



# TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

## Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances

### 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>	<p>Flowers Montessori &amp; Playschool provides a sessional service for children from 2 to 6 years. Hours of operation are from 08:30 to 11:30 and from 12:00 to 15:00. The service at present accommodates 14 children per session.</p> <p>The registered provider proposes the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The service to increase the numbers of children attending the morning and afternoon session from 14 to 15 per session.</li> </ul>
<b>Premises</b>	The service is located to the rear of the registered providers home and consists of an entrance hallway, 1 care room and sanitary facilities. An outdoor space is available on the premises.
<b>Staffing</b>	The registered provider and 1 childcare staff work in 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>Acknowledgements</b>	The Inspector wish to acknowledge the co-operation of the registered provider, 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.

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<b>Requirement met:</b>	(1)(a) The requirement has been met.  The service has a designated person in charge and a named person who is able to deputise as required.
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### 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.*

<b>Requirement met:</b>	The requirements have been met.  The registered provider and 1 staff member will work directly with the children attending the service. The registered provider is aware of the ratios under Reg 11.
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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.*

<b>Requirement met:</b>	The requirement has been met.  (1)(a) The play resources in the care room were accessible, organised and stored on shelving which allowed the children to select and replace materials.  Equipment in the outdoor area included sand pits, mud kitchen and blackboards, additional play equipment was stored in the partially sheltered area and accessible to the children.  (b)A cosy area consisting of a childrens' couch was available should a child needed to take a break from activities and rest.
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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.*

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<b>Requirement met:</b>	<p>The requirement has been met.</p> <p>A healthy eating policy was available for the service. The children will all bring their own lunches and drinks.</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.*

<b>Requirement met:</b>	<p>The requirement has been met.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The emergency exit doors were unobstructed.</li> <li>• All cleaning agents were stored out of reach of the children.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Fridges were available for the storage of perishable items in the children’s lunch boxes.</li> </ul>
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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.*

<b>Requirement met:</b>	<p>The requirement has been met.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(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.</p>
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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 firefighting 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>	<p>The requirement has been met.</p> <p>(1)(a) A template is available to record fire drills that take place in the service.</p> <p>(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 and mains powered smoke alarms were last serviced on the 14/11/2024.</p> <p>(4) A notice of the procedures to be followed in the event of a fire is conspicuously displayed on the premises.</p>
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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>	<p>The requirement has been met.</p> <p>The registered provider ensured that the service was adequately insured for the number of children per session. The policy showed that the service was insured from 28/11/2024 to the 27/11/2025.</p>
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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 requirement has been met.
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(a) The inspector observed the walls, doors and windows were suitably maintained, and the inspector did not identify any safety issues or concerns.

(b) The main entrance gate to the service was secured by a buzzer system and the main door had to be unlocked by a staff member. 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 provide natural lighting to the care room. The natural light can be augmented with artificial ceiling lighting as required. Ceiling lights were fitted with shatter proof coverings.

Heating is provided through secure wall mounted electrical heaters. The temperature of the care room was between 18.9°C on the day of inspection.

Natural ventilation is provided by opened doors and windows.

(d) The room was clean 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:  
 Two separate toilets closets and two sinks.  
 One staff sanitary facility was available on the premises.  
 An adult sink was available in the care room.  
 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.

**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.*

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(2) 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 15 children proposed at the morning and afternoon session.

(3) The registered provider ensured that a minimum of 1.818 m<sup>2</sup> of clear floor space was available for each child attending the service on a sessional basis.

Free floor space available was 28.369m<sup>2</sup>. This provides sufficient space for the proposed 15 children between the ages of 2 to 6 years attending on a sessional basis.