

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances



Tusla I.D.: TU2020FL002

Name of Service Just Like Home

Address of Service: Unit 2 Block B, Post Office Road, Lusk, Co. Dublin
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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:	Change in the number of children accommodated from 23 full day care/25 sessional to 43 full day care.
Proposed Number of Children:	43
Recommended Change Following Inspection:	43
Registered change:	Change in Number of Children from 25(Max 23 Full Day) to 43 Full Day Children

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Inspection undertaken by: AM Coyle & Y Kelly

Title: Early Years Inspectors

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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, Part-Time & Sessional Service for 43 Children
Date of Registration	26 th February 2025

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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).

Description of Service	Just Like Home is an early years' service located in Lusk, Co Dublin and is registered to accommodate pre-school children from 1 to 6 years of age on a sessional, part-time and full day care basis. The service is registered to operate from 7.15am to 6pm each weekday, with eligible pre-school children facilitated to participate in the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) scheme from 9.00am – 12.00pm daily for 38 weeks annually. The registered provider proposes to increase the number of children attending the service from 25 to 43.
Premises	The service is located in a ground floor converted commercial property with 3 care rooms in operation, namely the Wobbler room, the Toddler room and the Preschool room. An outdoor play area is located to the rear of the service.
Staffing	A service manager is employed in the service to manage the day-to-day operational coordinate the day-to-day operational management of the service, six further staff members are employed in the service.
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 Inspectors wish to acknowledge the cooperation of the registered provider and person in charge who were present on the day of the inspection.

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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:

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

The service manager is the designated person in charge on a daily basis and a named person is available to deputise as 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 registered provider is aware of the minimum ratio of adults to children specified in Part 2 of Schedule 6 and would ensure that an adequate number of adults would at all times work directly with the children 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 or

Requirement met:

The requirement has been met.

(1)(a) The 3 care rooms were resourced with a broad range of play materials and equipment to facilitate children to initiate and sustain meaningful play activities. Interest areas were clearly defined and included well-resourced home corners, shop areas, libraries, construction areas and arts and crafts areas. The play materials were stored at an accessible level to the pre-school children. A secure outdoor area is located to the side of the service.

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(b) Rest areas were available in the care rooms with mats, child sized couches cushions provided to enable a child to rest and take a break from activities throughout the day if required. Ten standard cots are provided in the services sleep room in addition to 1 appropriate floor bed for a child aged less than 2 years to sleep in. Stackable beds were available for pre-school children aged over 2 years of age who require to sleep in the service.

(3)(a) The service has an outdoor play space to the side of the service which was fully enclosed by fencing. The outdoor play area was observed to be suitable and secure, and no safety hazards were noted on the day of inspection.

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 3-week menu is available in the service. The service provides all meals and snacks attending on a full day care basis, dinner is provided from an outside catering company which is reheated and served in the service.

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.
There are no hazards observed by the inspectors that would impact the health, safety or welfare of the children attending the service. Appropriate measures have been undertaken in the service to ensure the safety of the children.

- The external doors, windows and side gate were appropriately secured to prevent children from exiting the service unsupervised and to restrict unauthorised persons from gaining access to the service.
- The windows in the care rooms were fitted with restrictive opening devices.
- All furniture and equipment were clean and in good condition and suitable for use by the proposed age groups.
- The heating system for the service was thermostatically controlled and the radiators were wall mounted at a high level and therefore inaccessible to the children.

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- Thermostatically controlled running water was available at the wash hand basins in the service.

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) There are two staff members in the service who hold in-date first aid response (FAR) training.

(2)(a)(b) First aid boxes were suitably equipped and stored in readily accessible and conspicuous positions in the care rooms, available at all times for the children if necessary.

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 which would be used to record fire drills that would take place monthly at the service. The last fire drill took place on the 20/01/2025.

(b) A record is maintained of the number, type and maintenance of the firefighting equipment and smoke detection system in the service. The firefighting equipment is certified as having been serviced on 06/02/2025 and the smoke alarm was installed on the 17/01/2025.

(4) Notices of the procedures to be followed in the event of a fire are displayed in the care rooms in the service.

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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.
An insurance certificate is available which shows that there is insurance cover in place for up to 55 pre-school children attending the service on a full day care basis, valid until 27/03/2025.

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 is a recently constructed purpose-built childcare facility which appears to be in good condition throughout.

(b) The premises appears safe and was found to be appropriately secured to prevent the children from exiting unsupervised and to restrict unauthorised persons from gaining access to the early years' service. A call bell system is in place at the front door with a camera provided in each care room to enable the staff to facilitate entry to the service. The side entrance leading to the rear of the service is fitted with a gate which is secured.

(c)

Lighting:

The premises is adequately lit by means of natural lighting supplemented by artificial lighting.

Heating:

The premises is heated by a gas fired central heating system. The ambient temperatures of the care rooms and the sanitary accommodation were within the optimum care room temperature range of 18-22°C on the day of inspection. The registered provider was aware of the safe sleep ambient temperature range of 16-20°C.

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	<p><u>Ventilation:</u> Ventilation in the care rooms is provided by means of openable windows and trickle vents. The internal sanitary accommodation and nappy changing areas are fitted with a combination of openable windows and mechanical ventilation units.</p> <p>(d) The premises is in a clean condition and in a good state of repair.</p> <p>(e) Adequate and suitable sanitary accommodation including nappy changing facilities are available in the service.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the Wobbler room, two nappy changing areas and two wash hand basins are provided in the sanitary accommodation located between the Wobbler room and the Toddler room. • In the Toddler room, one toilet, one nappy changing area and two wash hand basins are provided in the sanitary accommodation adjacent to the care room, a sink is available in the care room. • In the Preschool room, two toilets and two wash hand basins are provided in the sanitary accommodation on the hallway adjacent to the care room. A sink is available in the care room. • Two staff toilets are provided in the service.
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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.*

Requirement met:	<p>(1) The requirement has been met. There is adequate clear floor space available for the children.</p> <p>(2) The clear floor space of the Wobbler room was 32.09m² which provides sufficient space for 10 children between the age of 1-2 years to be cared for in this room on a full day care basis.</p> <p>The clear floor space of the Toddler room measured 47.83 m² which provides sufficient space for 18 children between the age of 2-3 years to be cared for in this room on a full day care basis.</p>
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The clear floor space of the Preschool room measured 48 m² which provides sufficient space for 15 children between the age of 3-5 years to be cared for in this room on a full day care basis.