

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances



Tusla I.D.: TU2015KE190

Name of Service Superkids Childcare Centre

Address of Service: Alexandra Walk, Clane, Kildare, W91HT67

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Name of Registered Provider: Sandra Lobanovska

Type of Proposed Service:	Full Day Care	✓	Part-Time	✓	Sessional	✓
	Drop-In		Childminding		Temporary	

Proposed change: Increase in maximum number of children attending from 59 to 66.

Proposed Number of Children: 66

Recommended Change Following Inspection: Change in Number of Children from 59 to 66 children aged 2-6 years

Registered change: Change in Number of Children from 59 to 66 children

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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, Part-Time & Sessional Service for 66 children
Date of Registration	24th September 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).

Description of Service	Superkids Childcare Centre is one of two early years services operated by the registered provider. The service was registered at the time of inspection to provide sessional, part-time and full day care to a maximum of 59 children aged 2-6 years. The registered provider proposes to change their registration to a maximum of 66 children.
Premises	The service operates from a one-storey, purpose-built premises in a residential area on the outskirts of Clane, Co. Kildare. It opens from 7.30am to 6.30pm Monday to Friday. There are six preschool rooms in operation. The registered provider proposes to accommodate the additional children across the six rooms. The premises includes sanitary facilities, a kitchen, an office, a staff room and an outdoor play area. Set down and parking facilities are available at the front of the premises.
Staffing	There are 15 staff employed to work in the service including the manager, deputy manager and cook. Twelve staff are employed to work directly with the children, with the managers available to help as needed.
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</p>

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	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 registered provider, service manager, staff and children 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 is met.

(1)(a) 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

(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 has been met.

(1) There are 15 staff members employed to work in the service including the manager, deputy manager and cook. Twelve staff are employed to work directly with the children, with the managers available to help as needed.

The staffing plan was deemed to meet the requirements based on the age and type of service proposed for the children in each room.

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.*

Requirement met:	<p>The requirement is met.</p> <p>(1)(a) The providers propose to accommodate the additional children in the existing preschool rooms. The rooms were adequately laid out with equipment to cater for the play needs of the children. Appropriately sized furniture was available for meals and table-top activities. Play materials and equipment were visible and easily accessible to the children including construction materials, cause and effect toys, art and craft materials and items for small world play.</p> <p>(1)(b) The providers propose to accommodate the additional children on a sessional basis only. An area was provided in each of the rooms where the children could rest</p>
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or take a break from activities. Fourteen low beds were available for the children attending the two full-day care rooms.

(2)(b) Not applicable, as the service registered prior to 30 June 2016.

(3)(a) The service had a fully enclosed outdoor area. This was divided into various sections and had an impact absorbing surface. The areas had space for free movement and was equipped with items to support play and gross motor development including climbing equipment and ride-on toys. There were no ponds, pits or other hazards observed in the outdoor area.

(3)(b) Not applicable as an outdoor area is provided on the premises.

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 premises was equipped with appropriate facilities for preparing, cooking and storing food for the number and age of children proposed to attend. Drinking water was available in all rooms. A three-week rolling menu was available consisting of varied and nutritious meals and snacks for children attending on a part-time or full-day care basis.

The registered provider proposes to accommodate the additional children on a sessional basis only. Children attending on a sessional basis bring their own lunch from home. Refrigerators were available for storing perishable items.

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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 is met.

The registered providers took reasonable measures to ensure that the environment was suitable and safe. External doors were secured to prevent children from exiting the service unsupervised and to restrict unauthorised persons from gaining access. The outdoor area was suitably secured with a high-level perimeter fence and gate. All windows were fitted with fire-safe restrictors. Emergency exits were clear. Items that could pose a risk to the children including cleaning products and medicines were stored securely out of their reach.

The premises and equipment were maintained in a clean condition. Detailed cleaning schedules were in place for all rooms and facilities. Thermostatically controlled hot water, liquid soap and wall mounted paper hand towel dispensers were available in the sanitary accommodation for hand washing and drying. Pedal operated bins were in place throughout the service for the hygienic disposal of waste.

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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:

The requirement is met.

(1) Current certification in relation to First Aid Response (FAR) training was available for two staff members. The staff roster provided for at least one of these staff members to be present in the service at all times of opening.

(2)(a) & (b) Suitably equipped first aid boxes were stored in conspicuous positions immediately available for staff use.

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 is met.

(1)

(a) Records were available of fire drills undertaken in the service. The last fire drill recorded was dated 7 August 2024.

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(b) Records were available detailing the number and type of fire fighting equipment and smoke alarms in the premises. The dates of maintenance recorded were September 2024 and May 2024 consecutively.

(4) Notices of the procedures to be followed in the event of fire were conspicuously displayed.

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.

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.

A certificate of insurance cover was available for a maximum of 70 children, valid from 28 March 2024 to 27 March 2025.

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) The premises was visually in an appropriate state of repair.

(b) The entrance to the service was secured and controlled/monitored by the staff to supervise entry and exit. The outdoor area was secured to prevent a child leaving the area unsupervised and to prevent unauthorised access to the area. No hazards to children were observed within the premises.

(c) The preschool rooms had an adequate source of natural light. This was supplemented with artificial lighting. The service has gas central heating and air conditioning in all rooms. The ambient temperature of the rooms were recorded between 20 and 22°C. Windows could be opened to provide natural ventilation. Mechanical ventilation was available in the sanitary areas.

(d) Cleaning schedules were in place and the premises were adequately cleaned and maintained.

(e) Adequate and suitable sanitary facilities were provided to accommodate the proposed additional number of children. There was a total of eight toilets, and seven wash hand basins designated for children's use. Two of the sanitary facilities contained nappy changing units. A separate sanitary facility was available for staff. Pedal operated bins were available in all sanitary areas for the appropriate disposal of waste and nappies.

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.

The requirement is met.

(1) Adequate clear floor space was provided for the work, play and movement of the increased number of children proposed to attend as outlined below.

(2) The registered provider was aware of the clear space requirements for each child specified in Schedule 7. There was adequate clear floor space for a maximum of 66 children to attend according to the number, age range and type of service proposed.

Room Number	Age Range	Clear floor space available (m ²)
Room 1	2 - 6 years	29.43
Room 2	2 - 6 years	28.76
Room 3	2 - 6 years	28.76
Room 4	2 - 6 years	28.76
Room 5	2 - 3 years	20.6
Room 6	2 – 3 years	15.75