

# 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 Educate Together National School, Hollywood Road, Tyrrelstown, Dublin 15, D15 X938

**Email Address:** info@tigerschildcare.com

**Name of Registered Provider:** Therese Noonan

<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>The service proposes to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Change the location of the service from Tyrrelstown Community Centre to Tyrrelstown Educate Together National School.</li> <li>Increase the number of children from 33 to 44 attending on a sessional basis.</li> <li>Change the time of operation from 9:15-12:15pm to 9:20-12:20pm Monday to Friday.</li> </ul>
<b>Proposed Number of Children:</b>	44
<b>Recommended Change Following Inspection:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Change the location of the service from Tyrrelstown Community Centre to Tyrrelstown Educate Together National School.</li> <li>Maximum of 33 attending on a sessional basis.</li> <li>Change the time of operation to 9:20-12:20pm Monday to Friday.</li> </ul>
<b>Registered change:</b>	<p>Change the location of the service from Tyrrelstown Community Centre to Tyrrelstown Educate Together National School.</p> <p>Maximum of 33 attending on a sessional basis.</p> <p>Change in Hours of Operation - from 09:15 – 12:15 to 9:20-12:20</p>

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Inspection undertaken by:	E Hosford
Title:	Early Years Inspector

Tusla Early Years Inspectorate Address:	Child and Family Agency, Unit 4&5 Nexus Building, Block 6A, Blanchardstown Corporate Park, Dublin 15.
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<b>Rationale for Inspection:</b>
Proposed Change of Circumstance

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

Registration Status:	Registered Sessional Service for a maximum of 33 children
Date of Registration	11 <sup>th</sup> September 2024

<b>Authority to Inspect</b>
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>	Tigers Childcare is a privately operated service which offers care and education to 33 children aged 2-6 years on a sessional term time basis. The service participates in the ECCE scheme.
<b>Premises</b>	<p>The service proposes to temporarily relocate to Tyrrellstown Educate Together National School due to renovations at its current location. The service submitted an application to offer a sessional service to a maximum of 44 children aged from 2- 6 years of age from 9:20am to 12:20pm Monday to Friday. However, on inspection the inspector was advised that the service would cater for 33 children.</p> <p>The service proposes to operate from two care rooms namely, Active Cubs room 1 and Active Cubs room 2 on the ground floor of the National school with access to a shared outdoor area to the rear of the building. Each care room has sanitary facilities within the room to which the staff and children have access to.</p>

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<b>Staffing</b>	The registered provider employs three staff to work directly with the children 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 two staff members present that facilitated 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 service has a designated person in charge and a named person who can 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.*
- (8) *Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) to (7)—*
- (c) *a registered provider of a sessional pre-school shall ensure that, where the person in charge operates the service single-handedly, a second person familiar with the operation of the service and in a position to provide assistance to the person in charge in operating the service is, at all times, within close distance of the service and available to attend the service to assist the person in charge in the event of an emergency.*

#### Requirement met:

- (1) On inspection the staff members that facilitated the inspection stated that a maximum of 33 children aged between 2-6 years of age would be accommodated in the two care rooms of the service, as a result the registered provider will employ three staff members to work directly with the children to maintain the adult child ratio considering the age range and number of children enrolled. The service is currently registered to provide care and education to 33 children aged between 2 and 6 years old.
- (8)(c) Not applicable as this is not a single-handed sessional service.

### 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—*
- (a) *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) The requirement has been met
- During the inspection two care rooms Active Cubs 1 and Active Cubs 2 were available for inspection.

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- (a) The rooms were laid out with suitable play equipment and materials appropriate to the age of children proposed to attend. These included home corners, arts and crafts areas, sensory activity areas, construction equipment and books. The rooms had an assortment of puzzles and table-top toys. An outdoor area was available with a tarmacadam surface. The area will be equipped with suitable outdoor toys to include balls and games.
- (b) Areas were available within the rooms where children could rest or take a break from activities. These were situated in the corners of the rooms and consisted of soft matting, adult sofas and cushions.
- (2)(a) The service had access to an outdoor area at the rear of the building which they will have allocated time in daily. The surface consisted of a tarmacadam surface. The gates were secured with locks to prevent unauthorised access.

### 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.

A healthy eating policy is in operation within the service with parents providing a snack for their child during the session. A fridge is available for the storage of perishable food items and drinking water will be available throughout the session.

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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.

- Entrances were secured to prevent unauthorised access.
- Emergency doors were unobstructed.
- Play equipment and furniture was in good working order.
- Cleaning agents were stored out of reach of children.
- Hot water was thermostatically controlled and did not exceed 43° Celsius.
- The blind cords in the care rooms are fitted and secured with cord restrictors.

### 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 has been met.

- (1) The designated person in charge has a First Aid Responder certificate available.
- (2)(a) The first aid boxes are suitably equipped and safely stored in a readily accessible and conspicuous position in the service.

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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>	The requirement has been partially met.  (1)  (a) A template is available to record fire drills that take place in the service.  (b) A record is available of the number, type and maintenance of the smoke detection system of the service, which was last serviced on the 11 March 2024.    (4) A notice of the procedures to be followed in the event of a fire are displayed in the care rooms of the premises. Clearly displayed fire assembly notices are available outside of the service to enable staff and children to identify the fire assembly point.
<b>Requirement not met:</b>	(1)(b) An up-to-date record was not available for the maintenance of the fire extinguishers in the service.
<b>Response from Provider:</b>	(1)(b) Fire maintenance records dated 29 May 2024 were submitted.
<b>Summary Comment:</b>	The requirement has been met.

### Part VI – Safety

#### Regulation 28 – Insurance

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

<b>Requirement met:</b>	The requirement has been met.  The service has adequate insurance to cover 44 children from the 27 August 2024 to 27 March 2025.
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### 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) Entry into the main building is controlled by a fob system or an electronic keypad. Staff will welcome children at the main door of the school and bring them to their classroom. Once in the classroom entry and exit is supervised by staff by a handle and lock that is not accessible to the children.

The service will have access daily to an enclosed area in the outdoor space to the rear of the service.

(c) The care rooms have windows which provide natural lighting. The natural light can be augmented with artificial ceiling lighting as required. Ceiling lights were fitted with shatter proof coverings.

Heating is provided from a gas system throughout the service with thermostatically controlled wall mounted radiators.

The temperature of the care rooms was recorded at between 18.3°C and 18.4°C on the day of inspection.

The sanitary facilities have windows for ventilation and to extract stale air.

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	<p>(d) The care rooms were in a clean condition on the day of inspection. A cleaning schedule is available in the care rooms and sanitary facilities to ensure regular cleaning of the service.</p> <p>(e) All of the sanitary facilities are fitted with open windows for ventilation. Four sanitary facilities consisting of four toilets and four wash hand basins are available in the service, one of which is for staff.</p> <p>Warm water not exceeding 43°C, liquid soap and paper hand towels are provided in all sanitary facilities and care room. Pedal bins are provided for the disposal of paper hand towels.</p>
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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.*

<b>Requirement met:</b>	<p>The requirement has been met.</p> <p>(1) The registered provider ensured that adequate clear floor space of 65.90 square metres was available in the Active Cubs room 1 and 68.46 square metres was available in the Active Cubs room 2 for the work, play and movement of children attending the service.</p> <p>(3) The registered provider ensured that a minimum space of 1.818 square metres of clear floor space is available for the 11 proposed children attending the Active Cubs room 1 and the 22 proposed children attending the Active Cubs room 2 on a sessional basis.</p>
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