

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT


Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances

Tusla I.D:	TU2015WX112							
Name of Service	Sugradh Childcare Centre							
Address of Service:	Southwest Family Resource Centre, Ramsgrange, New Ross, Wexford, Y34DP26							
Email Address:	lisarowe@swwfrc.ie							
Name of Registered Provider:	Lisa Rowe							
Type of Proposed Service:	Full Day Care	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Part-Time	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sessional	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Drop-In	<input type="checkbox"/>	Childminding	<input type="checkbox"/>	Temporary	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Proposed change:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To increase the maximum number of early years children that can be accommodated to 68. Following the inspection on the 17 May 2023 the registered provider sent in another change in circumstance application to amend their original application. The registered provider now proposes to cater for a maximum of 71 early years children at any one time. 							
Proposed Number of Children:	71							
Recommended Change Following Inspection:	The inspector recommends all changes proposed by the registered provider.							
Registered change:	Change in number of children that can be accommodated from 60 to 71							
Date of Inspection:	1	7	0	5	2	0	2	3
Inspection undertaken by:	E Mc Garry							
Title:	Early Years Inspector							
Tusla Early Years Inspectorate Address:	Ely Hospital, Ferrybank, Wexford.							

Rationale for Inspection:

Proposed Change of Circumstance

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

 An Ghníomhaireacht um Leanaí agus an Teaghlach Child and Family Agency	Child and Family Agency Act 2013 Child Care Act 1991 (Early Years Services) Regulations 2016	Version 05 Implemented- Aug 2022 EYI-IR12.23 F07 FFP (CIC)	1 of 10
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Registration Status:	Registered Full Day Care Service for 71 Children
Date of Registration	11 th July 2023

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	This full day care service is located in the village of Ramsgrange in county Wexford. A full day care, part-time and sessional service is provided to children from 1 to 6 years of age. The service is open from 08.30 am hours to 17.00 hours pm Monday to Friday. Following the inspection on the 17 May 2023 the registered provider sent in another change in circumstances application to amend their original application. The registered provider now proposes to cater for a maximum of 71 early years children at any one time by using the full capacity of the early years rooms in the service.
Premises	The service is operated from the Family Resource Centre. The service consists of four early years rooms bizzy bees, Junior early years care and education (ECCE) playgroup and play school. There are two kitchenettes, an entrance lobby, office, toilets, nappy changing facilities and a large outdoor play area to the rear of the service.
Staffing	The registered provider does not work directly with the children. There is a manager employed to manage the service. There are currently 14 staff employed in the service who work directly with the children.
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</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.
Acknowledgements	The inspector wishes to acknowledge the co-operation of the person in charge, 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 has been met. The service has a designated person in charge and a named deputy.
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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.

Requirement met:	<p>The requirement has been met.</p> <p>(1)</p> <p>The registered provider proposes to continue to employ the same staff members to work directly with the children during the hours of operation of the service. The registered provider proposes to employ additional staff to maintain adult child ratios in the service.</p>
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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.
- (2) A registered provider—
- (b) of a full day care service, a part-time day care service, a sessional preschool service or a childminding service that moves premises on or after 30 June 2016, shall ensure that a suitable, safe and secure outdoor space to which the preschool children attending the service have access on a daily basis is provided on the premises.

Requirement met:

The requirement has been met.

(1)(a)

The proposed early years rooms are appropriately resourced to provide for the play and stimulation of the early years children. There are toys and play equipment on display in the rooms. There is a large outdoor play area situated to the rear of the service. The area is safe, suitable and secure.

(b)

There are rest areas provided in the early years room consisting of child sized seating, soft mats, and cushions. There are adequate sleep facilities provided for the proposed increase in the number of children to attend the service. There is a separate designated sleep room with four cots for children under two to sleep in. A quote to purchase four cot beds for children over two to sleep on, in the service was received by the inspector.

(2)(b)

The outdoor area is a large safe, suitable and secure area. The area is equipped with play equipment such as jungle gyms, ride on toys and play equipment for the children to play with.

Part V - Care of Child in Pre-school Service

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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 service has a healthy eating policy. It is proposed that parents will continue to provide the food for the children who will attend the service. Additional water is provided from the taps in the kitchenettes which are a safe drinking water source.

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 following requirements to ensure the safety of the children have been met.

General safety:

- The entrance to the service is secure preventing unauthorized people entering or children leaving unaccompanied. There is a receptionist at the main entrance. The early years staff allow access to visitors using a keypad system to open the main door.
- The openings of the windows are restricted with appropriate restrictive opening devices.
- All radiators are thermostatically controlled.
- There are no loose cords evident on the windows in the early years room.
- The fire doors are not obstructed.
- Cleaning templates are available in the service to document the regular cleaning of the early years room and toilet areas.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are fridges available in the service where food provided by parents is stored. • All sinks for hand washing in the service are equipped with warm thermostatically controlled water, liquid soap. There are foot operated pedal bins provided for the safe disposal of used hand towels.
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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:	<p>The requirement has been met.</p> <p>(1)</p> <p>There is a person trained in first aid for children who is immediately available to the children attending the early years service.</p> <p>(2)</p> <p>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.</p>
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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 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:

The requirement has been met.

(1)(a)

The registered provider is aware of the requirement to carry out monthly fire drills in the service. There is a template in the service to record the monthly fire drills. The last fire drill was carried out on 23 April 2023.

(b) The annual maintenance of the firefighting equipment in the service was recorded as having taken place on 16 February 2023. The last maintenance of the smoke alarm in the service was recorded as having taken place on 29 February 2023.

(4)

A notice of the procedures to be followed in the event of fire is displayed in a conspicuous position in 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:

The registered provider is aware that they must ensure that adequate insurance is in place prior to the commencement of the change in circumstance. The approval of the proposed change 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:

The requirement has been met.

(a)

On visual inspection the building appears to be of a sound and stable structure with adequate storage facilities.

(b)

The building is safe and secure. Access is gained through a reception area. The receptionist calls staff from the early years service and they come to the reception to give visitors access to the service. Staff have the access code to the service which is on a keypad beside the main door.

(c)

The lighting is a combination of natural lighting from several windows and there are also fluorescent lights which are recessed into the ceilings of the early years room. The early years rooms are ventilated through openable windows.

(d)

The proposed early years rooms are clean and well presented. There is no evidence of repairs being required.

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	<p>(e)</p> <p>There are six toilets, and six wash hand basins designated for early years children.</p> <p>There are two nappy changing units in the service. There are two staff toilets for the use of the staff working in the service.</p> <p>There is liquid hand soap, paper towels and pedal bins available at all sinks. The sewage is managed through the public sewage system.</p>
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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.
- (3) A registered provider of a sessional pre-school service or a pre-school service in a drop-in centre shall ensure that a minimum of 1.818 square metres of clear floor space is available for each child 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:	The requirement has been met:																		
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Playgroup	39.90 square meters	3 to 6 years	22	17
Playschool	48.51 square meters	3 to 6 years	22	21

(1) There is adequate clear floor space available on the premises for the work, play and movement of children attending the early years service.

(2) The care rooms provide adequate clear floor space as specified in column (3) of Schedule 7 with reference to the proposed ages of children which the service will accommodate.

(3) The service has adequate floor space for the numbers of children proposed to be facilitated in the service during the full day care hours.

(4) The service has suitable space for the provision of both:

- (a) A sessional service.
- (b) Full day care/part-time service.