

# TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

## Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances



<b>Tusla I.D:</b>	TU2015SO048							
<b>Name of Service</b>	Rainbow Road							
<b>Address of Service:</b>	Mullaghroe National School, Mullaghroe, Boyle, Co-Sligo F52AK84							
<b>Email Address:</b>	rainbowroadchildcare@gmail.com							
<b>Name of Registered Provider:</b>	Bridget Taheny							
<b>Type of Proposed Service:</b>	<b>Full Day Care</b>		<b>Part-Time</b>		<b>Sessional</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	<b>Drop-In</b>		<b>Childminding</b>		<b>Temporary</b>			
<b>Proposed change:</b>	Change of location of the premises							
<b>Proposed Number of Children:</b>	22							
<b>Recommended Change Following Inspection:</b>	Change of location of the premises, 22 preschool children							
<b>Registered change:</b>	Change of location of the premises, 22 preschool children							
<b>Date of Inspection:</b>	1	5	0	8	2	0	2	3
<b>Inspection undertaken by:</b>	L. Costello							
<b>Title:</b>	Early Years Inspector							
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<b>Rationale for Inspection:</b>
<b>Proposed Change of Circumstance</b>

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

<b>Registration Status:</b>	Sessional Service, 22 Children
<b>Date of Registration</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> 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).

<b>Description of Service</b>	Rainbow road is a sessional service located in Mullaghroe National School which ceased operation as a national school in June 2023. The registered provider proposes to operate the service from 09.00 to 12.00 each weekday and currently accommodates a maximum of 22 preschool children aged from 3 to 6 years.
<b>Premises</b>	The preschool service operates from a former national school. The premises consists of one large care room, lobby area, storage area and sanitary accommodation. The service has a designated and secure outdoor play area on the premises adjacent to the care room.
<b>Staffing</b>	The service currently employs two members of staff who work directly with the preschool children.
<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 cooperation of the registered provider and staff 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:

This requirement has been met.

(1) (a).

The registered provider is the designated person in charge of the service and a named person to deputise has been appointed in the preschool room.

### 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:

(1)

The registered provider is aware of the requirements in relation to adult child ratios and has an adequate number of staff employed to comply with the adult/child ratio required of 1 adult for every 11 preschool children.

### 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.

#### Requirement met:

This requirement has been met.

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	<p>(1)(a). The proposed preschool room is bright and spacious with children’s artwork adding colour to the space. The room is well resourced with various areas of interest including home corners, shops, and post office, dress up area, construction, farming, library, dolls, and hospital. Materials and resources include puzzles, building blocks, arts and crafts and sensory resources. Adequate child height tables and chairs are available for tabletop activities and mealtimes.</p> <p>(b). There is a cozy area consisting of a child couch and soft furnishings should a child require to rest while a child is attending the sessional service.</p> <p>(2) (b). There is a secured outdoor area adjacent to the building. This area consists of a variety of materials and resources for outdoor activity. These include bikes, trikes, cars and balance bikes, playhouses, sand and water tables, footballs, basketball. The surface of the outdoor area consists of a mixture of grass, tarmac and shock absorbing materials for under slides. The service has a horticulture space for planting vegetables and flowers.</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.*

<b>Requirement met:</b>	<p>This requirement has been met.</p> <p>The service has a healthy eating policy which outlines the requirement of food provision in the service. All food is provided from home and follows the guidance outlined in the service healthy eating policy. The registered provider will hold an information session prior to the opening of the service and provide parents with the healthy eating policy and guidance on balanced diets and guidance on choking hazards.</p> <p>The service has a suitable fridge for the storage of all perishable goods provided from home. The service has readily available drinking water which will be available to the children at all times.</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 service has taken the necessary measures outlined below to safeguard the health safety and welfare of the children attending the preschool.

- Internal and external access to the service was appropriately secured to prevent children from exiting the service unsupervised and to restrict unauthorised persons from gaining access to the proposed childminding service.
- Play materials and equipment were observed to be safe and suitable for the developmental age of the pre-school children proposed to attend the service.
- Electric items were inaccessible to the pre-school children.
- Cleaning agents were stored in on high shelving out of the reach of children making them inaccessible to the children.
- Fire exit routes and the passageways were clear of all obstructions in the event of an emergency.
- There was a fridge available in the care room for the safe storage of perishable items.
- Waste disposal in the service consisted of foot operated pedal bins.
- The outdoor area was free from obvious hazards and all equipment was structurally sound.

This requirement has been met.

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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) Two staff members have up to date first aid responder training. Certificates of training were available at the time of inspection.

(2) (a)(b).

A suitably stocked first aid box was provided in the service and will be available to the children attending the preschool 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 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.

#### Requirement met:

This requirement has been met.

(1)(a)(b).

A new fire alarm and smoke detection system and firefighting equipment has been installed in the service with an installation date of the 14.06.23 and 31.07.23. A template is available to record fire drills. Firefighting equipment in the service includes foam, co2 and powder extinguishers.

(4).

Child friendly fire evacuation procedures are displayed in a conspicuous position in the preschool room. The fire assembly point is clearly marked in the outdoor area.

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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.

Evidence that the service is adequately insured for the change in circumstance with the change in location has been submitted to the registration office. The service is insured for 22 children and the expiry date of 27.03.2023.

### 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:

This requirement has been met.

(a) The service is located in a recently closed national school. On a visual inspection the proposed preschool appears of sound and stable structure.

(b). The main entrance to the preschool was appropriately safe with a bell system in place. The outdoor area was secure to prevent a child exiting the area unsupervised and prevent unauthorised access.

(c). **Lighting:** The preschool benefitted from an abundance of natural light provided by six windows. Windows were equipped with blinds to block out light as required. Natural lighting was supplemented by the use of six fluorescent encased strip lighting.

**Ventilation.** The six windows in the preschool room provided an adequate means of natural ventilation as all windows could be opened. Low level windows were equipped with safety restrictors. The sanitary areas were equipped with natural ventilation through three openable windows.

	<p><b>Heating:</b> The room temperature in the preschool room was adequate on the day of inspection. Heating is by means of oil fired central heating. The radiators in the preschool room are thermostatically controlled.</p> <p>(d) The premises, toys and equipment are clean and in a good state of repair. The registered provider had a cleaning schedule in place and a template to document cleaning completed.</p> <p>(e) Adequate and suitable sanitary accommodation are provided in the service i.e.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two toilets and two hand basins are provided for the children in the preschool room.</li> <li>• One disabled access/adult toilet and hand basin.</li> </ul> <p>All sanitary areas have a supply of thermostatically controlled running water, a supply of liquid soap and paper towels.</p>
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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.*
- (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.*

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<b>Requirement met:</b>	<p>This requirement has been met.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(1) Adequate clear floor space has been provided for the work, play and movement of children.</li><li>(2) Not applicable.</li><li>(3) A clear floor area of 63.758 m<sup>2</sup> was measured in the preschool room which is sufficient to cater for 22 pre-school children aged between 2 and 6 years to attend the sessional service.</li><li>(4) Not applicable.</li><li>(5) Not applicable</li></ul>
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