

# TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

## Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances



**Tusla I.D.:** TU2015WX046

**Name of Service** FAB Huggie Bears

**Address of Service:** FAB Community and Resource Centre, Coolcotts Wexford., Y35 W319

**Email Address:** eyc@fabcdp.ie

**Name of Registered Provider:** Catherine Walsh

<b>Type of Proposed Service:</b>	<b>Full Day Care</b>	✓	<b>Part-Time</b>	✓	<b>Sessional</b>	✓
	<b>Drop-In</b>		<b>Childminding</b>		<b>Temporary</b>	

**Proposed change:** Change in age profile of children from 2-6 years to 18 months- 6 years

**Proposed Number of Children:** 28

**Recommended Change Following Inspection:** Changed recommended, Reduce age profile from 2 years to 18 months

**Registered change:** Change in age profile from 2-6 years to 18 months – 6 years

<b>Date of Inspection:</b>	0	7	1	0	2	0	2	5
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**Inspection undertaken by:** C. Ryan

**Title:** EYI

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

### Rationale for Inspection:

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

<b>Registration Status:</b>	Registered Full Day, Part-Time & Sessional Service for 28 Children
<b>Date of Registration</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> December 2025

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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>	<p>FAB Huggie Bears is a community based early years service which is managed by a voluntary board of management. The service operates from 09:00 to 17.00 and offers a sessional, part-time and full day care to children aged from 2 to 6 years. The service is located within the community resource centre with designated rooms for the sole purpose of the early years service. The service consists of two early years rooms, sanitary accommodation, a sensory room, lobby area, office and outdoor play area. Upstairs there is a room used by the school aged children.</p> <p>The service wishes to change the age profile of children attending from 2 to 6 years to 18months to 6 years. The younger aged children will be accommodated in the existing rooms downstairs.</p> <p>There is a designated sleep room downstairs.</p>
<b>Staffing</b>	<p>The service employs staff qualified to work with early years children and also facilitate the training of staff under the community employment schemes. The registered provider does not work directly in the service. There is a manager employed to work as the designated person in charge and assists across the rooms as required.</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 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.
<b>Acknowledgements</b>	The inspector wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the 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.

#### Requirement met:

The requirement of the regulation is met.

The manager is the daily designated person in charge. There is a second named staff member employed who will be 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.

The manager 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.

### 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

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*(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>(1)(a)</p> <p>The playrooms provide sufficient space for the children to play. The room was warm, clean and lit by natural light. The room was set up and equipped with toys and materials suitable to the ages and stage of development of the children using the room.</p> <p>(1)(b)</p> <p>Provisions were in place for children to rest while attending the service. There were identified areas in the rooms for the children that consisted of child sized chairs with cushions. The service had a small sleep room located downstairs off the wobbler room.</p> <p>(3)(a)(b)</p> <p>The outdoor play area consisted of an enclosed courtyard to the rear of the playschool. The area has a variety of toys, materials and equipment.</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>Parents supply the food/snacks for the children attending the service. All foods/lunchboxes will be stored in a fridge in the playroom. A supply of additional snacks is available on the premises in the event a child forgets their lunch or is hungry and requires extra food.</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>Infection control:</b></p> <p>Warm water for hygienic hand washing is available and thermostatically controlled not to exceed 43°C. The room was clean and well maintained, with cleaning schedules ready.</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 individualised care plans are put in place for the management of a child who may require administration of medication.</p> <p><b>General safety:</b></p> <p>The playroom doors downstairs are secured to prevent children exiting unsupervised and unauthorised persons gaining access to the building. The outdoor area was fully enclosed.</p>
<b>Requirement not met:</b>	<p><b>General safety:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Two windows upstairs did not have restrictors on them.</li> <li>2. Cupboard doors of the kitchenette were not secured to prevent children accessing restricted items.</li> <li>3. The entrance door to the playroom was not secured to prevent children exiting.</li> </ol>
<b>Response from Registered Provider:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Window restrictors were purchased and installed on the windows.</li> <li>2. Cupboard locks were purchased and installed to secure the doors.</li> <li>3. A coded door lock was purchased and installed to secure the door.</li> </ol> <p>Photographs were submitted.</p>
<b>Summary Comment:</b>	The requirement of the regulation is 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:

The requirement of the regulation is met.

(1)

Documented evidence was available to demonstrate that nine staff were currently trained in FAR first aid for children.

(2)(a)(b)

A suitable and equipped first aid box was available on the premises and stored in an easily accessible place for staff.

### 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)

Record sheets are available on the premises for recording of fire drills, and the manager is familiar with the requirement to carry out monthly fire drills.

(b)

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

(4)

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

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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:

An insurance certificate was available. 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 manager stated that the premises appeared to be of sound and stable structure.

(b)

A staff member is present at the reception desk throughout the day. The individual doors to the playrooms were secured.

(c)

The playrooms are lit and ventilated by natural light through openable windows on external walls, supplemented by artificial lighting when needed. The service is heated with oil heating.

(d)

The playrooms were clean, well maintained and in good repair. Cleaning schedules were in place.

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	(e) The service has adequate sanitary accommodation for the proposed increased number of children.
<b>Requirement not met:</b>	(c) There was inadequate ventilation in one toilet used by the children.
<b>Response submitted by the Registered:</b>	A mechanical vent was purchased and installed by an electrician. Photographs submitted of the installed new ventilation.
<b>Summary Comment:</b>	The requirement of the regulation is met.

### 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.*

<b>Requirement met:</b>	The requirement has been met.  (1)(2)  There is adequate space available to meet the requirements of the children.
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