

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: Tyrrelstown Community Centre, Hollywood Rath, Holbstown Road, Tyrrelstown, Co. Dublin, D15 PWY2

Email Address: info@tigerschildcare.com

Name of Registered Provider: Therese Noonan

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

Proposed change: Change of service address from Tyrrelstown Educate Together National School to Tyrrelstown Community Centre, Hollywood Rath, Holbstown Road, Tyrrelstown, Co. Dublin, D15PWY2

Proposed Number of Children: 33

Recommended Change Following Inspection: Change of address
Maximum 33 children age range 2 to 6 years old attending sessional care.
Operating hours 9.20am - 12.20am.

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Date of Inspection: 1 2 0 8 2 0 2 5

Inspection undertaken by: C. Harte

Title: Early Years Inspector

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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	29th 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	Tigers' childcare is a privately operated service which offers care and education to children aged 2-6 years old on a sessional term time basis. The service participates in the ECCE scheme.
Premises	The proposed childcare service will operate from two care rooms located on the first floor of the community centre. The larger room called Active Cubs 2 catering to 22 children has sanitary facilities within the room. The smaller care room called Active Cubs 1 catering to 11 children will use designated sanitary facilities located outside the room on the corridor. A secure outdoor area is available within the grounds.
Staffing	The registered provider will employ up to five staff to work directly with the children including the designated person in charge and deputy person in charge.
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 quality and practice manager who was 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.

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Requirement met:	The requirement has been met. (1)(a) The proposed service has a designated person in charge and a named staff member is available 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 is met. (1) The registered provider will ensure that an adequate number of adults will work directly with the children attending the service. It is proposed there will be five adults including the designated person in charge caring for up to 33 children attending the service on a sessional care basis.
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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 partially met. (1) (a) The proposed care rooms will provide adequate and suitable facilities for children to play indoors. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Both rooms have defined areas of interest. • There is an adequate supply of toys and resources available to support a range of play experiences for the proposed age profile and number of children. • Toys and equipment are stored on low level shelving visible and accessible to the children.
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	<p>(b) There is a cosy area available in both care rooms suitable for the proposed age range of children, where they can take a break from activities.</p> <p>(2) (b) There is a fully enclosed outdoor play area available on the premises, surfaced in both concrete and grass. A range of toys to facilitate physical play experiences for the proposed age range is available.</p>
Requirement not met:	(1) (a) Furniture in the Active Cubs 2 room is not suitable to the age and stage of development of the proposed age range of children.
Response from Provider:	(1) (a) Age-appropriate tables and chairs were ordered, assembled and are ready for use.
Summary Comment:	The requirement has been met.

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 is met.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The service has a healthy eating policy in place. • Children will bring food from home, and this will be refrigerated appropriately. • Drinks will be available in the proposed care rooms
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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:	<p>The requirement is partially met.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The care room doors have a magnetic locking system with release buttons inside the room positioned out of children’s reach. • The emergency exits were unobstructed. • All windows were fitted with restrictors. • Cleaning schedules are in place and the premises was visibly clean on the day of inspection. • The storage cupboard that contained medication and cleaning products was securely locked.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liquid soap, hygienically dispensed paper towels or a hand dryer is available in all sinks used by staff or children. There is a template available to check and record water temperatures.
Requirement not met:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The temperature in Active Cubs 2 exceeded the required temperature range of 18°C to 20°C and was 25.9°C on the day of inspection. There is animal excrement throughout the outdoor play area. The large bench in the outdoor play area is worn with chipped and flaking paint. There are sections of low-level brambles in the outdoor play area.
Response from Provider:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The temperature of the room has been monitored over a 2-day period to record the temperatures to ensure they are within the required temperature range of 18 – 22 degrees. Fans were taken from storage and are now ready for operation in the care room, please see photos attached. On opening of the building each morning, management will ensure the air conditioning units and fans are on and functioning prior to the children and educators' arrival. The animal excrement found of the day of inspection was removed. A full daily outdoor safety checklist is completed and a copy of this is attached this will be completed each day before the children attend the outdoor space, any discrepancies will be raised with management and the removal of any remaining excrement, if any, will be removed prior to the children entering the outdoor space to ensure safety of the children at all times. The large bench in the outdoor play area was replaced. The low-levels brambles in the outdoor area have been trimmed to ensure safety for the children in the outdoor space. The maintenance team will be contacted when further maintenance is required.
Summary Comment:	The requirement has been met.

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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:

The requirement is met.

- (1) Documentary evidence is available that three staff members are trained to First Aid Responder level and that at least one of these staff will be available to children during the operational hours of the service.
- (2) (a) A suitably equipped first aid box was stored in both care rooms.
- (b) The first aid boxes were easily accessible and available to adults.

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 is met.

- (1) (a) There is a template available to record fire drills that take place in the service.
- (b) A written record is available to demonstrate the firefighting equipment in the premises was maintained in January 2025 and the smoke alarms were maintained on the 21 July 2025.
- (4) There is a notice displayed in both care rooms of the procedure to be followed in the event of a fire and the fire assembly point is clearly labelled.

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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 service has adequate insurance to cover 33 preschool children attending on a sessional basis that is valid until 27 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 from unauthorised persons gaining access. Entry and exit are managed by staff and the care room doors are secured by an electronic lock accessed by a code.

(c) The premises is adequately lit, heated and ventilated.

- Windows provide natural lighting to the care rooms. 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 by thermostatically controlled radiators with covers in place.
- The proposed care rooms have openable windows; an air conditioning system fitted in the ceiling and the sanitary accommodation is fitted with an operating mechanical ventilation system.

	<p>(d) The care rooms are clean and maintained. There is a cleaning schedule available to ensure regular cleaning of the rooms.</p> <p>(e) There is an adequate number of toilets and wash hand basins for the proposed age range and number of children attending. One sink and one toilet are required in sanitary accommodation for every 11 children.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is one assigned toilet and wash hand basin available for the Active Cubs 1 room located on the corridor. • There are two toilets and two wash handbasins available in the sanitary area within the Active Cubs 2 room. • There is one nappy changing unit suitable for children up to the age of 3.5 years old available in the event it is required. • There is adequate and suitable sanitary accommodation available for staff.
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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:	<p>The requirement is met.</p> <p>(1) There is adequate clear floor space available in the premises for the work, play and movement of up to 33 children to attend the proposed pre-school service. A total of 96.7 m² is available.</p> <p>(3) The registered provider ensured that the required minimum space of 1.818 square metres of clear floor space is available for the 11 proposed children attending the Active Cubs 1 and the 22 proposed children attending the Active Cubs 2 room on a sessional basis as demonstrated by the table below:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="671 1666 1497 1816"> <thead> <tr> <th>Room name</th> <th>Age group</th> <th>Service provision</th> <th>Room size</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Active Cubs 1</td> <td>2-6 years</td> <td>sessional</td> <td>30.5 m²</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Active Cubs 2</td> <td>2-6 years</td> <td>sessional</td> <td>66.2 m²</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Room name	Age group	Service provision	Room size	Active Cubs 1	2-6 years	sessional	30.5 m ²	Active Cubs 2	2-6 years	sessional	66.2 m ²
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