

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances



Tusla I.D: TU2015MH028

Name of Service Cheeky Monkeys

Address of Service: Old Clonard, Clonard, Co Meath

Email Address: treacyraleigh@gmail.com

Name of Registered Provider: Treacy Raleigh

Type of Proposed Service:	Full Day Care	<input type="checkbox"/>	Part-Time	<input 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 numbers of children attending from 13 to 35. An additional care room and outdoor service.
Proposed Number of Children:	35
Recommended Change Following Inspection:	Approve all changes
Registered change:	Change in number of children that can be accommodated from 13 to 35 Addition of morning and afternoon sessions

Date of Inspection: 2 6 0 7 2 0 2 3

Inspection undertaken by: D.Murray
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Title: Early Years Inspectors

Tusla Early Years Inspectorate Address: Family Resource Centre, Commons Road, Navan, Co Meath

Rationale for Inspection:
Proposed Change of Circumstance

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

Registration Status:	Registered Sessional Service for 35 Children
Date of Registration	8 th August 2023

Authority to Inspect			
	Child and Family Agency Act 2013 Child Care Act 1991 (Early Years Services) Regulations 2016	Version 05 Implemented- Aug 2022 EYI-IR12.23 F07 FFP (CIC)	1 of 8

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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	<p>Cheeky Monkeys provides a sessional care and education to children from 2 years 5 months to 6 years. The service participates in the Early Childhood Care and Education Programme (ECCE) and operates from 9.00 to 12.00 hours.</p> <p>The service proposes the following:</p> <p>To increase the number of children attending the service from 13 to 35.</p> <p>To add an additional care room and outdoor service.</p> <p>To add additional mornings and afternoons sessions from 12:30pm to 3:30pm.</p>
Premises	<p>The premises is located in a rural area to the rear of the registered provider's home.</p> <p>The rooms were as follows:</p> <p>The Cheeky Monkeys room (existing room) facilitate the care and education of children from 2 years 5 months to 6 years.</p> <p>The proposed new addition to the service consists of:</p> <p>The Busy Monkeys room provides care and education for children from 2 years 5 months to 6 years.</p> <p>The Outdoor room which is a sheltered area also provides care and education for children from 2 years 5 months to 6 years.</p> <p>The service also consists of sanitary facilities, an office and 2 outdoor spaces, 1 outdoor space is directly adjacent to the outdoor room.</p>
Staffing	<p>The registered provider employs 3 childcare staff.</p>
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 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>
Acknowledgements	<p>The Inspectors wish to acknowledge the cooperation of the registered provider who was present on the day of the inspection.</p>

Part III - Management and Staff

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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.

The service has a designated person in charge and a named person who is able 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 requirements have been 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. The following is purposed:

- The Cheeky Monkeys room (original room) will have 2 staff members to 13 children ranging in age from 2 years 5 months to 6 years.
- The Busy Monkeys room will have 1 staff member with 11 children ranging in age from 2 years 5 months to 6 years.
- The Outdoor room will have 1 staff member with 11 children ranging in age from 2 years 5 months to 6 years.

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.

Requirement met:

(1)(a) The requirement has been met.

- Both the Busy Monkeys and Outdoor room are well resourced and have areas of interest with supporting equipment which incorporated natural/sensorial materials, art and crafts and a range of suitable toys. Play materials and equipment are visible and easily accessible to the children on open shelving at their height which supported children to have choices in selecting their activity. Tables and chairs in the rooms are appropriate to the age and stage of development of pre-school children for tabletop activities and for indoor and outdoor dining.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Outdoor room is spacious and adequate space is available for the suiting and booting of children as needed along with the storage of additional clothing. Two outdoor spaces are available. The outdoor space adjacent to the 2 care rooms has a cement surface with an area covered with artificial grass. Equipment includes an activity tray, playhouse, home and shop area, climbing tunnel, tyres with balancing planks and a sand / water table. The second outdoor space is a grass area with a wooden hut, plastic bench, wooden activity unit with a saucer swing and a climbing ramp, planting box, large well equipped mud kitchen, see saw and a large sand pit. <p>(b) The requirement has been met. Cosy areas consisting of mats and soft furnishings and toys are available in the Busy Monkeys and Outdoor room for children to take a break from activities if needed.</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>The requirement has been met. A healthy eating policy was available for the service. The children will all bring their own lunches. Portable drinking water will be available in the office for additional drinks as needed.</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 emergency exit doors were unobstructed.
- An indoor and outdoor risk assessment tool was available to identify any potential risks and hazards.
- All cleaning agents were stored out of reach of the children.
- All play materials were placed on stable based shelving units. Play materials and equipment were observed to be safe and suitable for the developmental age of the pre-school children who will be attending the service.
- Fridges were available for the storage of perishable items in the children’s lunch boxes.

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) An adequate number of staff have up to date First Aid Responders course and will be available at all times to the children attending the pre-school service.

(2)(a) and (b) The first aid boxes were suitably equipped and were safely stored in a readily accessible and conspicuous position in the care rooms and will be available at all times.

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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 has been met.

(1)(a) A template is available to record fire drills that take place in the service.

(b) A record was maintained of the number, type and maintenance of the firefighting equipment and smoke detection system in the service. The firefighting equipment was last serviced in July 2023 and smoke detection system was due to be serviced and was serviced on the 27/7/2023.

(4) A notice of the procedures to be followed in the event of a fire is conspicuously displayed on the premises.

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 inspector observed the walls, flooring, doors, windows of the sheltered Outdoor room which were suitably maintained, and the inspector did not identify any safety issues or concerns.

(b) The main gate to the service was secured with a coded lock and a bolt. These security measures ensured that a child did not exit unsupervised and restricted unauthorised persons from gaining access to the service and outdoor spaces.

(c) Windows provided natural lighting to the care room. The natural light in the Busy Monkeys and Outdoor room can be augmented with artificial ceiling lighting as required. Ceiling lights were fitted with shatter proof coverings.

Heating is provided through secure wall mounted radiators. The temperature of the Busy Monkeys room was between 18°C to 20°C on the day of inspection. Natural ventilation is provided by opened doors and windows and by the partially sheltered area in the Outdoor room.

(d) Both rooms were in a clean condition on the day of inspection. Cleaning schedules were available to document regular cleaning of the service.

(e) The children's sanitary facilities consisted of the following:
The Cheeky Monkeys room (existing room) had 2 separate toilets closets and 2 sinks.
The Busy Monkeys room had 2 separate toilets closets and 2 sinks.
The Outdoor room had 1 toilet closet and 1 sink.
One staff sanitary facility was available on the premises.
An additional sink for handwashing was available in the outdoor area.

Warm water not exceeding 43°C, liquid soap and paper hand towels were provided in all sanitary facilities. Bins were provided for the disposal of paper hand towels.

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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.*
- (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:

The requirement has been met.

(1) The registered provider ensured that adequate clear floor space was available in the premises for the work, play and movement of the 35 children proposed.

(3) The registered provider ensured that a minimum of 1.818 m² of clear floor space was available for each child attending the service on a sessional basis.

- **The Busy Monkeys Room:**

Free floor space available was 28.67m². This provides sufficient space for the proposed 11 children between the ages of 2 years 5 months to 6 years attending on a sessional basis.

- **The Outdoor room:**

Free floor space available was 32.26m². This provides sufficient space for the proposed 11 children between the ages of 2 years 5 months to 6 years attending on a sessional basis.