

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances

Tusla I.D:	TU2015WX011												
Name of Service	Barleyhill Childcare Centre Limited												
Address of Service:	Coolnahourna Enniscorthy Co. Wexford												
Email Address:	barleyhillchildcare@gmail.com												
Name of Registered Provider:	Ms. Pauline O'Byrne												
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:	Increase number of children attending with the addition of a log cabin that can accommodate 22 children.												
Proposed Number of Children:	75 (Changed to 70 on inspection)												
Recommended Change Following Inspection:	Changed approved by EYI to 70 children												
Registered change:	Change in number of children that can be accommodated from 52 to 70												
Date of Inspection:	2 0 0 7 2 0 2 3												
Inspection undertaken by:	C. Ryan												
Title:	EYI												
Tusla Early Years Inspectorate Address:	Tusla Child and Family Agency, Early Years Inspectorate Ely Hospital, Ferrybank, Wexford												

Rationale for Inspection:

Change in Circumstance Application

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

Registration Status:	Registered Full Day Care Service for 70 Children
Date of Registration	18 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).

Description of Service	Barleyhill Childcare Ltd. is a privately operated early years service which offers a full day care, part-time, and sessional service to children aged 6 months to 6 years of age. The service operates from 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday. The registered provider proposes to increase the numbers of the children attending the service with the addition of a large log cabin to the rear of the premises that will accommodate 22 children.
Premises	<p>The service operates from a premises to the side of the registered provider's home. The building consists of three playrooms, a sleep room, sanitary accommodation, entrance hall and kitchenette. The children have direct access to a variety of outdoor play areas to the side, front and rear of the premises.</p> <p>The new log cabin is located to the rear of the existing premises. It is an L shaped building, divided into two smaller rooms. The new cabin has three toilets and one nappy changing unit for children and one toilet for staff.</p>
Staffing	The registered provider will be the designated person in charge and will be on the premises daily. The registered provider will work directly with the children in the service and holds a childcare qualification at QQI Level 8 Honours in Early Childhood Education and Care.
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	The inspector wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the registered provider, staff and children 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:

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.

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 adults working directly with the children attending the service. The registered provider has employed additional staff to meet the needs of the additional 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.

(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

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Requirement met:	<p>The requirement of the regulation is met:</p> <p>(1)(a) The new playroom provides sufficient space for the proposed number of children attending the service. The room was bright, warm and lit by natural lighting, supplemented by artificial lighting when needed. The room was set up with child sized tables and chairs and equipped with toys and materials suitable to the ages and stage of development of the children who will attend the service. The log cabin was divided into two smaller rooms, and included a boot room, kitchenette and toilets.</p> <p>(1)(b) Provisions are in place for children to rest while attending the service and includes stackable sleep mats and linen. The registered provider has identified an area within the room for rest and sleep.</p> <p>(3)(a) The children will have access to outdoor play spaces daily. The outdoor area is directly accessible from the log cabin. There is a focus on encouraging and developing outdoor play and is fully enclosed. The outdoor play area is suitable, safe and secure.</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 parents supply the mid-morning and afternoon food and snacks for children attending the service. Children’s lunch boxes are stored in the fridges. The service employs a chef to cook the main hot meal. A 2-week menu plan is available for parents to view. The menu changes seasonally. Children eat their snacks and meals in their rooms and in the outdoor area.
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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 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. <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. <p>General Safety:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The entrance to the service was secured to prevent children exiting unsupervised and unauthorised persons gaining access to the building.
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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)

There are staff members with update training in first aid for children available on the premises.

(2) 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:

(1)(a)

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

(b)

Fire-fighting equipment and smoke alarms were present and the registered provider stated contracts were in place for the regular service and maintenance of same.

(4)

A notice of procedures to be followed in the event of a fire is displayed in the early years rooms and the fire assembly point was clearly identified.

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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:

The requirement of the regulation is met.

An insurance certificate was available to demonstrate that insurance was in place to cover the number of children attending.

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 registered provider stated that the premises appear to be of sound and stable structure.

(b)

The entrances to the service were safe and secure.

(c)

The log cabin was lit and ventilated by natural light through openable windows and doors, supplemented by artificial lighting when needed. All sanitary accommodation had sufficient ventilation with openable windows.

(d)

The cabin was well maintained and in good repair. A cleaning policy and schedule was available for the service.

(e)

The log cabin had adequate sanitary accommodation for the proposed number of children and staff who will be present with a toilet and separate staff toilet available.

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	The new cabin has three toilets and one nappy changing unit for children and one toilet for staff.
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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.
- (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).

Requirement met:

While the service was registered for 52 children, they had sufficient space capacity in their existing building for 48 children based on their ages and the type of service they were attending. As a result, the total number of children that the service is applying to register to accommodate is 70.

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 on full day care basis.

(2)

The log cabin was large and bright and measures 60 square metres. The registered provider proposes to accommodate 22 children (aged between 2 and 6 years) attending on a sessional basis and 22 children attending as part time/full time in the log cabin.

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	(4) This requirement has been met.
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