

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances

Tusla I.D.: TU2015FL336

Name of Service Tyrrelstown Little Stars @ TETNS

Address of Service: Hollywoodrath Avenue, Hollystown, Dublin 15, D15 VF5X

Email Address: tyrrelstowncreche@yahoo.ie

Name of Registered Provider: Ewa Hetnal

Type of Proposed Service:	Full Day Care	<input type="checkbox"/>	Part-Time	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sessional	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Drop-In	<input type="checkbox"/>	Childminding	<input type="checkbox"/>	Temporary	<input type="checkbox"/>

Proposed change: Change the location of the service from Tyrrelstown Educate Together National School to Hollywoodrath Avenue, D15 VF5X.

Proposed Number of Children: 22

Recommended Change Following Inspection: Change of location of the service.

Registered change: Change of address from Tyrrelstown Educate Together National School, Hollywood Road, Dublin 15, Co. Dublin, D15 X938 to Hollywoodrath Avenue, Hollystown, Dublin 15, D15 VF5X.

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Inspection undertaken by: E Hosford

Title: Early Years Inspector

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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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Rationale for Inspection:
Proposed Change of Circumstance

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

Registration Status:	Registered Sessional Service for 22 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	Tyrrelstown Little Stars @ TETNS is a privately operated service which offers care and education to 22 children aged 2-6 years on a sessional term time basis. The service participates in the ECCE scheme. A service is provided to children aged between 2 and 5 years. The service is open from Monday to Friday between 9am and 12pm.
Premises	The service proposes to temporarily relocate to Hollywoodrath Avenue, D15 VF5X due to renovations at its current location. The service intends to offer a sessional service to a maximum of 22 children aged from 2- 6 years of age from 9am to 12pm Monday to Friday. The service proposes to operate from one care room on the ground floor of the primary school which will have access to a rear garden and sanitary facilities for their use only.
Staffing	The registered provider proposes to employ three staff members to work directly with the children, one of whom will be employed under the Access and Inclusion Model. The registered provider will not work within the service.
Methodology	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)

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	<p>(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 wish to acknowledge the cooperation of the registered provider 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 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.

(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

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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 registered provider stated that a maximum of 22 children aged between 2-6 years of age would be accommodated in the care room of the service, and three staff members will be employed to work directly with the children to maintain the adult child ratio considering the age range and number of children enrolled.

(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—*

- (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.*

(3) *A registered provider of a full day care service, a part-time day care service or a childminding service, other than such a service to which paragraph (2) applies, shall ensure that—*

- (a) *a suitable, safe and secure outdoor space to which the pre-school children attending the service have access on a daily basis is provided on the premises or*
- (b) *where no such space is provided, the preschool children attending the service have access on a daily basis to an outdoor service*

(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*

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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.

(5) Where pre-school children attending 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 have access to an outdoor space other than such a space specified in paragraph 4, the registered provider shall ensure that such outdoor space is suitable.

Requirement met:	<p>The requirement has been met</p> <p>(a) The room was laid out with suitable play equipment and materials appropriate to the age of children proposed to attend. These included a home corner, arts and crafts areas, sensory activity areas, construction equipment and books. The room had an assortment of puzzles and table-top toys. An outdoor area was available with a concrete and grass surface. The area will be equipped with suitable outdoor toys to include balls and games.</p> <p>(b) Areas were available within the room 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 sofa and cushions.</p> <p>(2)(a) The service had access to an outdoor area to the rear of the building. The surface consisted of a concrete and grass surface. The gates were secured with locks to prevent unauthorised access.</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:	<p>The requirement has been met.</p> <p>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</p>
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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) Two staff members working with the children have in date First Aid Responder certificates available.
- (2)(a) The first aid box is suitably equipped and safely stored in a readily accessible and conspicuous position in the care room.

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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) 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 commissioned on the 29 May 2025. An up-to-date record was available for the maintenance of the fire extinguishers in the service dated 4 July 2025.

(4) A notice of the procedures to be followed in the event of a fire is displayed in the care room 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.

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.

The service has adequate insurance to cover 22 children from the 11 July 2025 to 27 March 2026.

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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 side 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 room has 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 an electric system throughout the service with thermostatically controlled air conditioning units.

The temperature of the care room was recorded as 21°C on the day of inspection.

The sanitary facilities have active mechanical ventilation windows to extract stale air.

	<p>(d) The care room was in a clean condition on the day of inspection. A cleaning schedule is available in the care room and sanitary facilities to ensure regular cleaning of the service.</p> <p>(e) The sanitary facility is fitted with active mechanical ventilation. Sanitary facilities consisting of four toilets and three 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

	<p><i>(f) 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.</i></p> <p><i>(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.</i></p> <p><i>(4) Where a registered provider contemporaneously provides—</i></p> <p><i>(a) a sessional pre-school service,</i></p>
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Requirement met:	<p>The requirement has been met.</p> <p>(1) The registered provider ensured that adequate clear floor space of 63.31 square metres was available in the care room 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 22 proposed children attending the service on a sessional basis.</p> <p>(4)(a) The minimum clear floor space is available for the duration of the sessional preschool service.</p>
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