

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances



Tusla I.D.:	TU2016FL015
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Name of Service	Best Bee Kids Unit 2
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Address of Service:	Unit 2, Main Street, Donabate Town Centre, Donabate, Co. Dublin, K36 D272
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Email Address:	Unit2@bestbeekids.ie
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Name of Registered Provider:	Berta Lazarovici
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Type of Proposed Service:	Full Day Care		Part-Time	✓	Sessional	✓
	Drop-In		Childminding		Temporary	

Proposed change:	Proposal to change from two sessions per day from 9am-12pm and 12.45pm to 3.45pm to a sessional/ part time service operating from 9am to 2pm Monday to Friday.
Proposed Number of Children:	22 children aged 2-6 years of age on a part time basis.
Recommended Change Following Inspection:	19 children aged 2-6 years of age on a part time basis, 22 children on a sessional basis.
Registered change:	Change in Service Type from Sessional to Part-Time & Sessional Change in Hours of Operation from 09:00 – 12:00 & 12:45 – 15:45 to 09:00 – 14:00 Change in Number of Children from 22 to 22(Max 19 Part-Time) Children

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Inspection undertaken by:	E Hosford
Title:	Early Years Inspector

Tusla Early Years Inspectorate Address:	Child and Family Agency, Unit 4&5 Nexus Building, Block 6A, Blanchardstown Corporate Park, Dublin 15.
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Rationale for Inspection:
Proposed Change of Circumstance 19 children aged 2-6 years of age on a part time basis.

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

Registration Status:	Registered Part-Time & Sessional Service for 22 (Max 19 Part-Time) Children
Date of Registration	26 th May 2025

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	Best Bee Kids Unit 2 is a private childcare service in operation since 2022 and one of two services operated by the registered provider. The service is located in the coastal town of Donabate, north Co Dublin and currently provides a morning session from 9am-12midday and an afternoon session from 12:45pm-3:45pm Monday to Friday for a maximum of 22 children aged between 2-6 years of age per session.
Premises	The service is conducted from one care room located on the ground floor of a commercial unit with the main entrance to the service located to the rear of the premises, entering through the service's enclosed outdoor play area which adjoins a supermarket car park off the main street in Donabate.
Staffing	The registered provider employs six staff members who work directly with the preschool children in the service. An additional staff member is employed in a relief capacity to work directly with the children on an intermittent basis when necessary. The registered

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	provider does not work directly with the preschool children in the service and generally engages in administrative duties off-site.
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 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.</p>
Acknowledgements	The Inspector wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the designated person in charge, staff and children who were 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:

(1)(a) The service has a designated person in charge and there is a named person appointed to deputise as required.

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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.*
- (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:

The requirement has been met.

(1) The registered provider has ensured that an adequate number of adults will be working directly with the children attending the pre-school service. There will be 4 adults caring for a maximum of 22 preschool children attending on a sessional basis and 19 preschool children on a part time basis during the operation of the service.

(8)(b) Not applicable as this is a proposed part-time day-care service.

(c) Not applicable as this is a proposed part-time day-care service.

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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

Requirement met:

(1)(a) The requirement has been met.

The care room had well defined areas of interest which incorporated natural materials, and a range of suitable toys placed on low level shelving accessible to the children. The service has a well-developed and inviting outdoor area to the rear of the premises.

(b) The requirement has been met. A cosy area is available in the care room for children to take a break from activities if needed and three low beds are available if a child requires to sleep.

The service does not provide an overnight pre-school service.

(3)(a) The requirement has been met.

The service has an outdoor area to the rear of the premises enclosed by a wooden fence. The surface consists of an artificial grass surface. A storage shed is located at the side of the outdoor area where play equipment can be brought out as needed. The equipment available consisted of mud kitchens, a large sand tray, water station, wooden balcony with steps and slide and space for games.

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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.

Requirement met:

The requirement has been met.

A healthy eating policy is in operation within the service with parents providing the snacks eaten by the children during the part time session. Additional snacks are available should a child require food. Drinking water is available in the care room and accessible to the children throughout the session

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 which leads into the service is appropriately secured with a lock to prevent a child from exiting unsupervised and to prevent unauthorised access to the service.
- The window openings of the service are appropriately secured and out of children’s reach.
- The play materials and equipment in the service are stored on stable-based shelving units. The play materials and equipment were observed to be safe and suitable for the developmental age of the proposed children.
- The tables and chairs in the care room that are used for tabletop activities and mealtimes are the appropriate height for the age of children accommodated in the room.
- A refrigerator is available to store children’s perishable food items from home on arrival to the service.
- The emergency exit door of the service is unobstructed.
- The outdoor area is surrounded with a high fence, therefore preventing a child from exiting the area and preventing unauthorised access to the service.

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- All storage of waste both indoors and outdoors is inaccessible to the children.
- A system is available for the safe storage of cleaning agents and equipment.

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—
- is safely stored in an easily accessible and conspicuous position on the premises, and
 - is available to the children attending the pre-school service at all times.

Requirement met:

The requirement has been met.

(1) Four staff members have First Aid Responder certification which expiry dates from September 2025 to July 2026.

(2)(a) and (b) The first aid box is suitably equipped and safely stored in a readily accessible and conspicuous position in the staff kitchen of the service and was available 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—
- any fire drill that takes place in the premises, and
 - 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) A template is available to record fire drills that take place in the service.

(b) A record was maintained of the number, type and maintenance of the firefighting equipment and smoke detection system of the service. The firefighting equipment was

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serviced in February 2025 and the smoke detection system was serviced on the 2 April 2025.

(4) A notice of the procedures to be followed in the event of a fire is displayed in the care rooms. A fire assembly notice was clearly displayed in the garden to the rear of the service.

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 service has an insurance proposal to cover 22 children dated from 1 July 2025 to 27 March 2026 on a part time basis. 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 premises appears to be of sound and stable structure.

(b) The main entrance door which leads into the service is appropriately secured with a lock to prevent a child from exiting unsupervised and to prevent unauthorised access to the service.

(c) The windows in the care rooms provide natural ventilation and the artificial ceiling lights can be dimmed for sleep.

Ceiling lights were fitted with shatter proof coverings.

The service is heated by thermostatically controlled wall mounted radiators with a temperature not exceeding 50°C. The service room thermometer displayed a temperature of 20°C on the day of inspection.

The windows provide sufficient ventilation.

The sanitary facilities have active mechanical ventilation to extract stale air.

(d) The care room was in a clean condition on the day of inspection. A cleaning schedule is available in the care room, and sanitary facilities to ensure regular cleaning of the service.

(e) The sanitary facilities in the service comprised of two children's toilets and two wash hand basins.

Warm water, liquid soap and paper hand towels are provided in the sanitary facility. Pedal bins are provided for the disposal of paper and food waste in the care room.

Staff members use a separate sanitary facility in an adjoining office space.

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.

(1) The registered provider ensured that adequate clear floor space was available in the premises for the work, play and movement of children attending the service.

(2) The minimum clear floor space of 43.42 square metres is available to accommodate the 22 children of the proposed age of between 2-6 years of age on a sessional basis and 19 children between 2-6 years of age on a part time basis.

(3) The registered provider ensured that a minimum space of 1.818 square metres of clear floor space is available for each child attending the service on a sessional basis.

(4)(a)(b) The minimum clear floor space is available for the duration of the sessional and part time preschool service.