

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances

Tusla I.D.: TU2020KE002

Name of Service Brilliant Beginnings Creche and Pre-School

Address of Service: Block B, Willow Court, Primrose Gate, Celbridge, Co. Kildare
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Name of Registered Provider: Lorna Murphy

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:

- The service proposes to open a fourth pre-school room and thereby increase the numbers of children attending from 39 – 48.

Proposed Number of Children: 48

Recommended Change Following Inspection: To increase the numbers attending to 48.

Registered change: Change in Number of Children that can be accommodated from 39 to 48 Children

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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 48 children
Date of Registration	2 nd August 2024

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	<p>Brilliant Beginnings Crèche and Preschool provides full day, part time and sessional care and education to pre-school children aged one to six years. School age care is provided also.</p> <p>The service operates revised hours from 7.00am – 18.30 hours Monday to Friday.</p>
Premises	<p>The Early Years' Service is based in a purpose-built building, located in a residential development on the outskirts of Celbridge. Three pre-school rooms, one sleep room, a nappy changing area, a staff room, an office, a kitchen, laundry facilities and a secure outdoor play area are located on the premises. Set down and parking facilities are available outside the premises.</p>
Staffing	<p>The registered provider was not present. The deputy manager facilitated the inspection. Seven adults were present on the day of the inspection.</p> <p>All adults employed and working directly with pre-school children had a major award in Early Childhood Care and Education at level 5 or higher on the National Framework of Qualifications.</p>
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</p>

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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	<p>The Inspector wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the 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:

The requirement has been met.

(1)(a)The registered provider is the designated a person in charge and there is a named person 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 is met.

(1) The registered provider has ensured that there will be at all times an adequate number of adults working directly with the children attending the pre-school service including the additional 9 children.

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 is met.

(1)

(a) The pre-school room had suitable play materials and equipment displayed on low level shelving and accessible to the children. A sufficient and appropriate number of child-size tables and chairs to cater for the proposed number of children was available. There were seventeen low level beds available for children aged 2 years and above requiring sleep. Two floor beds were available for children aged under 2 years requiring sleep.

(b) The rest area consisted of soft furnishings which was comfortably arranged and presented. It was available in the preschool room for any child wishing to take a break from activities and to rest.

(2)(b) The outside play area was safe, suitable and secure. It was enclosed by a boundary fence and a secured entrance gate.

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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 is met.

The service has a healthy eating policy in place.

There was a four-week menu in place.

An outside caterer provides lunch and tea which is refrigerated and then reheated in the service. Children’s dietary needs are catered for.

The service provides the snacks for the children. Water is freely available to the children at all times.

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 is met.

Access to the pre-school room is through the main entrance to the service which is electronically secured and is controlled by staff members. The door to the premises is secured to prevent children from exiting unsupervised.

Cleaning agents are safely stored out of the reach of children.

There is storage space in the pre-school room to store the children’s personal belongings safely.

Thermostatically controlled hot water, liquid hand soap, paper hand towels are available in the sanitary areas for hygienic hand washing and drying and foot pedal operated bins for hygienic and safe disposal of used paper towel and tissues are available.

Nappy changing facilities are available.

The fire exits were clearly marked and unobstructed.

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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 is met.

- (1) Current certification in relation to persons qualified in First Aid Response (FAR) was available for eight staff members that are working in the service.
- (2)(a)(b) Suitably equipped first aid boxes are available and accessible 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 is met.

- (1)
- (a) Documentation was available for recording monthly fire drills. The most recent fire drill was conducted on 25 July 2024.
- (b) There were maintenance records available of the number, type and maintenance of firefighting equipment and the smoke alarm, which were June 2024 and 31 May 2024, respectively.
- (4) A notice of the procedures to be followed in the event of fire was clearly displayed on 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 is met.

An insurance certificate 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.

The registered provider had evidence of quotation for insurance cover for 48 children.

The insurance cover was valid from 26 August 2024 – 27 March 2024.

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 is met.

(a) Visually, the proposed pre-school room and premises were in a state of good repair.

(b) The pre-school room was located in the premises and was secured from unauthorised entry by an electronically secured main door which was controlled by staff members.

(c) There was one openable window in the proposed pre-school room providing natural daylight and ventilation.

Six recessed square ceiling lights with protective covers were in place to provide additional artificial lighting were fitted also.

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	<p>The sanitary area was ventilated by one openable window which was observed to be open.</p> <p>A mechanical ventilation system was present in the nappy change area to ensure that the air is circulated in this enclosed space.</p> <p>Air conditioning units were present in each pre-school room to manage the environmental temperature.</p> <p>(d) Daily cleaning schedules were in place for the pre-school room and sanitary areas.</p> <p>(e) A total of four toilets and five wash hand basins were provided for children's use in the designated sanitary area in the service</p> <p>One nappy change unit and one wash hand basin in the nappy change area was available for any children requiring nappy changing.</p> <p>This was adequate to cover the requirements of the total number of children attending the service including the proposed pre-school room.</p> <p>There is one toilet and one wash hand basin facility available for eight staff members to use in the service.</p>
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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>The requirement has been met.</p> <p>(1) (2)</p> <p>A total clear floor space of 19.18 m² is available in the proposed pre-school room for the maximum daily attendance of 9 pre-school children ranging in age from 2 years 8 months -6 years attending for the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE)</p>
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	Scheme or 8 children ranging in age from 2-6 years on a full day care or part-time basis.
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