

# TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

## Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances



**Tusla I.D:** TU2015WX079

**Name of Service** Domhan Beag Limited

**Address of Service:** The Moorings, Rosbercon, New Ross, Wexford, Y34 RW24.

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

**Name of Registered Provider:** Emma O Hanlon

<b>Type of Proposed Service:</b>	<b>Full Day Care</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Part-Time</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Sessional</b>	<input checked="" 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>	Increase in the maximum number of children the service can accommodate from 40 to 54 by the addition of a new preschool room and sleep room. Increase in number of staff employed from 8 to 16.
<b>Proposed Number of Children:</b>	54
<b>Recommended Change Following Inspection:</b>	54 (of which a maximum of 53 can attend full day care).
<b>Registered change:</b>	Change in number of children from 40 to 54(Max 53 full day/part-time) children

<b>Date of Inspection:</b>	0	6	0	1	2	0	2	6
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**Inspection undertaken by:** E Mc Garry  
**Title:** Early Years Inspector

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

**Rationale for Inspection:**  
**Proposed Change of Circumstance**

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

<b>Registration Status:</b>	Registered Full Day, Part-Time & Sessional Service for 54 (Max 53 Full Day/Part-Time) Children
<b>Date of Registration</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> February 2026

**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).

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<p><b>Description of Service</b></p>	<p>Domhan Beag Limited is a privately owned preschool service. It offers a full day care service to children aged from 1 to 6 years of age. It also provides an Early Childhood Care and Education Programme (ECCE) to children from 9.00am to 12.00pm daily for 38 weeks per year. The service consists of three preschool rooms. There is a preschool room, a wobbler room and an Ecce /full day care room. There is a sleep room, nappy changing facilities, children’s toilets, a separate staff toilet, an entrance hall, storage, and an onsite kitchen. The children have direct access to an outdoor play area to the rear of the service. The service is also registered to provide a school age service.</p> <p>The registered provider proposes to increase the maximum number of preschool children the service can accommodate from 40 to 54 children. This change is proposed by the addition of a new preschool room (toddler room) and moving the sleep room to a room adjacent to the newly constructed toddler room.</p>
<p><b>Premises</b></p>	<p>The service operates from a unit in a commercial development that has been adapted to provide a preschool service.</p>
<p><b>Staffing</b></p>	<p>There are currently eight staff employed in the service including the registered provider who also works directly with the children. The registered provider proposes to employ an additional staff member to accommodate an increase in the number of children the service can accommodate. All staff currently employed to work in the service are qualified in Early Childhood Care and Education at Level 5 and above on the National Qualifications Framework.</p>
<p><b>Methodology</b></p>	<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 service has designated a person in charge and a named deputy.

### 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:**

(1)  
The registered provider proposes to continue to employ the same staff members to work directly with the proposed children during the hours of operation of the full day care service. The registered provider will employ more staff as necessary to ensure there is an adequate number of staff working with children at all times.

(8)(a)  
The registered provider proposes to ensure there are 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.

<p><b>Requirement met:</b></p>	<p>(1)(a)</p> <p>The registered provider has appropriately resourced the new toddler room with equipment and toys for the play and stimulation of the children. There are jigsaws, plastic bricks, picture books and small world figures stored on easily accessible shelves in the proposed new room.</p> <p>(b)</p> <p>There are six cots in the new sleeping room and one bed.</p> <p>(3)(a)</p> <p>There is an enclosed outdoor area that is accessed directly from the service to the rear of the premises. The play areas are safe, suitable, and secure. There is a large outdoor classroom.</p>
<p><b>Requirement not met:</b></p>	<p>1.</p> <p>There are no cot beds in place in the service for the proposed increase in the number of children the registered provider wishes to accommodate.</p> <p>2.</p> <p>There is no rest area in the proposed new toddler room.</p>
<p><b>Response from Provider:</b></p>	<p>1.</p> <p>The service has secured a total of 4 extra cot beds to accommodate the proposed increase in the number the service can accommodate. There is also a full-sized cot</p>

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	<p>available if required in the service. Photographs of the cot beds in situ were sent to the inspector.</p> <p>2.</p> <p>A rest area has been established in the proposed new toddler room. This area consists of low sized couches and cushions. Photos of the rest area were sent to the inspector.</p>
<b>Summary Comment:</b>	The response and evidence submitted is satisfactory to meet the requirements of The Childcare Act 1991 (Early Years Services) Regulations 2016.

