

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances

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Name of Service:	Tinga Tinga Childcare
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Address of Service:	Midleton Community Centre Bailick Road Riverstate Estate Midleton Co Cork
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Email Address:	tingatingachildcare@gmail.com
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Name of Registered Provider:	Ms. Manuela Tortora
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Type of Proposed Service:	Sessional	X	Part-Time		Drop-In	
	Full Day Care	X	Childminding		Temporary	

Proposed change:	The proposed addition of two refurbished early years' service rooms. One playroom will propose to cater for 18 children and the second room will propose to cater for 11 children. From three playrooms in operation to five playrooms. Propose to increase the total capacity of children attending the early years' service in the morning session from 66 to 95.
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Proposed Number of Children:	Between the two rooms the proposed capacity for an additional 29 ECCE children increasing the total to 95
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Registered change:	Change in the number of children that can be accommodated in the service at any one time.
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Date of Inspection:	0 5 0 5 2 0 2 1
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Inspection undertaken by:	Ms. M. O Reilly
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Title:	Early Years Inspector
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Rationale for Inspection :

Two additional rooms on the first floor of the building have been refurbished for the purpose of use as sessional early years' service catering for children aged from 2 years 8 months to 6 years.

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

Registration Status:	Registered Full day care and Sessional service for 95 children
Date of Registration	10 th November 2021

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	Tinga Tinga Childcare is a registered privately owned full day care service that first notified in October 2016. This early years' service provides education and care to preschool children from 2 years to 6 years offering a choice of sessional, part time and full day care and for children attending the Early Childhood Care and Education Scheme (ECCE). A school aged care service is also provided. The service is open from Monday to Friday between 7.30am and 6pm. Two rooms on the first floor of the premise were refurbished for the purpose of operating an early years' sessional service in each room. The service proposes to offer children from 2 years 8 months to 6 years a 3-hour sessional early years' service each morning and a school aged care service will operate from both rooms each evening Monday to Friday. The Yellow room proposes to cater for 11 ECCE children and the Blue Room 18 ECCE children. From September 2021 the service proposes to increase the overall number of children attending the early years' service in the morning session from 65 to 95.
Premises	The service is located in a detached two storey community building in a residential area of Middleton town in county Cork. Tinga Tinga Childcare operates from part of the converted community building. There is one play room, toilet and nappy changing facilities on the ground floor. There are currently two playrooms, a kitchenette/staff room, office and toilet facilities on the first floor. There is an enclosed outdoor play area and ample parking to the front of the building.
Staffing	The service proposes to have two adults who will work directly with the children in one room and the service proposes to have two to three adults who will work directly with the children in the second room. All staff who will work directly with the children will hold a major award in Early Childhood Care and Education.
Methodology	The Fit for Purpose 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 two themes: Governance, and Safety.

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	<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 presented to the Registration Panel for consideration of a decision in relation to the service receiving continued registration. 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.</p>
Acknowledgements	<p>The Inspector wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the Registered Provider/Person in Charge, staff and children who were present on the day of the inspection.</p>

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:

(1)

(a) The requirement has been met.

The service has appointed a person in charge on a daily basis and there is a person appointed to deputise if 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.

(8) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) to (7)—

(b) a childminder shall ensure that a second person familiar with the operation of the service and in a position to provide assistance to the childminder in operating the service is, at all times, within close distance of the service and available to attend the service to assist the childminder in the event of an emergency, and

(c) a registered provider of a sessional pre-school shall ensure that, where the person in charge operates the service single-handedly, a second person familiar with the operation of the service and in a position to provide assistance to the person in charge in operating the service is, at all times, within close distance of the service and available to attend the service to assist the person in charge in the event of an emergency.

Requirement met:

(1) The requirement has been met.

It is proposed that 2 adults will be working directly with up to 11 children in the Yellow room and it is proposed that 2 to 3 adults will be working directly with up to 18 children in the Blue room.

The children will be aged between 2 years 8 months and 6 years.

For safety reasons as the children’s toilet facilities are a distance from the playrooms a staff member is advised to always accompany children to and from the toilet facilities while the service is in operation

(8)

(b) Not applicable as this was not a childminding service.

(c) Not applicable as this was not a single handed operated sessional 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.*
- (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.*
- (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*
- (4) *Where outdoor space to which the pre-school children attending the service have access is provided on the premises of a sessional pre-school service other than such a service to which paragraph (2) applies, a temporary pre-school service or a pre-school service in a drop-in centre, the registered provider shall ensure that such outdoor space is suitable, safe and secure.*
- (5) *Where pre-school children attending a sessional pre-school service other than such a service to which paragraph (2) applies, a temporary pre-school service or a pre-school service in a drop-in centre have access to an outdoor space other than such a space specified in paragraph 4, the registered provider shall ensure that such outdoor space is suitable.*

Requirement met:

The requirements have been met.

(1)
 (a) There were two proposed additional playrooms for the children. There was a selection of age-appropriate toys, games and materials available at child height to facilitate child led learning.
 The children will have access to an outdoor play space located to the front side of the premise.
 (b) A well-developed rest area is provided with soft seating and soft matting for the children who require to sit and relax during the day.

