

# TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

## Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances



**Tusla I.D:** TU2016WH002

**Name of Service** Lux Children’s Club

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<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"/>

**Proposed change:** Change from 44 sessional and 7 full day care children to 54 children (42 sessional and 12 full day care).

**Proposed Number of Children:** 54 children

**Recommended Change Following Inspection:** 54 children (42 sessional and 12 full day care)

**Registered change:** Change in number of children that can be accommodated from 44 to 54 (Max 12 Full Day Care)

**Date of Inspection:** 1 8 0 7 2 0 2 3

**Inspection undertaken by:** C O’ Connor Hughes

**Title:** Early Years Inspector

**Tusla Early Years Inspectorate Address:**  
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### Rationale for Inspection: Proposed Change of Circumstance

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

**Registration Status:** Registered Full Day Care / Part Time / Sessional Service for 54 (Max 12 FDC)

**Date of Registration** 28<sup>th</sup> July 2023

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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>The service is proposing to accommodate 54 pre-school children including 12 children attending on a full day care basis from 08:00 to 18:00 Monday to Friday.</p> <p>The service is currently registered to offer sessional and part time care for 44 children and full day care for 7 children. The age range of children enrolled in the service is 2 to 6 years of age. A school aged childcare facility is available for 65 children.</p>
<b>Premises</b>	<p>The service operates as an outdoor service with an indoor environment that accommodates the children attending. The service consists of seven playrooms, one room is available to accommodate the proposed children attending on a full day care basis, sanitary accommodation, an office and a kitchen.</p>
<b>Staffing</b>	<p>Six staff are employed in the service working directly with children. The registered provider works directly with children. A cook is employed in the service. A relief staff member will commence in the service in September 2023.</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 administrative and legal processes. The contents of the report are compiled by the inspectorate body.</p>
<b>Acknowledgements</b>	<p>The Inspector wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the registered provider, staff and children who were present on the day of the inspection.</p>

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### 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 was met.

There is a designated person in charge and a named person to deputise as required established in the service.

### 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 was met.

(1)

The number of adults working in the service will meet the required adult: child ratio for the proposed fifty- four children to be accommodated in the 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.

(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

#### Requirement met:

The requirement was met.

(1)(a)

The pre-school room to accommodate the proposed twelve children is equipped with adequate and suitable play materials and equipment. The room is bright and colourful. Low level tables and chairs are in place. Materials are accessible on low level shelving. Dress up, a home area, cosy rest area with books and art easel were noted in the pre-school room.

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	<p>(b) Suitable and adequate rest facilities are available in the service. Twelve low level beds are available for children to sleep as needed.</p> <p>(3)(a) The outdoor play area at the rear of the service consists of a very large natural grass area. Large natural trees were noted. Toys and equipment included two climbing frames with slides and swings, large tyres, a space shuttle, a wooden tractor, a vegetable garden, a mud play kitchen, hammocks, basketball hoops, natural tree stumps, a sensory garden, sand play and a dinosaur pit. A sheltered area is available for children's use.</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 was met.</p> <p>A menu plan was available and reviewed in line with the services healthy eating policy. The service will provide the meals and snacks for children. Parents will provide snacks for children attending on a sessional basis. Drinking water is freely available. A healthy eating policy was available. Perishable foods will be stored in the fridge in the pre-school room.</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.*

<b>Requirement met:</b>	<p>The requirement was met.</p> <p>The main entrance to the pre-school service is accessible via electronically controlled gates. A doorbell system is in place for staff to allow access to visitors to the service. The emergency exit doors are unobstructed. A designated fire assembly point is located at a back of the premises. The kitchen is inaccessible to children. Cleaning materials are stored out of children's use. A separate storage area is available in the service.</p>
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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:

The requirement was met.

(1)

The registered provider and designated person in charge are qualified in first aid response (FAR) training.

(2)(a)

Two first aid bags are located in a conspicuous position in the pre-school areas in the service.

(b)

First aid bags are available to children in the service.

### 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 was met.

(1)(a)

A written record is available for monthly fire drills to be conducted in the pre-school service.

(b)

Maintenance records and the fire certificate were available for smoke alarms and firefighting equipment dated May 2023 and August 2022 respectively.

(4)

A notice of the procedure to be following in the event of a fire was displayed in a conspicuous position in the premises.

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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 was met.

An insurance quotation was submitted to the Registration Team prior to this inspection. 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 was met.

(a)

The premises is a single storey building and adapted to a pre-school service that incorporate seven playrooms. The premises visually appears to be of sound and stable structure.

(b)

The main entrance to the pre-school service is accessible via electronic gates.

(c)

Oil fired central heating is provided throughout the premises. A maintenance certificate was available for review in respect of the boiler system dated 11 November 2022.

Natural lighting is supplemented by artificial lighting in each pre-school room. A mechanical ventilation system is in place in the sanitary accommodation. Windows are openable in each pre-school room to allow for natural ventilation.

The service is connected to both the public drainage and water supply.

(d)

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The floors and the walls are in a good state of repair and maintenance. A cleaning schedule was available for the service.

Large refuse bins are located externally at the back of the premises. A contractor for the collection of refuse bins has been engaged by the service to collect refuse from the premises on a scheduled basis.

(e)

Suitable sanitary accommodation is available in the service to accommodate the children attending on a sessional, part time and full day care basis.

Two new water closets and two wash hand basins were installed recently.

Six water closets and six wash hand basins are available in the service.

Staff sanitary accommodation consists of two toilets and two wash hand basins. The nappy changing unit is located in one of the staff's sanitary accommodations.

The wash hand basins are plumbed with an instantaneous supply of hot and cold water.

The sanitary accommodation is stocked with a sufficient supply of liquid soap and paper hand towel.

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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.
- (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 was met.

(1)

Adequate clear floor space was available to provide the children with an environment to work, play and move freely.

(2)

Room 1	Room 2	Room 3	Breakout room
28.1m <sup>2</sup>	21.4m <sup>2</sup>	15.4m <sup>2</sup>	10.55m <sup>2</sup>
Room 4	Room 5	Room 6	Room 7
28m <sup>2</sup>	18.4m <sup>2</sup>	10.2m <sup>2</sup>	11.9m <sup>2</sup>

(4)

The measurements recorded in (2) are for the 54 proposed children attending on a sessional, part time and full day care basis.