

# 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 Preschool

**Address of Service:** Block B, Willow Court, Primrose Gate, Celbridge, Kildare, W23 A2Y6

**Email Address:** lornamm2014@gmail.com

**Name of Registered Provider:** Lorna Murphy

<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 type="checkbox"/>
	<b>Drop-In</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Childminding</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Temporary</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Proposed change:** Change in number of children service can accommodate from 48 to 54 (existing rooms).  
Addition of a morning session in existing school age children room.

**Proposed Number of Children:** 54

**Recommended Change Following Inspection:** Change in number of children service can accommodate from 48 to 52.  
Addition of a morning session in Sessional care room.

**Registered change:** Change in number of children service can accommodate from 48 to 52.  
Addition of a morning session in Sessional care room.

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**Inspection undertaken by:** R. Brien

**Title:** Early Years Inspector

**Tusla Early Years Inspectorate Address:** Early Years Inspectorate, Suite 7, Vista Primary Care, Ballymore Eustace Rd, Naas, Co Kildare.

**Rationale for Inspection:**  
**Proposed Change of Circumstance**

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

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<b>Registration Status:</b>	<b>Registered Full Day, Part-Time &amp; Sessional Service for 52 Children</b>
<b>Date of Registration</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup> August 2025</b>

### 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>	Brilliant Beginnings Creche and Preschool is registered to provide full day, part time and sessional care to children aged 1 - 6 years. The service operates from 07:00 to 18:30, Monday to Friday. School age care is also provided.
<b>Premises</b>	The service operates from a purpose-built premises, located in a residential development on the outskirts of Celbridge. There are four care rooms, a staff room, an office, a kitchen, sanitary facilities and a secure outdoor play area on the premises. Set down and parking facilities are available outside the premises.
<b>Staffing</b>	The service employs 12 adults who work directly with the children including the registered provider.
<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>	The inspector wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the registered provider, staff and children 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 has a designated person in charge and 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:

(1)

The requirement has been met.

The registered provider proposes to provide an additional morning sessional service in the existing school aged childcare room.

Twelve adults are currently employed to work directly with children. The registered provider demonstrated an awareness of the minimum staffing requirements required for full day, part time and sessional services.

### 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—

(a) of a full day care service, a part-time day care service, a sessional preschool service or a childminding service that is registered for the first time 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)

The care room is fully equipped with a range of play materials and equipment suitable to the age and stage of the children attending. Low level furniture and shelving are

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available containing materials for manipulative, creative, sensory and imaginative play. These include designated interest areas including a home corner, library area, art and construction areas all accessible to the children at their level.

(b)

The care room has a suitable rest area available which contains soft matting, seating and cushions where children can rest or take a break from activities. Low level beds are available for children attending who may require sleep or rest.

(2)(a)

There is an outdoor area provided on the premises with artificial grass surfacing. Suitable play equipment and materials are available including slides, sand trays, wheeled toys and gross motor play materials.

The area is fully enclosed and secured to prevent unauthorised entry or a child leaving unsupervised. The outdoor area was well maintained, and no hazards were observed.

### 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.

Perishable foods will be stored in the refrigerator. Drinking water is available on the premises. A healthy eating policy is in place.

Children attending on a sessional basis will bring in their lunch from home. The registered provider confirmed that alternative meals and snacks are available if required and that additional snacks are available outside of scheduled mealtimes.

### 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 external door is secured to prevent children from exiting the service unsupervised and to restrict unauthorised persons from gaining access to the service. The gate in the outdoor area is suitably secured.
- There are no loose cables or cords that could pose a risk of injury.
- An infection control policy is in place to inform practice.
- Cleaning schedules are in place.
- There is provision for the appropriate disposal and storage of waste including the provision of foot pedal operated bins in the sanitary area and in the care room.
- Cleaning materials are stored safely.

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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 has been met.

(1)

Current certification for staff qualified in First Aid Responder (FAR) was available.

(2)(a)(b)

A suitably equipped first aid box is located in the office adjacent to the care room. It is clearly identifiable and easily accessible.

### 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)(a)

The registered provider has indicated that fire drills will be carried out on a monthly basis.

(b)

There is a record available relating to the number, type and maintenance of firefighting equipment and for the fire detection and alarm system.

(4)

The notice of the procedures to be followed in the event of fire was displayed conspicuously in the care room and the fire assembly point was identified.

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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.

Evidence of insurance for the required number of children was available. The registered provider must ensure that adequate insurance is in place prior to the commencement of the service. Registration of the service is contingent on the registered provider's 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 care room is located in a purpose-built premises. The registered provider confirmed that the premises is of sound and stable structure.

(b)

The registered provider has taken appropriate measures to safeguard the premises. The external door was locked to prevent unauthorised access or a child leaving unsupervised.

(c)

The care room was adequately lit, heated and ventilated. There was natural lighting in the care room with artificial lighting available as required. The window can be opened to provide natural ventilation. An air conditioning unit was present in the care room to manage the environmental temperature, and the temperature was maintained between 18-22°C.

The sanitary area was ventilated by one openable window which was observed to be open. A mechanical ventilation system was present in the nappy change area to ensure that the air is circulated in this enclosed space.

(d)

The premises and surrounding environment were clean and maintained as required. A cleaning schedule was in place and cleaning equipment was available in the care room.

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	(e) Adequate and suitable sanitary facilities have been provided. There were five toilets and five wash hand basins for children's use and two toilets and wash hand basins available for adults. Two nappy change units were available for any children requiring nappy changing. Thermostatically controlled hot and cold water was available in hand wash sinks.
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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.
- (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.

#### Requirement met:

The requirement has been met.

(1)(2)(3)

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

A total clear floor space of 20.6m<sup>2</sup> is available in the proposed Sessional care room for the maximum daily attendance of 11 preschool children ranging in age from 2 years 8 months – 6 years on a sessional basis.

There was sufficient clear floor space to accommodate 52 children in respect of their age range.

Room Name	Number of children and type of service	Proposed age of children	Space available m <sup>2</sup>
Playgroup	12 full day Care	1-3 years	32.2m <sup>2</sup>
Junior ECCE	12 full day care	2-3 years	28.3m <sup>2</sup>
Senior ECCE	17 full day care	3-6 years	40.1m <sup>2</sup>
Sessional	11 sessional	2-6 years	20.6m <sup>2</sup>