

# TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

## Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances

**Tusla I.D:** TU2015KE146

**Name of Service** Tiggerz Den

**Address of Service:** Sawalya, Old Grange, Monasterevin,  
Co. Kildare, W34 R265

**Email Address:** brenda.mcguirk@tiggerzden.com

**Name of Registered Provider:** Breda McGuirk

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

**Proposed change:** To increase the number of children from 20 to 30 with the addition of a second pre-school room operating concurrently.

**Proposed Number of Children:** 30

**Recommended Change Following Inspection:** Approve all changes fully

**Registered change:** Change in number of children that can be accommodated from 20 to 30

<b>Date of Inspection:</b>	0	5	0	4	2	0	2	4
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**Inspection undertaken by:** F. Maher

**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**

<b>Registration Status:</b>	Registered Sessional Service for 30 Children
<b>Date of Registration</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> April 2024

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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).

<b>Description of Service</b>	Tiggerz Den is a private sessional service currently registered to accommodate 20 pre-school children aged 2-6 years. The service opens Monday to Friday from 09:15am-12:15pm and from 13:00pm-16:00pm for 38 weeks of the year. It is proposed to increase the number of children attending to 30 with the addition of a second pre-school room and running both sessions concurrently.
<b>Premises</b>	The service is located in a purpose built premises adjacent to the registered provider's private home on the outskirts of Monasterevin town. Currently, one large pre-school room is provided and it is proposed to add a new pre-school room built as an extension to the rear of the current premises. A large well-resourced play area with a large, sheltered area is located to the rear of the pre-school.
<b>Staffing</b>	A sufficient number of adults are currently employed in the service to accommodate the proposed increase to thirty children. All adults employed and working directly with children hold qualifications in Early Childhood Care and Education as recognised on the National Framework of Qualifications.
<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</p>

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	administrative and legal processes. The contents of the report are compiled by the inspectorate body.
<b>Acknowledgements</b>	The Inspector wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the registered provider who was present on the day of the inspection.

Part III - Management and Staff	
Regulation 9 – Management and Recruitment	
<i>(1) A registered provider shall ensure that—</i>	
<i>(a) the service has a designated person in charge and a named person who is able to deputise as required.</i>	
<b>Requirement met:</b>	The requirement has been met. The service has a designated person in charge and a named person to deputise as required.

Part III - Management and Staff	
Regulation 11 -Staffing Levels	
<i>(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.</i>	
<b>Requirement met:</b>	The requirement has been met.  (1) The registered providers have appointed a sufficient number of staff members to ensure the required adult:child ratios are maintained.

Part V - Care of Child in Pre-school Service	
Regulation 20 - Facilities for Rest and Play	
<i>(1) Subject to this Regulation, a registered provider shall ensure that—</i>	
<i>(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</i>	
<i>(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.</i>	
<i>(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 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.</i>	

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<b>Requirement met:</b>	<p>The requirement has been met.</p> <p>(1)(a)</p> <p>The proposed pre-school room is bright and spacious and suitably laid out with areas of interest to cater for the play and learning needs of the number of children aged 2-6 years proposed to attend the room on a sessional basis. Low level child sized tables and chairs are provided and the open shelving units have toys and learning equipment easily accessible to the children.</p> <p>A suitably equipped and well-resourced outdoor play and learning environment is available to the rear of the premises with a large area of shelter provided.</p> <p>(b)</p> <p>A comfortable rest area with soft furnishings provides a suitable and quiet space for children to rest, relax and/or read a book during the session.</p> <p>(4)</p> <p>The play area provided for children in the outdoors is safe and secure enclosed by high level fencing, walls and gates.</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.*

<b>Requirement met:</b>	<p>The requirement has been met.</p> <p>A healthy eating policy is in place in the service.</p> <p>Parents provide the morning snack for their child attending and this is monitored by staff to ensure healthy options are provided. Drinking water is available in the service and will be available at all times for the children.</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.

The main entrance door to the pre-school is secure and is controlled by staff to prevent any pre-school child from exiting the service unsupervised and to restrict unauthorised persons from gaining access to the premises. The outdoor area is suitably secured.

Storage is available for the safe storage of cleaning products and equipment.

All fire exits were unobstructed and easily recognisable.

There was provision for the appropriate disposal and storage of waste including the provision of foot pedal operated bins in the pre-school room and sanitary area.

Thermostatically controlled hot water, liquid soap and paper hand towel, hygienically dispensed from wall mounted dispensers were available for hygienic hand washing and drying.

### 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)

Current certification in relation to first aid response (FAR) was available for staff members currently working in the service.

(2)(a)

A suitably equipped first aid box was available and accessible to children and was stored in a 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.

#### Requirement met:

The requirement has been met.

(1)(a)

Documentation was available with up to date recordings for monthly fire drills completed.

(b)

A maintenance contract is in place for the firefighting equipment and smoke alarm system and servicing was dated March 2024 and 15 September 2023 respectively.

(4)

A notice of the procedures to be followed in the event of fire was clearly displayed within the service and in the proposed pre-school room.

### 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)

The proposed new pre-school room has been recently built and is maintained in a good state of repair.

(b) The main entrance door to the pre-school is secure and is controlled by staff to prevent any pre-school child from exiting the service unsupervised and to restrict unauthorised persons from gaining access to the premises. The outdoor area is suitably secured.

(c) There are openable windows to naturally ventilate the proposed new pre-school room and the adjacent sanitary accommodation.

Natural daylight was provided by windows and two sets of full length glass double doors in the proposed room. Supplementary artificial fluorescent strip lighting is provided in the room. The accommodation is heated by underfloor heating that can be thermostatically controlled and is operated by an electric air to water mechanical system.

(d) Cleaning schedules are in place in the service and the premises, and its environs were clean and well maintained.

(e) Adequate sanitary facilities are provided in the service including nappy changing facilities. Four toilets and four wash hand basins are available in the service to accommodate the proposed increase to 30 children. Three further sink units are located between the existing pre-school room and the proposed additional room. An adult toilet and wash hand basin is available on the premises for staff.

### Part VII – Premises and Space Requirements

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### 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:

(1), (3)

A total clear floor space of 23.7m<sup>2</sup> is available in the proposed new pre-school room.

The space provided in the proposed room is sufficient to accommodate a further 10 pre-school children on a sessional basis.