

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances

Tusla I.D.: TU2019DY009

Name of Service Footprints Early Years

Address of Service: Golden Bridge Integrated Complex, Emmet Crescent, Dublin 8. D08YWN2

Email Address: racheal@footprintsearlyyears.ie

Name of Registered Provider: Racheal Govan

Type of Proposed Service:	Full Day Care		Part-Time	✓	Sessional	✓
	Drop-In		Childminding		Temporary	

Proposed change: Change of service address from IPC Centre, Bulfin Road, Inchicore Dublin 8, Dublin D08 T9T7 to Golden Bridge Integrated Complex, Emmet Crescent, Dublin 8. D08YWN2

Proposed Number of Children: 22

Recommended Change Following Inspection: Change address to Golden Bridge, Golden Bridge Integrated, Emmet Crescent, Dublin 8. D08YWN2

Registered change: Change of service address from IPC Centre, Bulfin Road, Inchicore Dublin 8, Dublin D08 T9T7 to Golden Bridge Integrated Complex, Emmet Crescent, Dublin 8. D08YWN2

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Inspection undertaken by: Olivia Quill

Title: Early Years Inspector

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Tusla Early Years Inspectorate Address:	Early Years Inspectorate, Tusla Child and Family Agency,
	Loughlinstown Health Centre, Loughlinstown Drive,
	Loughlinstown, County Dublin.

Rationale for Inspection:
Proposed Change of Circumstance

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

Registration Status:	Registered Part Time, Sessional Service with 22 Children
Date of Registration	13th November 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	Footprints Early Years is registered to provide part-time and sessional care to children aged 2– 6 years. The service offers the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) scheme from 09:00hr –12:00hrs and part-time care until 13:30hrs Monday to Friday. Care of the children is facilitated across two care rooms. A sensory room is also available for children.
Premises	The service is located in an urban, residential area in Inchicore, Dublin 8. The early years service is located in an adapted dwelling, on the ground floor of a two storey multi-purpose community building. An outdoor play area is provided on the premises.
Staffing	In total five staff are employed in this service including the person in charge.
Methodology	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

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	<p>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 registered provider, area support manager and person in charge 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:

The requirement has been met.

A designated person in charge is available in the service named persons to deputise are available 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.

Requirement met:

The requirement has been met.

(1) The person in charge has identified that a minimum of two staff members will be 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.

(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) Adequate and suitable facilities were provided for children to play indoors and outdoors. The two preschool rooms were bright and well laid out with various play materials on open, low level shelving units. Designated areas of interest were available. A separate sensory room was also available.

(1)(b) Adequate and suitable rest facilities were available for preschool children to rest during the day in the room if required.

(2)(a) The service has a secured outdoor play area on the grounds. The area has an artificial grass surface and suitable play equipment will be available.

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.

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Requirement met:	<p>The requirement has been met.</p> <p>Facilities for storing perishable foods were available in the service. The registered provider stated that snacks/meal are provided by the service each day. A snack table will be available. Parents are also welcome to provide lunch for their children if they choose. The registered provider stated drinking water will be available in both care rooms and milk and water will be offered at snack and mealtime.</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:	<p>The requirement has been met.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The entrance to the service was adequately secure to ensure the safety of the children within and to avoid unauthorised persons accessing the service or children exiting unsupervised. • Facilities were available for the safe and secure storage of cleaning agents and equipment. • Protective radiator covers have been provided where required. • There was provision for the appropriate storage and disposal of waste including foot pedal operated bins in the care room and the attached sanitary area. • The kitchen area was inaccessible. • Emergency exits were unobstructed. • The outdoor play areas were appropriately secured. • The sanitary accommodation was suitably equipped with thermostatically controlled warm water, liquid soap, and paper towels to facilitate handwashing.
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- A system was in place to record cleaning.

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) Certification was available to evidence that a person trained in first aid was available to the children at all times in the service.
- (2) (a), (b) Suitably equipped first aid boxes were available in the service and stored in conspicuous locations.

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)

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- (a) The person in charge indicated that fire drills take place monthly in the service and appropriate documentation was in place to record them.
- (b) There was a record available to indicate the number, type and maintenance of the firefighting equipment and smoke alarms in the service. These were dated the 03 September 2025 and the 16 September 2025.
- (4) A notice of the procedure to be followed in the event of a fire was displayed in the premises.

Part VI – Safety

Regulation 28 – Insurance

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

Requirement met:

There was evidence of insurance cover for part-time day care for 22 children. This certificate is valid from 29 August 2025 until the 27 March 2026.

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 proposed service is located at ground level in a purposefully adapted unit on the ground floor of a two storey premises and appears to be of sound and stable structure.
- (b) The main entrance to the service was appropriately safe and secure on the day of inspection. The outdoor areas were secured to prevent a child exiting the area unsupervised and prevent unauthorised access.

- (c) The two preschool rooms benefited from natural light via openable windows which also provided adequate ventilation. There was a gas heating system in place and thermostatically controlled radiators were in place to heat the care rooms as required.
- (d) The registered provider reported a system was in place to record and maintain cleaning records.
- (e) Adequate and suitable sanitary facilities are available. There were two toilets and two wash hand basins designated for use by the children. A separate bathroom was available for staff members. A nappy changing unit was available in the sanitary area should it be required. Thermostatically controlled hot and cold water was available in the hand wash sinks.

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.*

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).*

(4) Where a registered provider contemporaneously provides—

- (c) a sessional pre-school service, and*

(d) 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)

Adequate clear floor space has been provided for the work, play and movement of children attending the service.

(2) The service is registered to accommodate 22 children. Adequate clear floor space is available to accommodate this number of children as detailed in the table.

Room Name	Space available m ²
Room 1	17.69 m ²
Room 2	33.0 m ²

(4)(a)(b) The provider demonstrated an awareness of the clear space requirements for each child according to these regulations.