprehensive risk assessment was developed for the care room. Evidence of this was submitted.
<b>Summary Comment:</b>	The requirement is met

### 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.*

<b>Requirement met:</b>	<p>The requirement is met.</p> <p>(1) Documentary evidence is available that there will be a staff member trained to First aid Responder level available to the children during the operational hours of the service.</p> <p>(2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) A suitably equipped first aid box is stored in the care room.</li> <li>(b) The first aid box was easily accessible and available to adults.</li> </ul>
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#### 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.

<b>Requirement met:</b>	<p>The requirement is partially met.</p> <p>(1) A record of the following is available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) There is a template available to record fire drills that take place in the service.</li> <li>(b) A written record is available to demonstrate the firefighting equipment in the premises was maintained on the 26 June 2025.</li> </ul> <p>(4) There is a notice displayed in the care room of the procedures to be followed in the event of a fire. A fire assembly notice was visible outside of the service to enable staff and children to identify the fire assembly point.</p>
<b>Requirement not met:</b>	<p>(1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(b) There is no written record available to demonstrate the smoke alarms in the premises are maintained.</li> </ul>
<b>Response from Provider:</b>	Evidence was submitted to demonstrate the smoke alarms were maintained on the 4 June 2025.
<b>Summary Comment:</b>	The requirement is met.

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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 is met.

The registered provider has evidence of insurance for a maximum 16 children in a sessional care service valid from 11 August 2025 to 27th March 2026.

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 is met:

- (a) The premises appears to be of a sound and stable structure.
- (b) The entrance door to the service is secured adequately to prevent children from exiting unsupervised and unauthorised persons from gaining access.
- (c) The premises is adequately lit, heated and ventilated.

- Windows provide natural lighting to the care room. The natural light can be augmented with artificial ceiling lighting as required. Ceiling lights are fitted with protective covers and recessed into the ceiling.
- Heating is provided through thermostatically controlled wall mounted radiators. The temperature of the care room on the day of inspection was 18.2°C.
- The care room has openable windows, and the sanitary area is fitted with a mechanical ventilation system.

(d) The care room is clean, maintained and in good repair. There is a cleaning schedule available to ensure regular cleaning of the premises.

(e) There is adequate and suitable sanitary facilities available for the proposed number of children. One toilet and one sink are required in sanitary accommodation for every 11 children.

- There are two toilets and two sinks located off the care room.
- A nappy changing mat is available if required.
- Staff toilets are available in the community centre.
- A further sink is available in the care room.

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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.

(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.

#### Requirement met:

The requirement is met.

(1) There is adequate clear floor space available in the premises for the work, play and movement of 15 children proposed to attend the pre-school service. A total of 28.76 square metres is available for 15 children.

(3) The amount of clear floor space is demonstrated below.

Clear floor space m <sup>2</sup> proposed by Registered Provider	Clear floor space m <sup>2</sup> measured by EYI	Space required:	Proposed number of children:
28.5 m <sup>2</sup>	28.76 m <sup>2</sup>	1.818 m <sup>2</sup>	15 sessional children