

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances



Tusla I.D: TU2015GY218

Name of Service Roscam Childcare Centre

Address of Service: 41, Boireann Bheag, Roscam, Galway, H91AVN2

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Name of Registered Provider: Cathy Quinn

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

Proposed change:	Increased number of children attending from 103 to 116
Proposed Number of Children:	From 103 to 116 pre-school children
Recommended Change Following Inspection:	Approval of increased number to 116 children.
Registered change:	Change in number of children that can be accommodated from 103 to 116

Date of Inspections:	Day 1	1	7	0	4	2	0	2	3
	Day 2	1	8	0	4	2	0	2	3

Inspection undertaken by: F Kelly and S Meehan.
Title: Early Years Inspectors

Tusla Early Years Inspectorate Address: Clinical & Administration Building, Block A (1st Floor- Green Corridor) Merlin Park, Galway.

Rationale for Inspection: Proposed Change of Circumstance

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

Registration Status:	Registered Full Day Care Service for 116 Children
Date of Registration	3 rd May 2023

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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	This privately operated service opened in 2005 and offers a full day care provision from 7:00am to 18:00 pm each day Monday to Friday. The service is registered to cater for preschool children ranging in ages from 1 year 6 to years of age. The service is also registered to cater for school aged children.
Premises	This detached purpose-built creche is located in a housing estate on the east side of Galway city. The service has 7 playrooms and three outdoor secured play areas.
Staffing	On the day of inspection, there were a total of 24 staff employed in the service which included the manager, the registered provider and chef.
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 Inspectors wish to acknowledge the cooperation of the registered provider, person in charge, staff and children who were 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:

(1)(a)

The requirement has been met. The service has a designated person in charge and a named person who is able to 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)—

(a) a registered provider of a pre-school service other than a child-minding service or a sessional pre-school service shall ensure that there are at least two adults on the premises at all times.

Requirement met:

(1)The requirement has been met. The registered provider will ensure that there is an adequate number of adults working with the children attending the service.

(8)(a)The registered provider will ensure that two adults are on the premises at all times during the daily operation hours of the service.

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 registered provider has ensured that adequate and suitable food and drink is available for each pre-school child attending the service.

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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—
 (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.
- (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

Requirement met:

- (1)(b)
 There were adequate and suitable rest facilities available for the proposed number of children that may attend.
- (3)(a) The registered provider has ensured that suitable, safe and secure outdoor play area is available to the pre-school children at the side of the premises. Children will have access to an outdoor play area on a daily basis. The outdoor space was observed to be suitable, secure and no safety hazards were noted on the day of inspection.

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 front entrance door to the pre-school was secured. Thus, preventing children from exiting the premises unsupervised and prohibiting unauthorised persons from entering the service.
- Practices in relation to administration of medication were not observed on the day of inspection. The adults demonstrated knowledge of safe practices with regard the procedures.
- Regular fire drills were conducted in the service.
- The playrooms and the sanitary areas were clean and well maintained.

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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 had ensured all adults had first aid training for children.
- (2)(a) A suitably equipped first aid box was in place in the service.
- (b) The first aid box was available to the children attending the service at all times.

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:

- (1)(a) A written record was available of the monthly fire drills completed in the service.
- (b) A record was maintained of the number, type and maintenance of the firefighting equipment and smoke alarm in the premises.
- (4) A notice of the procedures to be followed in the events of a fire was conspicuously displayed in the playroom and in the main entrance hall.

Part VI – Safety

Regulation 28 – Insurance

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

Requirement met:

An insurance quotation was submitted to the Registration Team prior to this inspection. 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.

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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) On visual assessment, the building appears to be of sound and stable structure.
- (b) The indoor and outdoor areas appear to be safe and secure.
- (c) Adequate lighting was provided throughout the playroom and there was ample natural lighting and ventilation in all the rooms.
- (d) The premises and play equipment were clean and well maintained. The playrooms should be cleaned regularly. Cleaning should be part of a written cleaning policy and rota outlining methods and frequency of cleaning.
- (e)

There were 5 nappy changing areas to accommodate 55 children in nappies. There are located in 3 different areas of the creche as follows:

- 2 nappy changing stations, between the Wobbler 1 and 2 playrooms.
- 2 nappy changing stations(2 mats and 2 sinks) between the Tots and Bears playroom.
- 1 nappy changing station (1 mat and 1 sink) between the Cubs and Montessori playrooms .

There were 7 children’s toilets and wash hand basins to accommodate 77 toilet trained children.

There were located in 3 different areas of the creche as follows:

- 2 toilets with wash hand basins between the Tots and Bears playrooms.
- 3 toilets with wash hand basins between the Cubs and Montessori playrooms.
- 2 toilets with wash hand basins upstairs for the Kangaroo playroom.

There was a total of 3 staff toilets to accommodate 24 staff.

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.*
- (2) *A registered provider of a full day care service or a part-time day care service shall ensure that the minimum amount of clear floor space specified in column (3) of Schedule 7 opposite a particular reference number specified in column (1) of that Schedule in respect of the age range of children specified in column (2) thereof at that reference number is available for each child in that age range attending the 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.*
- (4) *Where a registered provider contemporaneously provides—*
 - (a) *a sessional pre-school service, and*
 - (b) *a full day care service or a part-time day care service, or both, the minimum clear floor space applicable for the duration of the sessional preschool service in respect of the children attending that service shall be the floor space specified in paragraph (3).*
- (5) *A registered provider of a temporary pre-school service shall ensure that a minimum of 2 square metres of clear floor space is available for each child attending the service.*

<p>Requirement met:</p>	<p>The requirement has been met.</p> <p>(1-5) Adequate floor space is provided for in the 7 playrooms for the free movement of children to play.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Kangaroo playrooms (aged 2 years 8 months to 4 years) had a total of 54 Square metres of clear floor space. With only 2 children’s toilets and wash hand basins available to the children attending, this restricts the total number of preschool children to a maximum 22. The Wobblers 1 playroom (aged over 12 months) had 50 Square metres of clear floor space. With 1 nappy changing area and 1 wash hand basin available. This restricts the total number of preschool children to maximum of 11. The Wobblers 2 playroom (aged over 12 months) had 40 square metres of clear floor space. With 1 nappy changing area and 1 wash hand basins available. This restricts the total number of preschool children to a maximum 11. The Toddlers playroom (aged 18 months to 2 years) had 42 Square metres of clear floor space. This restricts the total number of preschool children to a maximum 15. The Cubs playroom (aged 2 years to 2 years 8 months) had 45 Square metres of clear floor space. This restricts the total number of preschool children to a maximum 19. The Bears playroom (2 years 8 months to 3 years 6 months) had 46 square metres of clear floor space. This restricts the total number of preschool children to a maximum 20 attending FDC and 22 on a sessional basis.
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- The Montessori playroom had 46.14 Square metres of clear floor space. This restricts the total number of preschool children to a maximum 20 attending FDC and 22 on a sessional basis.