

# TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

## Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances

<b>Tusla I.D.:</b>	TU2015WX075
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<b>Name of Service</b>	Little's Giggles Playschool
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<b>Address of Service:</b>	Killahard, Blackwater, Co Wexford
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<b>Email Address:</b>	lfikentscher@gmail.com
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<b>Name of Registered Provider:</b>	Laura Fikentscher
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<b>Type of Proposed Service:</b>	<b>Full Day Care</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Part-Time</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Sessional</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<b>Drop-In</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Childminding</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Temporary</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>Proposed change:</b>	Change from sessional to full daycare
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<b>Proposed Number of Children:</b>	No change to the current registration of 33 children
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<b>Recommended Change Following Inspection:</b>	Change in Service Type from Part-Time/Sessional to Full Day Care
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<b>Registered change:</b>	Change in Service Type from Part-Time/Sessional to Full Day Care
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<b>Inspection undertaken by:</b>	C. Ryan
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<b>Title:</b>	EYI
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<b>Tusla Early Years Inspectorate Address:</b>	Early Years Inspector Tusla Child and Family Agency Ely Hospital, Ferrybank Wexford
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<b>Rationale for Inspection:</b>	
Change from sessional to full daycare	

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

<b>Registration Status:</b>	Registered Full Day Care Service for 33 Children
<b>Date of Registration</b>	12 <sup>th</sup> August 2024

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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>Little Giggles is a privately owned preschool service offering sessional care to children aged 2 to 6 years of age. The service is located in a rural area near the village of blackwater at the provider’s home. The service operates a play-based curriculum during morning and afternoon groups. The registered provider proposes to change from sessional to full daycare to accommodate the needs of the families and children attending the service who require additional childcare hours. The registered provider does not wish to increase the number of children attending above the current 33 children.</p>
<b>Premises</b>	<p>The playschool operates from purpose-built rooms designated solely for the purpose of the children. The service consists of an entrance lobby, three interconnected playrooms, children’s toilets and a separate staff toilet and a kitchen. Outside, children have access to secured garden and play area.</p>
<b>Staffing</b>	<p>There are currently four staff working directly with the children in the service. The registered provider is the designated person in charge and there is a second named staff member available to deputise 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 registered provider 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 registered provider 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 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.

### 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—

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- (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>(1)(a)</p> <p>The playrooms provide sufficient space for the children to play. The rooms were warm, clean and lit by natural light. The rooms were 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 are in place for children to rest and sleep while attending the service. The registered provider has sleep mattresses and bed linen available to the children who require sleep. One of the rooms will be designated for children to sleep, the room can be quietened the daylighted dimmed by blinds.</p> <p>(3)(a)(b)</p> <p>The outdoor play area consists of enclosed spaces enclosed to the side of the preschool, including all weather grassy areas, sheltered areas, football areas and 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>The requirement of the regulation is met.</p> <p>The service has a healthy eating policy that will be supplied to parents. Parents currently supply the food/snacks for the children attending on a sessional basis. The parents will be 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 and kitchen. The registered provider will reheat any hot food supplied for the children by parents.</p>
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The service has a small kitchen to use for the storage and preparation of food as needed. The registered provider will engage directly with the Environment Health Office (EHO) to ensure food safety standards and their practices are suitable.

### 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 requirement of the regulation is met.

#### Infection control:

Warm water for hygienic hand washing is available and thermostatically controlled not to exceed 43°C. The playrooms were clean and well maintained, with cleaning schedules ready.

#### Administration of medication:

There is a policy on the safe administration of medications to children attending the service. The registered provider has a designated area for the safe storage of medication.

#### General safety:

The entrance to the school is secured with an electronic magnetic lock to prevent children exiting unsupervised and unauthorised persons gaining access to the building.

### 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)

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Documented evidence is available to demonstrate that two staff were currently trained in FAR first aid for children and will be present on the premises.

(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:

The requirement of the regulation is met.

(1)(a)

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

(b)

Fire-fighting equipment and smoke alarms are 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 is displayed in the preschool rooms and the fire assembly point was clearly identified.

### Part VI – Safety

#### Regulation 28 – Insurance

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

#### Requirement partially met:

The requirement of the regulation is met.

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An in-date insurance certificate was available for the service.

### 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 service is safe and secured.

(c)

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

(d)

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

(e)

The service has adequate sanitary accommodation for number of children and staff who will be present with toilets and separate staff toilet available. There are three toilets and one nappy changing unit available for the children and one staff toilet on the premises.

### 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*

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*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)

There is adequate space available to the children. The playrooms have sufficient space to accommodate the number of children attending. The service's three rooms measured at 60 sq. meters. The registered provider is aware of the different space requirements as specified in schedule 7 of the Childcare Regulations 2016.

(2)

There was adequate floor space available to the children to play and move freely in the room.