

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances

Tusla I.D: TU2015LS041

Name of Service Jelly Tots Community Creche and Playschool

Address of Service: Fr. Breen Park, Abbeyleix, Co. Laois, R32 K65X

Email Address: admin@jellys-tots.org

Name of Registered Provider: Mary White

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:	To increase the number of children availing of sessional care in the service by 16 preschool children aged 2-6 years. These children are to be accommodated in the “new playroom” located on the back of the premises. Change in the number of staff from 7 to 16.
Proposed Number of Children:	50
Recommended Change Following Inspection:	Approve all changes.
Registered change:	Change in number of children to be accommodated from 34 to 50 Change in number of staff from 7 to 16

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Inspection undertaken by: D. Molloy
Title: Early Years Inspector.

Tusla Early Years Inspectorate Address: Primary Care Centre, Church Avenue, Tullamore, Co. Offaly

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 50 Children
Date of Registration	28 th August 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).

<p>Description of Service</p>	<p>Jelly Tots Community Creche and Playschool is located in the town of Abbeyleix in rural County Laois. The service is a community service which was founded in 2000 and is operated by Abbeyleix Women’s Development Group.</p> <p>The service operates as a full day care service and is registered to accommodate up to 34 pre-school children.</p> <p>The full day care service operates from 7.30am to 6.00pm. A sessional service operates each morning from 9.30am to 12.30 pm.</p>
<p>Premises</p>	<p>Jelly Tots Community Creche and Playschool is located in the town of Abbeyleix in rural County Laois. The service is a community service which was founded in 2000 and is still operated by Abbeyleix Women’s Development Group.</p> <p>This Early Years’ Service operates from a single-story premises, converted from community hall, on its own site next to Fr. Breen Park playing fields.</p> <p>The premises offers an entrance hall/lobby and a long hallway. A reception /office is located at the main entrance door. The large L shaped pre-school room and the toddler room cater for children aged one year to six years of age. A kitchen, a designated sleeping room, seven toilets and seven wash hand basins including one for staff use and two nappy changing facilities are provided.</p> <p>A large indoor hall is available for children’s use as an additional indoor play facility.</p> <p>Two outdoor play areas are provided to the rear and side of the premise that can be accessed from the setting.</p> <p>Parking and set down is available outside the premises.</p>
<p>Staffing</p>	<p>The registered provider was present on the day of inspection and facilitated the inspection.</p>

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	<p>All employees hold a major award in Early Childhood Care and Education at Level 5-8 on the National Framework of Qualifications.</p>
<p>Methodology</p>	<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>
<p>Acknowledgements</p>	<p>The Inspector wish to acknowledge the cooperation of the registered provider and staff who were present. No children were present on the day of the inspection.</p>

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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:

This requirement has been met.

(1)(a)

The service had 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.

(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 2 adults on the premises at all times

Requirement met:

(1)

This requirement has been met.

An adequate number of adults were proposed to work directly with the children in the service.

(8)

(a) The registered provider will ensure that there will be at least 2 adults on the premises at all times during the opening hours of the 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—*
- (a) *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.*

Requirement met:

This requirement has been met.

(1)

(a) The new room is equipped with adequate and suitable facilities for each child to play indoors and outdoors while in the service.

A wide range of toys and equipment was provided both indoors and outdoors. The playroom is set out in a child centred manner including particular areas of interest and soft seating and a rest area was provided in each room. Toys and equipment were noted to be freely accessible to the preschool children and to be suitable for the ages and stages of development for the proposed children.

Imaginary play and role play equipment included dressing up clothes, dolls and buggies were available. Child sized furniture including low level tables and chairs, and low-level shelving were available.

(b)

A designated sleeping room was provided for children’s use which was restfully decorated, and a viewing panel was in place for observing sleeping children.

Temperature was controlled and the room was well ventilated.

