

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances



Tusla I.D:	TU2015WD003												
Name of Service	An Duine Beag, Montessori School												
Address of Service:	Ballynageeragh, Dunhill, Waterford												
Email Address:	elainelyonswalsh@gmail.com												
Name of Registered Provider:	Ms. Elaine Walsh												
Type of Proposed Service:	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Full Day Care</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Part-Time</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Sessional</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Drop-In</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Childminding</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Temporary</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </table>	Full Day Care	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Part-Time	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sessional	<input type="checkbox"/>	Drop-In	<input type="checkbox"/>	Childminding	<input type="checkbox"/>	Temporary	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Proposed change:	Change in Service Type from Part Time/ Sessional to Full Day Care												
Proposed Number of Children:	22 (no change)												
Recommended Change Following Inspection:	Change recommended by EYI												
Registered change:	Change in Service Type from Part Time/ Sessional to Full Day Care Change in Hours of Operation from 09:00 – 14:00 to 07:00 – 14:00												
Date of Inspection:	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>4</td> <td>0</td> <td>8</td> <td>2</td> <td>0</td> <td>2</td> <td>3</td> </tr> </table>	2	4	0	8	2	0	2	3				
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Inspection undertaken by:	C. Ryan												
Title:	EYI												
Tusla Early Years Inspectorate Address:	Ely Hospital, Ferrybank, Wexford												

Rationale for Inspection:

Proposed Change in Circumstance Application

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

Registration Status:	Registered Full Day Care Service for 22 Children
Date of Registration	1 st September 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).

Description of Service	<p>An Duine Beag is a private early years service operating from a purpose-built premises on the grounds of the registered providers home. The service opened in September 2008 and presently offers Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) sessions from 9am to 12pm and part time care from 12pm to 2pm, Monday to Friday. The registered provider proposes to operate a full day care service to support and meet the needs of the children and families within the locality. The full day care service will operate from 7am to 2pm.</p>
Premises	<p>An Duine Beag consists of one early years room to accommodate the early years children. The building accommodates a kitchenette, quiet corner, sanitary facilities and a storage room for toys and equipment. The dwelling is built on approximately one acre of ground with secure outdoor play spaces at the rear and front of the premises.</p>
Staffing	<p>The registered provider is the designated person in charge and is on the premises daily. The registered provider will work directly with the children in the service and there is a second named person available to deputise as required. There are currently three staff employed in the service.</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</p>

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	administrative and legal processes. The contents of the report are compiled by the inspectorate body.
Acknowledgements	The inspector wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the registered provider who was 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 requirement of the regulation is met.

The registered provider is the designated person in charge and assists across the rooms with the children as needed. A second named staff member is available 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 childminding service or a sessional pre-school service shall ensure that there are at least 2 adults on the premises at all times.

Requirement met:

The requirement of the regulation is met.

(1)

The registered provider is familiar with the Child Care Act 1991(Early Years Services) Regulations 2016, schedule 6 Adult: Child ratios and will ensure that there is at all times adequate numbers of staff working directly with the children attending the service.

(8)(a)

The registered provider is aware of the requirement to have two staff present once the service is registered as part time and full day care.

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

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(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.

(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

Requirement met:	<p>The requirement of the regulation is met:</p> <p>(1)(a)</p> <p>The service operates from one room. The room provide sufficient space for the number of children attending the service. The room is bright, warm and lit by natural light. The room was set up with child sized tables and chairs and equipped with Montessori materials suitable to the ages and stages of development of the children who will attend the service.</p> <p>(1)(b)</p> <p>Provisions are in place for children to rest and or sleep while attending the service. The rest area includes sleep beds in a quiet annex to the room. The sleep beds have sheets, blankets and cushions for rest and sleep.</p> <p>(3)(a)(b)</p> <p>The children have access to outdoor play spaces to the front and rear of the provider’s home. The outdoor areas are fully enclosed by fencing, mature boundaries and gates. The outdoor play area is suitable and safe. There is a variety of toys, equipment and materials available to the children in the outdoor area.</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: The requirements of the regulation are met.

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	<p>Parents will provide food for breakfast, mid- morning break and for lunch. Fridges are available for the storage of food and snacks brought in from home. The service will provide additional food for children in the case that a child is hungry, forgets their lunch or requires extra food. The registered provider has updated the service’s healthy eating policy to reflect the requirements for full day care and this is available for parents.</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:	<p>The requirement of this regulation is met:</p> <p>Infection Control:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hot water for hygienic hand washing was available and was thermostatically controlled not to exceed 43°C. The service was clean and well maintained. Pest control contracts were in place. <p>Administration of Medication:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There was a policy on the safe administration of medications to children attending the service. An area for the safe storage of medication was identified. The registered provider stated that a care plan will be developed in partnership with parents for any child who requires a regular prescribed medication while attending the service. <p>General Safety:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The entrance door to the service is secured while children are in attendance to ensure no unauthorised persons can gain access or children cannot exit unsupervised. The external play areas are secured with fencing and a mature boundary. Hazardous materials such as cleaning products are stored out of reach of children.
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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:

The requirement of the regulation is met.

(1)

The registered provider and three staff are currently trained in first aid for children and will be on the premises at all times.

(2)(a)(b)

A suitably equipped first aid box was available on the premises.

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:

The requirement of the regulation is met.

(1)(a)

Records were available on the premises for the recording of fire drills and the registered provider was familiar with the requirement to carry monthly fire drills.

(b)

Fire- fighting equipment and smoke alarms were available, and contracts are in place for the service and maintenance of same.

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(4)

A notice of procedures to be followed in the event of a fire is displayed in the playrooms.

Part VI – Safety

Regulation 28 – Insurance

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

Requirement met:

The requirement of the regulation is met.

An insurance certificate was available to demonstrate that insurance was in place. 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.

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 section of the premises occupied by the early service is a single storey building to the side of the registered provider's home. The registered provider confirmed that there were no known structural issues in the premises.

(b)

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The premises were safe and secure. The doors of the service were secured to prevent the children exiting the premises unsupervised or an unauthorised person gaining access to the premises while the service was in operation.

(c)

The room was well lit by natural light. The windows were openable to allow for natural ventilation. Lighting was supplemented by artificial light. The building is heated by an oil heating system. Radiators were covered with protectors.

(d)

The room, fixtures and fittings were clean, well maintained and in good repair. A cleaning policy and schedule was available for the service.

(e)

The service has adequate sanitary accommodation for the number of children and staff who will be present in the service at any one time. There are two toilets with wash handbasins, and one nappy changing unit allocated for use by the children. The staff have their own designated staff toilets.

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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.*

Requirement met:

The requirement of the regulation is met.

(1)

Adequate clear floor space was available to accommodate the number of children who will attend the service.

(2)

The room is large and bright and measures 40 square metres. The registered provider currently accommodates 22 children (aged between 2 and 6 years) attending on a sessional basis in the room. The registered provider proposes to accommodate up to 16 children attending as part time/full day care at any one time.