

# TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

## Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances



**Tusla I.D:** TU2015LK059

**Name of Service** Day Dreams Creche

**Address of Service:** Lissanalta, Dooradoyle, Limerick

**Email Address:** lynn.shanahan3@gmail.com

**Name of Registered Provider:** Lynn Shanahan

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

**Proposed change:** Adding an additional room for an additional sessional service.

**Proposed Number of Children:** 70 (No Change)

**Recommended Change Following Inspection:** Additional room approved for use by Preschool children.

**Registered change:** Additional room approved for use by Preschool children.

**Date of Inspection:** 2 9 0 5 2 0 2 4

**Inspection undertaken by:** M. Riordan

**Title:** Early Years Inspector

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Limerick

### Rationale for Inspection: Proposed Change of Circumstance

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

<b>Registration Status:</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2024
<b>Date of Registration</b>	Registered Full Day Care/Sessional Service for 70 Children

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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>	Day Dreams Creche operates from a single story, purpose built premises in an urban area on the outskirts of Limerick city. It is a privately owned, full day care facility. It caters for children from 1 to 6 years of age. It is opened from 7.15am to 6.00 pm, Monday to Friday.
<b>Premises</b>	The premises has 7 pre-school rooms divided as follows, 2 Wobbler rooms, a Toddler room, and 2 Preschool rooms and 2 Montessori rooms. There is a dedicated sleep room next to the Wobbler room. There is a large outdoor play area to the rear of the facility. The service proposes to use a modular building located at the rear of the facility for an additional sessional morning service.
<b>Staffing</b>	The registered provider is the owner and the manager of the facility. There are 16 additional staff employed to work at the facility. Extra staff are available to prepare, cook and serve meals at the service.
<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 administrative and legal processes. The contents of the report are compiled by the inspectorate body.</p>
<b>Additional Information</b>	On a previous inspection the service was found to be operating from the additional modular building with an additional 6 children prior to approval from the Registration Office.
<b>Acknowledgements</b>	The Inspector wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the registered provider, 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:

The following requirements have been met.

(1)(a) The registered provider is the designated person in charge of the service and a named person to deputise is always available on the premises.

### 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)—

(b) a childminder shall ensure that a second person familiar with the operation of the service and in a position to provide assistance to the childminder in operating the service is, at all times, within close distance of the service and available to attend the service to assist the childminder in the event of an emergency, and

(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 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:

The following requirement has been met.

(1) The registered provider has identified a minimum of 2 additional staff members who will be working each morning in the additional service.

(8)(b) Not applicable as the proposed service is not a childminding service.

(c) Not applicable as this is not a service that operates single handedly.

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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—
- (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 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:

The following requirement has been met.

(1)(a) Adequate and suitable facilities were provided for children to play indoors and outdoors. The additional preschool room was bright and spacious and well laid out with various equipment and play materials displayed on open, low level shelving units.  
(b) A soft couch is available in the reading corner of the room created a quiet space if a child needs to rest.

(2)(a) The service has its own outdoor play area to the rear and side of the premises. The area is fully enclosed and is equipped with a wide range of play materials. A sheltered area outside is also accessible.

(3)(a)(b) Not applicable.

(4) Not applicable.

(5) Not applicable.

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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:

The following requirement has been met.  
A healthy eating policy is in place. Parents will provide a healthy morning snack for the children each day.

### 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 following requirements have been met.  
The front door to the service was secured and a doorbell buzzer system was in place to gain entry to the building.  
Outdoors a fully enclosed outdoor area with a high fence prevented unauthorised access to or exit from the outdoor play area.  
An infection control policy was in place to inform practice. The policy and the associated procedures detailed all measures to reduce the likelihood of infection spreading in the facility. Pedal operated lidded bins were available in the preschool room to facilitate the safe disposal of all waste. Hot water and liquid soap were accessible at all sinks.  
Cleaning programmes were in place to ensure a good standard of operational hygiene was in place.

### 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 following requirement has been met.  
(1) Certification was available to evidence that a person trained in first aid was available at all times in the service.  
(2) A suitably equipped first aid box was available in the service and stored in a conspicuous location in the premises.

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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.

<b>Requirement met:</b>	The following requirement has been met. (1)(a) Fire drills take place once a month. Written documentation was available to support this practice. (b) There was a record available to indicate the maintenance of the fire extinguishers and smoke alarms in the service.
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### Part VI – Safety

#### Regulation 28 – Insurance

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

<b>Requirement met:</b>	The following requirement was met. Evidence that the service is currently insured to cater for a maximum of 90 children was available.
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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.

<b>Requirement met:</b>	The following requirements has been met. (a) The premises appeared to be of sound and stable structure. (b) There was one entrance door to the service which was appropriately safe and secure. The outdoor area was secure to prevent a child exiting the area unsupervised. (c) The service was adequately lit with lots of natural light available. Blinds were available on all windows to reduce lighting if children were having a rest. There were 4 wall mounted electric heaters in place, located well out of reach of all children. Adequate ventilation was in place through openable windows in all rooms within the building. (d) Cleaning schedules were in place in the service.
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(e) There was a sufficient number of toilets and wash hand basins in the service for the proposed number of children to attend the service. Children who will attend the sessional service in the modular building will all be toilet trained.

### 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.

#### Requirement met:

The following requirement was met.

- (1) An area of 36.55 square meters was available in the new preschool room which can accommodate a maximum of 20 preschool children attending on a sessional basis.
- (2) The preschool rooms had adequate clear floor space for the service type that was proposed.
- (3) Not applicable.
- (4) Not applicable.
- (5) Not Applicable