

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances



Tusla I.D: TU2015KE114

Name of Service: Ryevale Montessori & Daycare

Address of Service: 22 Ryevale Lawns, Leixlip, Co. Kildare, W23 XV58

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Name of Registered Provider: Carol Ann Ward

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

Proposed change: Increase the number of children that can be accommodated from 30 to 39 children following internal material alterations to a pre-school room.
Change in age profile to 2 years 5 months to 6 years

Proposed Number of Children: 39

Recommended Change Following Inspection: All changes to be approved fully

Registered change: Change in number of children that can be accommodated from 30 to 39
Change in age profile from 1 – 6 years to 2 years 5 months to 6 years

Date of Inspection: 2 0 0 9 2 0 2 3

Inspection undertaken by: Therese Duignan

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 Full Day Care Service for 39 Children

Date of Registration 25th September 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	The proposed private childcare facility, Ryevale Montessori and Daycare aims to provide a full day, part-time and sessional service for pre-school children aged 2 years 5 months to 6 years of age. The hours of operation are between 7:45am – 18:15 hours, Monday-Friday.
Premises	The service is situated in the Ryevale Lawns Estate in Leixlip. It is located in a private bungalow which had been adapted to provide three care rooms, sanitary provision, a kitchen, and an office. A well-resourced outdoor play area at the side and rear of the property is available for the children’s use. Parking and set down facilities are available to the front of the premises.
Staffing	The childcare staff working directly with the pre-school children in the proposed care room have qualifications in Early Childhood Care and Education which is recognised on the National Framework of Qualifications.
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) (Amendment) Regulations 2016. The Inspection focused on regulations under the following themes: Governance, Health welfare and development of the child, Safety and premises. 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.
Acknowledgements	The Inspector wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the area manager 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 requirement has been met.

(1) (a) The registered provider has a designated a person in charge and a named person 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.

Requirement met:

The requirement is met.

(1) The registered provider has ensured that there is at all times an adequate number of adults working directly with the children attending the pre-school 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

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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 met.

(1)

(a) The proposed pre-school room has suitable play materials and equipment for children aged from 2 years and 5 months to 6 years. The proposed environment had been developed with dedicated play areas that included a home/kitchen area, construction area and library area, small world materials, puzzles, jigsaws, art materials and equipment for fine and gross motor activity skills were displayed on low level shelving. A sufficient and appropriate number of child-size tables and chairs to cater for the proposed number of children were available.

(b) The rest area was comfortable. It consisted of a child sized sofa and a soft mat placed in a quiet area in the room beside the library area. It was available for any child wishing to take a break from activities and rest. Sleep mats with appropriate bed linen are available for any children who may require sleep.

(2)(b) The outside play areas were safe, suitable and secure. They were enclosed by a boundary fence and secured gates.

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 is met.

The service has a healthy eating policy in place. A cook is employed by the service to prepare food in line with the healthy eating policy of the service. All food is provided by the service and freshly prepared daily. Water is freely available to the children at all times.

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 is met.

The entrance door to the premises controls entry to the service. It is secured by a lock to prevent unauthorised entrance and children from exiting unsupervised.

Cleaning agents are safely stored out of the reach of preschool children.

There was storage space in the proposed pre-school room to store the children’s personal belongings safely.

Thermostatically controlled hot water, liquid hand soap and paper hand towels are available for hygienic hand washing and drying. There are foot pedal operated bins in the pre-school room and sanitary area for hygienic and safe disposal of used paper towel and tissues.

The fire exits were clearly marked and were unobstructed.

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 is available to the children attending the pre-school service at all times.
 - (b) is available to the children attending the pre-school service at all times.

Requirement met:

The requirement is met.

- (1) Current certification in relation to persons qualified in First Aid Response (FAR) was available for three staff members that are working in the service.
- (2)(a)(b) A suitably equipped first aid box is available and accessible to children. It was observed to be stored in a conspicuous position in the pre-school room.

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:

The requirement is met.

- (1)
- (a) Documentation was available for recording monthly fire drills.
 - (b) There was a record available of the number, type and maintenance of firefighting equipment and the smoke alarm which were 17 May 2023 and 27 April 2023, respectively.
- (4) A notice of the procedures to be followed in the event of fire was clearly displayed within the pre-school room.
- A fire assembly point had clear signage displayed in the outdoor area.

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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.

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

The registered provider had evidence of insurance cover for 39 children. The insurance cover was valid until 27 March 2024.

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) Visually, the proposed premises is in a state of good repair.

(b) The proposed pre-school room is secured from unauthorised entry by secured gates and the main entrance to the premises is controlled by staff members. A doorbell is fitted on the entrance door.

(c) The ambient environmental temperature of the preschool room was maintained between 18^o-22^o Celsius.

There are two openable windows in the proposed pre-school room providing natural daylight and ventilation.

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Three domed ceiling fitted lights with protective coverings are in the pre-school room to provide additional artificial lighting.

The pre-school room was heated by two wall mounted radiators that were thermostatically controlled.

A mechanical ventilation system is present in the sanitary area to ensure that the air is circulated in this enclosed area.

(d) Daily cleaning schedules are in place for the pre-school room and sanitary areas and the service.

(e) One toilet and one wash hand basin are provided for children's use in the sanitary area used by the proposed pre-school room. There is a nappy change facility available on the premises.

This is adequate to cover the requirements of the total number of children attending the service including the proposed pre-school room.

There is one toilet and one wash hand basin facility available for staff members to use in the service.

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 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:

The requirement has been met.

(1) (3)

A total clear floor space of 23.5m² is available in the proposed pre-school room for the maximum daily attendance of 11 children aged 2 years 8 months – 6 years on a sessional basis attending Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Scheme or 10 children ranging in age from 2-3 years and 3-6 years on a full day care or part-time basis.