(2)
 (b) There was an outdoor play space for the children to play.
 There was a fenced outdoor play space with a gate that will be locked when children are playing outdoors.

(4) + (5) Not applicable as the children will have access to an outdoor play area on site.

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 has been met.

- The main entrance door was a buzzer operated intercom system and a surveillance camera ensuring the main entrance door was adequately secured preventing unauthorised access by an unauthorised person or unsupervised access by a child. There is a separate entrance door for the proposed playrooms on the first floor and the internal entrance door to the early years’ service on the first floor is key pad operated. There is a push release button located at adult height to exit ensuring the early years’ service is adequately secured preventing unauthorised access by an unauthorised person or unsupervised access by a child.
- A fridge was provided to store perishable foods in each playroom.
- All toys, materials and equipment that were on the premises were in a proper state of repair and maintained in a clean condition.
- All cleaning equipment and materials are stored at adult height when not in use.
- The fire exit doors were unobstructed. There was a measure to alert staff should the main fire exit door for the first floor be accidentally opened by a child during the hours of operation.
- There was a designated rest/relaxation area consisting of a child sized soft seating for children to rest relax or opt out of activities.
- The windows in the playroom located on the first floor had restrictive opening devices in place.
- There was thermostatically controlled warm water, antibacterial liquid soap dispensers and paper towels available at the wash hand basin for hygienic hand washing and hygienic hand drying.
- The children will have no access to the kitchenette located on the first floor as the kitchen door will be locked at all times while the service is in operation. The key to the kitchen is stored at adult height when not in use.
- Lidded bins were provided for used paper towels in the playroom, children’s and adult sanitary facilities.
- Wall hooks were provided for the storage of children’s coats and bags.
- Window blind cords were adequately secured and out of children’s reach
- The outdoor play area was adequately secured by a high fence and locked gate.

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 has been met

(1)
A copy of up to date certificate in first aid for children in respect of one of the adults was available.

(2)
(a) A suitably equipped First Aid box was located on a shelf at adult height out of children’s reach in each playroom.
(b)The First Aid box will be available in each of the playrooms at all times.

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 requirement has been met in relation to the provision of a form for recording proposed monthly fire drills.
(b) Fire equipment was available on the premises and there was a record demonstrating that that it was serviced recently. A wired fire alarm system was available on the premises and there was a record demonstrating that it was serviced within the last year.

(4)
A notice of the procedure to be followed in the premises in the event of a fire was available in each of the proposed 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:

The requirement has been met.
The current insurance certificate includes the proposed extra 29 children and the recorded total number of children insured was 95
The insurance expires on the 20th February 2022.

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 on the following.

(a) There was no structural issues evident in the playrooms and sanitary accommodation located on the first floor. The playroom and sanitary facilities were observed to be maintained in good condition.

(b) The entrance door to the early years' service on the first floor was adequately secured preventing unauthorised access to the service and the internal doors were adequately secured to prevent unsupervised access by a child. The outdoor play area was adequately secured with a fence and a locked gate.

(c)

- Adequate lighting was provided in the form of natural lighting from windows and supplemented by artificial electric fluorescent lighting which were fully encased with protective covers.
- Adequate ventilation was provided in the form of a number of openable windows in the playrooms and in the children's and adult sanitary facilities.
- The radiators were thermostatically controlled to a maximum surface temperature of 50°C. The room temperature was within the normal accepted range of between 18.8° and 20° Celsius.

(d) The building appeared clean and in good repair with itemised cleaning schedules in place.

(e) There are 3 toilets and 3 wash hand basins in place for the extra 29 children proposed to commence on the first floor in the centre. There are two designated toilets and two designated wash hand basins for the early years' staff located on the ground floor of the community centre bathroom area. Thermostatically controlled hot water to a temperature of 32° Celsius, liquid soap and paper towels were available for effective cleaning. There was adequate adult and children's sanitary facilities in the premise to accommodate the proposed extra 29 preschool children.

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The service was serviced by a public sewage system.
The water source was from a public supply.

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).*
- (5) *A registered provider of a temporary pre-school service shall ensure that a minimum of 2 square metres of clear floor space is available for each child attending the service.*

Requirement met:

The requirement has been met.

(1) There was one proposed playroom (Yellow Room) which measured 25.50 meters square. This playroom had sufficient floor space for the proposed 11 children to attend the service on a sessional basis. This room has sufficient space to cater for 14 children, but the registered provider has decided the maximum number of children to attend this room is 11.

The second playroom provided (Blue Room) measured 34.89 meters square. This playroom had sufficient floor space for the proposed 18 children to attend the service on a sessional basis. This room has sufficient floor space to cater for 19 children, but the registered provider has decided the maximum number of children to attend this room is 18.

(2) Not applicable as there is a proposed early years sessional service in the two proposed playrooms each morning and there will be a school aged care service in operation in both rooms each evening.

(3) There was adequate space provided in both rooms for the proposed maximum number of early years' children to attend.

(4) Not applicable.

(5) Not applicable.