

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances



Tusla I.D: TU2015FL322

Name of Service Tigers Childcare

Address of Service: Tyrrellstown Community Centre,
Hollywood Road, Tyrrellstown, Dublin 15, D15 PWY2

Email Address: info@tigerschildcare.com

Name of Registered Provider: Karen Clince

Type of Proposed Service:	Full Day Care		Part-Time		Sessional	✓
	Drop-In		Childminding		Temporary	

Proposed change: Change of room in the community centre.

Proposed Number of Children: 33 (no change)

Recommended Change Following Inspection: Approve change

Registered change: Change of location of one room within the same premises

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Inspection undertaken by: E. Finnegan Hayes

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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 Sessional Service for 33 Children
Date of Registration	7 th February 2024

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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	Tigers Childcare is a privately operated service which offers care and education to children aged 2-6 years on a sessional term time basis. The service participates in the ECCE scheme.
Premises	The service occupies two rooms in the community centre. The larger room catering for 22 children will remain in its current location on the first floor while the smaller room catering for 11 children will be based on the ground floor. Sanitary facilities have been designated for use by the service and are available adjacent to the care rooms accessible by a hallway. A secure outdoor area is available within the grounds.
Staffing	The registered provider employs four staff to work directly with the children 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 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 Inspector wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the person in charge who was 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 service has a designated person in charge and a named person who can 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 registered provider will employ 4 staff to work directly with the children to maintain the adult child ratio taking into account the age range and number of children enrolled. The service is registered to provide care and education to children aged between 2 and 6 years old.

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:

(1)(a)

The toys and materials available were assessed and deemed adequate to support the learning and development of the children. For example.

- A range of toys and materials suitable to the age and stage of development of the children were available. These were grouped into clearly defined interest areas and accessible to the children on low level shelving.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child sized tables and chairs were provided for the children to engage in tabletop activities and eat meals. <p>(b)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The cozy area consisted of a soft mat and cushions which provided a comfortable place for the children to rest or to take a break from activities during the day. <p>(2)(b) A secure outdoor area is available within the grounds. Storage was available to store toys and equipment when not in use.</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:

The service has a Healthy eating policy in place. Children will bring their lunch from home and these will be stored in a fridge to prevent spoiling. Water will be available to the children in individually labelled beakers.

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 registered provider has put the following measures in place to ensure the safety of the children;

- The entrance to the community centre is manned by a receptionist to prevent unauthorised persons accessing the building and prevent children leaving unsupervised.
- The care room door is fitted with a coded lock which prevents unauthorised persons accessing the care room and a release button is present at adult height to prevent children leaving the room unsupervised.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An emergency exit door which is present in the care room is fitted with an alarm which sounds on opening and was unobstructed. • The outdoor area is adequately secured with high fencing and gates which are secured. • Toys and equipment are well maintained and free from hazards. • Flexes are appropriately secured out of reach of the children. • Radiators covers are fitted on the radiators in the care room. • Warm water, dispensed soap and paper handtowels are available for handwashing.
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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
 - (b) is available to the children attending the pre-school service at all times.

Requirement met:

- (1) The registered provider ensured a staff member is trained in First Aid Response (FAR).
- (2) (a)(b) A suitably equipped first aid box is available in the care room, stored out of reach of the children but immediately available if required.

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 firefighting 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:

- (1)(a) A record of fire drills was reviewed. Fire drills are completed on a monthly basis.
- (b) A record detailing the servicing of both the smoke alarms and firefighting equipment was available for review. The certificates showed the most recent service of the firefighting equipment took place in April 2023 while the smoke alarms were serviced on 16th November 2023.

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(4) A notice which showed the procedure to be followed in the event of a fire emergency was displayed in the care room.

Part VI – Safety

Regulation 28 – Insurance

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

Requirement met: The registered provider ensured that insurance which is valid until 27/03/2024 is in place.

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:

- (a)
 - On visual inspection, the care room appeared to be of stable structure.
 - Water is provided by the public mains.
 - Sewage is removed from the building via the public sewage system.
- (b)
 - The service entrance is secured, and access is managed by staff.
 - The outdoor area is secure with high fencing.
 - A pond cover is fitted on a pond in the outdoor area.
- (c)
 - Natural light was available in the care room, this is supplemented by artificial light in both the care rooms and sanitary areas.
 - Shatterproof covers are fitted on all light fixtures.
 - The room will be ventilated by opening windows.
 - An ambient temperature is maintained in the care room.
- (d)
 - The service was adequately cleaned and maintained.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The service was adequately rodent proofed. <p>(e)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two cubicles in one sanitary area and an accessible toilet with nappy changing unit will be available for the sole use of the service as indicated by signs on the doors. This is adequate for the proposed number of children in the care room. Additional toilets are available within the community center for use by staff.
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Part VII – Premises and Space Requirements

Regulation 30 – Minimum Space Requirements

(2) 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:	(1)(2) The care room measured 34m ² which is adequate for 11 children attending on a sessional basis.
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