### 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>There is a healthy eating policy in place. Parents provide the snacks for the children attending the ECCE service. The service will continue to provide breakfast and all snacks for children attending on a part time and full-time basis from the onsite kitchen in the service.</p> <p>An outside catering company provides the main hot meal of the day.</p> <p>There is drinking water provided from the mains water supply.</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:

##### General safety:

The openings of the windows are restricted with appropriate restrictive opening devices that can be removed in the event of the window being needed as a means of escape.

There are no loose cords evident on the windows in the early years rooms. The toys are suitable with no sharp edges that could injure a child. Toys observed were suitable and easily cleanable. The fire doors are not obstructed.

##### Infection control:

Fridges are available in the service where it is proposed to store the perishable items of children's snacks and meals. The registered provider has provided evidence regarding the purchase of hand towels and soap dispensers for the toilets and nappy changing units in the proposed new toddler room.

### 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:

(1)

There are two staff trained in first aid responder course working in the service to cover the roster when the service is operating.

(2)

A suitably equipped first aid box is available in the care room of the service and is easily accessible in the event of it being needed.

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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 fire fighting 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)

The registered provider is aware of the requirement to carry out monthly fire drills on the premises. There is a template in the service to record the monthly fire drills.

(b)

The annual record of the maintenance of the firefighting equipment was last carried out on October 25 and the smoke alarm in the service was last carried out on November 25.

(4)

A notice of the procedures to be followed in the event of fire is displayed in a conspicuous position on the premises at the entrance to the service.

### Part VI – Safety

#### Regulation 28 – Insurance

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

#### Requirement met:

There is insurance in place to cover the increase in the number of children to a total of 54 children attending on a full day care basis. The insurance document commenced from 17 December 2025 to 27 March 2026. The change in circumstance is contingent on the registered providers compliance with Regulation 28.

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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:

- (a)  
The registered provider reports there are no known defects in the building.
- (b)  
The building is safe and secure. Access is gained through the front door. Visitors to the service can be observed through the glass doors at the entrance to the service. There is a metal gate at the entrance to prevent children running out of the service on to the roadway in front of the service.
- (c)  
The lighting is a combination of natural lighting from several windows and there are also fluorescent lights available in the preschool rooms. The rooms are ventilated through openable windows. There is mechanical ventilation in the two nappy changing rooms, and the toilet for the children in the proposed new toddler room. There are openable windows provided in the children’s toilets for the rest of the service.
- (d)  
The premises are clean.
- (e)  
There are five toilets and five wash hand basins for use by the preschool children. There is one staff toilet for the use of the staff working in the service. The sewage is managed through the public system.  
  
There are two further toilets and three hand wash basins in the proposed new toddler room. Bringing the total number of toilets and wash hand basins in the

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	service for children to seven toilets and seven wash hand basins. There is one existing nappy changing unit in a room just beside the proposed new toddler room.
<b>Requirement not met:</b>	There is a second nappy changing unit required to provide for the nappy changing requirements of the proposed new toddler room.
<b>Response from Provider:</b>	A second nappy changing station has been purchased and is now in place in the service. There are now two nappy changing stations available in the service. A photograph of the new unit was sent to the inspector.
<b>Summary Comment:</b>	The response and evidence submitted is satisfactory to meet the requirements of The Childcare Act 1991 (Early Years Services) Regulations 2016.

### 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:

(1)

The registered provider has ensured that adequate clear floor space is available in the premises for the work, play and movement of children attending the pre-school service.

Room	Measurements	Age of children	No of sessional children that can be accommodated	No full day care children that can be accommodated
Preschool room	24.5 square meters	3 to 6 years	14	10
Wobbler	35 square meters	1 to 2 years	12	12
Toddler	30 square meters	2 to 3 years	12	12

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	(proposed new room)				
	Ecce (full day)	43.8 square meters	3 to 6 years	22	19
<p>(2) The registered provider has ensured that the minimum amount of clear floor space specified in column (3) of Schedule 7</p>					