

# TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

## Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances



**Tusla I.D:** TU2015WX015

**Name of Service** Bri Beag Childcare

**Address of Service:** Bree, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford

**Email Address:** bribeagcreche@gmail.com

**Name of Registered Provider:** Bridie Galavan

<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>	

**Proposed change:** Increase numbers of children attending from 70 to 81 with the addition of a new room to offer an additional morning sessional service.

**Proposed Number of Children:** 81

**Recommended Change Following Inspection:** Application withdrawn following inspection

**Registered change:** Changes Withdrawn as per Registered Provider, Service remains Registered as Sessional service for 70 children

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**Inspection undertaken by:** C. Ryan

**Title:** EYI

**Tusla Early Years Inspectorate Address:** Early Years Inspector  
Tusla Child and Family Agency  
Ely Hospital, Ferrybank, Wexford

**Rationale for Inspection:**  
Additional sessional service

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

Registration Status:	As per Directory of Services, remains registered as Full Day Care for 70 children
Date of Registration	04 <sup>th</sup> November 2024

### 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>Bri Beag is a community preschool service which is managed by a voluntary board of management. It operates from 8am to 6pm and caters for children aged 6 months to 6 years of age and can accommodate up to 70 children. The registered provider proposes to increase the number of children attending from 70 to 81 with the addition of a new playroom. The new room will offer a sessional service.</p> <p>The registered provider withdrew their application after the inspection.</p>
<b>Premises</b>	<p>The new playroom is located within the community centre building which is adjacent to the purpose-built childcare premises. The room has its own designated entrance and sanitary accommodation. The children will have access to the outdoor play areas attached to the main childcare building.</p>
<b>Staffing</b>	<p>The service employs a manager and there is a deputy designated person in charge available as required. The registered provider does not work directly in the service.</p>
<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</p>

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	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.
<b>Acknowledgements</b>	The inspector wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the registered provider and manager who was 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.*

<b>Requirement met:</b>	The requirement of the regulation is met.  The manager works daily in the service. There is a second named staff member employed who is available 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 requirement of the regulation is met.  The registered provider is familiar with the Child Care Act 1991 (early years services) Regulations 2016, Schedule 6 Staff: Child ratios and will ensure that there are always adequate numbers of staff working directly with the children attending the service, including the requirement to have two staff on the premises at all times.
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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.
- (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

<b>Requirement met:</b>	<p>The requirement of the regulation is met.</p> <p>(3)(a)(b)</p> <p>The two outdoor play areas consist of a variety of areas including a concreted area for ride of toys, a grassy area and well-developed interest areas. The two outdoor areas are located on either side of the current childcare premises. The new playroom is adjacent to the childcare building and the childcare will have access to use the outdoor areas.</p>
<b>Requirement not met:</b>	<p>(1)(a)</p> <p>The new playroom was not set up and ready for the children. There was no toys, equipment and materials ready. There were no hooks for the children’s coats and belongings. The walls were bare.</p> <p>(1)(b)</p> <p>There was no rest area or cosy corner within the Playroom for children to sit and/or rest.</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>The requirement of the regulation is met.</p> <p>The service has a healthy eating policy that is supplied to parents. Parents currently supply all the snacks for the children attending for the day. The parents are asked to supply food that is in line with the services healthy eating policy. All foods/lunchboxes will be stored in fridges in the playrooms. The new playroom had a small fridge.</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 of the regulation is met.</p> <p><b>Administration of medication:</b></p> <p>There is a policy on the safe administration of medications to children attending the service. An area was identified for the storage of medication.</p> <p><b>General safety:</b></p> <p>The entrance door is secured to prevent children exiting unsupervised and unauthorised persons gaining access to the building.</p>
<b>Requirement not met:</b>	<p><b>Infection control:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Warm water for hygienic hand washing was not thermostatically controlled not to exceed 43°C.</li> <li>2. There were no hand towels, liquid soap or toilet roll readily available in the bathroom.</li> <li>3. There were no lidded bins available for the hygiene disposal of waste.</li> <li>4. There was no room thermometer in the room to ensure the temperature remains between the recommended 18-22°C.</li> </ol> <p><b>General safety:</b></p>

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	<p>1. The entrance to the new room opened out towards the carpark and a public access driveway. The area requires to be gated off and secured to ensure the safety of the children at drop and collection time and also in the event that a child exited the room unsupervised.</p> <p>2. There was no phone line or intercom system between the main building and the new room, for the staff to contact for help or assistance in the event of an emergence.</p> <p>3. The blind on the window was not secured.</p>
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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 of the regulation is met.</p> <p>(1)</p> <p>The registered provider will ensure that there is a staff member trained in FAR on the premises at all times.</p>
<b>Requirement not met:</b>	<p>(2)(a)(b)</p> <p>A suitable and equipped first aid box was not available in the new playroom.</p>

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#### 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 of the regulation is met.</p> <p>(1)(a)</p> <p>The registered provider is familiar with the requirement to carry out monthly fire drills.</p> <p>(b)</p> <p>Fire-fighting equipment and smoke alarms are present, and contracts are in place for the regular service and maintenance of same.</p>
<b>Requirement not met:</b>	<p>(1)(a)</p> <p>Record sheets for recording of monthly fire drills were not readily available in the room.</p> <p>(4)</p> <p>A notice of procedures to be followed in the event of a fire was not displayed in the playroom with the fire assembly point clearly identified.</p>

### Part VI – Safety

#### Regulation 28 – Insurance

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

<b>Requirement partially met:</b>	<p>A quote for insurance was available for the service. The registered provider is required to provide an insurance certificate before registration is complete.</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.

#### 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 front door entrance to the new room is safe and secured.

(c)

The playroom was lit and ventilated by natural light through openable windows on external walls, supplemented by artificial lighting when needed. The toilet was ventilated by mechanical ventilation. The playroom is heated by temperature controlled electric radiators.

(d)

The new playroom was clean, well maintained and in good repair. It was freshly painted.

(e)

The new room has adequate sanitary accommodation for number of children and staff who will be present with toilets and separate staff toilet available. There is one toilet and wash handbasin in the room available for the children. The staff toilet is located in the main building adjacent.

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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 has been met.

(1)(2)

There is adequate space available to the children. The playroom had sufficient space to accommodate the number of proposed children. The room was measured: at 20 sq. meters and can accommodate 11 children attending for a sessional service.