

# TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

## Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances



**Tusla I.D:** TU2015FL192

**Name of Service** Little Stars Scoil Bhride Boys

**Address of Service:** Soil Bhride Boys, Church Avenue, Blanchardstown Dublin 15, D15 Y592

**Email Address:** Littlestars.scoilbhride@gmail.com

**Name of Registered Provider:** Katarzyna Wlodarska

<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"/>

**Proposed change:** Addition of a sessional service from 09:00 – 12:00  
Change in number of children from 22 to 44 children  
Change in number of staff from 2 to 4 staff

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**Recommended Change Following Inspection:** Addition of a sessional service from 09:00 – 12:00  
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**Registered change:** Addition of a sessional service from 09:00 – 12:00  
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Change in number of staff from 2 to 4 staff

<b>Date of Inspection:</b>	2	2	0	8	2	0	2	5
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**Inspection undertaken by:** S Skinnader

**Title:** Early Years Inspector

**Tusla Early Years Inspectorate Address:** No.18 The Grange, Plantation Walk, Monaghan

**Rationale for Inspection:**  
Proposed Change of Circumstance

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

<b>Registration Status:</b>	Registered Sessional Service for 44 Children
<b>Date of Registration</b>	26 <sup>th</sup> August 2025

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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).

<b>Description of Service</b>	This service commenced operation in 2014. It provides a sessional service to children aged 2 - 6 years. The service operates from 9.10am – 12.10pm and caters for a maximum of 22 children.
<b>Premises</b>	The premises is currently situated on the second floor of the local boy's primary school in Blanchardstown Village. There is 1 care room to the left of the stairs with sanitary accommodation and a storage area. The proposed new room is to the right of the stairs and across from the existing care room. An enclosed outdoor area is available at the premises and off-street parking is also available.
<b>Staffing</b>	There are currently 2 staff members and a floating person in charge employed to work directly with the children. An area manager also calls to the service to assist when required.
<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 area manager and person in charge 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:

The requirement has been met.

(1) (a) There is a designated person in charge and a named person to deputise as required.

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### 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) It is proposed that 2 additional staff members will be available to work directly with the pre-school children in the new room. The registered provider is aware of the minimum ratio of adults to children specified in Part 1 and 2 of Schedule 6.

### 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,*  
 (4) *Where outdoor space to which the pre-school children attending the service have access is provided on the premises of a sessional pre-school service other than such a service to which paragraph (2) applies, a temporary pre-school service or a pre-school service in a drop-in centre, the registered provider shall ensure that such outdoor space is suitable, safe and secure.*

#### Requirement met:

The requirement has been met.

(1) (a) The preschool children have access to adequate and suitable facilities for play both indoors and outdoors on the premises. The new care room is bright and spacious and well-resourced with age-appropriate toys and equipment.  
 (b) The children have access to a soft /rest area which is located within the care room and consists of a floor mat, soft cushions and child sized sofa. It is proposed a day bed with appropriate bed linen will be available for any child who may require a lie down.  
 (4) The pre-school children have access to an enclosed artificial grass surfaced outdoor area to the front of the building and to the PE hall in the school.

### 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 lunches will be provided by parents and perishable food items are stored in the fridge in the room. Food is available should a child forget their lunch and a supply of potable drinking water is also available.

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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.  
For example, the external doors are appropriately secured to prevent a preschool child exiting unaccompanied and the parents must use the buzzer to gain access on arrival in the morning. All cleaning agents are up high in the cupboard stored out of the reach of children. Blind cords are appropriately restricted and sharp corners are protected. There is a designated fire assembly point in front of the outdoor area.

### 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,*

#### Requirement met:

The requirement has been met.  
(1) Two staff members have up to date First Aid Response training. Two certificates of training were available for inspection.  
(2) (a) A suitably stocked first aid box was provided in the service.

### 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)(b) A template is available to record fire drills. A record is available for the servicing of the firefighting equipment and the fire alarm system dated 10/24 and 21/08/25 respectively.  
(4) A notice of the procedures to be followed in the event of a fire is displayed in the service.

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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.  
Insurance is in place for the preschool children which covers a maximum of 44 children commencing 25/8/25 and expires on the 27/3/26.

### 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) The service is operating from a premises which appears on visual inspection to be structurally sound.
- (b) The service is safe and secure with a locked entrance. The outdoor play area to the front of the building is fenced and secured.
- (c) Light levels in the care room and sanitary accommodation are adequate and are provided by means of natural light through windows and supplemented with covered fluorescent lights.  
The room temperature in the care room is adequate. Heating is by means of thermostatically controlled electric heating.  
Ventilation: The care room and sanitary accommodation is ventilated by means of openable windows.
- (d) The premises, toys and equipment are in a clean condition and in good repair. Cleaning schedules are available.
- (e) There are 2 toilets and 2 wash hand basins in the sanitary accommodation in the care room. A nappy changing mat and a pedal operated nappy bin is also available should they be required. The sanitary area has a continuous supply of thermostatically controlled running water, a supply of liquid soap and wall mounted paper towel dispenser.  
There are 2 staff toilets and hand basins available downstairs for the staff in the service.

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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 has been met.

(1)(3) There is approximately 58m<sup>2</sup> available in the proposed new care room which is sufficient to accommodate the proposed 22 children aged 2-6 years on a sessional basis.