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	<p>A cosy rest area was provided in the “new room “with soft seating cushions.</p> <p>(2)</p> <p>Two outdoor play areas were provided to the rear and side of the service. The outdoor facility was well stocked with climbing and balance equipment, sand play opportunities were available in addition to potting and gardening .</p> <p>Pull along toys and push along toys, trikes, climbing equipment and swings were also available.</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.

Requirement met:	<p>This requirement has been met.</p> <p>All food is prepared daily on site by a designated cook and a varied three-week menu in keeping with the healthy eating policy is in place. Fresh fruit will be available Water will be freely accessible to 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:

This requirement has been met. The following measures were in place to safeguard the children’s health, safety, and welfare and to ensure that the environment of the service was safe.

Infection Control.

- A site-specific Infection control and management policy was in place. Notices giving clear guidance on handwashing for children and staff were on display in the service.
- Wash hand basins with a constant supply of hot and cold water, liquid soap, disposable paper towels and foot pedal operated bins was provided in each sanitary accommodation and in the nappy changing area.
- Storage was provided to store spare clothing for children.
- Cleaning schedules and a cleaning rota were maintained and were open for inspection.

Environment

- A risk assessment and management policy had been devised which was site specific and it was proposed to risk assess the outdoor play area and the playroom each day before use.
- Cleaning chemicals and sprays were stored out of reach of children.
- A pest control system was in place .
- Fire exits were kept clear and freely accessible.

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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:

This requirement has been met.

(1)

Staff including the registered provider are qualified in First Aid Response (FAR) and will be available on the premises throughout the proposed opening hours.

(2)

(a) A fully equipped first aid box is available in an accessible and conspicuous location in the service.

(b) The first aid box is available in 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:

This requirement has been met

(1)

(a) A recording system was in place to maintain records of any fire drills conducted. Records showed a fire drill had been carried out in July 2023 prior to the service closing for summer holidays.

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	<p>(b) The maintenance record for firefighting equipment in the service indicated that an annual service was conducted in June 2023. The smoke alarm system record showed that the system had been checked on 08 August 2023.</p> <p>(4)</p> <p>A notice of the procedure to be followed in the event of a fire was wall mounted in the service</p>
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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:

This requirement has been met.

An insurance quotation was available and had been 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 service had a proposed insurance certificate to confirm cover for a total of up to 50 preschool children. Insurance cover will be valid until 2024.

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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:

(a) In the proposed new playroom, the internal walls were painted with no evidence of dampness or mould growth visible. All internal windows were water tight and weather tight when closed.

(b) All site boundaries were secure.

(c) The setting including the "new room" was well lit with a combination of natural through windows and artificial light.

The light fittings throughout the premises were covered with shatterproof diffusers.

The service was heated by oil radiators that are be thermostatically controlled.

Air circulation and ventilation is achieved through openable windows.

(d) The new playroom was painted and decorated, and surfaces were clean. A proposed cleaning schedule and a cleaning roster is available which would document the proposed cleaning.

The setting was well maintained, and it is proposed to carry out maintenance as required.

The floor covering in the new play area is washable and clean.

(e) There were two new toilets and wash hand basins for the children use in the "new room".

In additional there were seven toilets and wash hand basins and two nappy changing facilities available in the setting. Two adult toilet for staff members were available. .

A supply of liquid soap, disposable paper towels and foot pedal operated bin were available in the sanitary accommodation.

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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.

Requirement met:

This requirement has been met.

(1)

The “new room “in which it is proposed to accommodate the proposed additional preschool children has enough free floor space to accommodate this proposal. Sufficient floor space is available in this area to accommodate the additional children availing of sessional service.

Room name	Number of children.	Age range	Type of service	Space available	Space required
New room	16	2 years to 6 years.	Sessional	The amount of total free space available 42 m ²	This new proposed room can accommodate the proposed preschool children in sessional care. The space requirement for the additional 16 preschool children is 29.0888m ²