

# TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

## Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances

**Tusla I.D:** TU2020MN001

**Name of Service** Little Wonders

**Address of Service:** Unit 5 York Street, Castleblaney, Co. Monaghan

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

**Name of Registered Provider:** Ms. Clare Callan

<b>Type of Proposed Service:</b>	<b>Full Day Care</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Part-Time</b>	<input 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"/>

<b>Proposed change:</b>	It is proposed to increase the number of children being catered for from 28 to 64. To facilitate this increase in numbers it is proposed to open a new ECCE Preschool Room to the front of the building; move the existing ASD unit into a new room at the back of the building and use the existing ASD room as a Pre ECCE room.
<b>Proposed Number of Children:</b>	64
<b>Recommended Change Following Inspection:</b>	64 children
<b>Registered change:</b>	Change in number of children that can be accommodated from 28 to 64

<b>Date of Inspection:</b>	1	4	0	3	2	0	2	3
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**Inspection undertaken by:** S.Skinnader Early Years Inspector  
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**Tusla Early Years Inspectorate Address:** No.18 The Grange, Plantation Walk, Monaghan

### Rationale for Inspection: Proposed Change of Circumstance

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

<b>Registration Status:</b>	Registered Full Day Care Service for 64 Children
<b>Date of Registration</b>	29 <sup>th</sup> June 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>Little Wonders is a full day care service. This privately run service currently caters for a maximum of 28 pre-school children aged 2 - 6 years of age.</p> <p>The service participates in the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) scheme each weekday.</p>
<b>Premises</b>	<p>This service is in a converted industrial unit in the town of Castleblaney. The children will have access to the existing outdoor area for outdoor play to the rear of the building. Street parking is available for drop offs and pick-ups. There are currently 2 rooms in operation - the ECCE Preschool Room and the ASD Room. Additionally, there is sanitary accommodation, nappy changing area, office area, designated sleep area and a kitchen.</p>
<b>Staffing</b>	<p>It is proposed that 2 staff members will work in the new ECCE room and the 4 staff members will move with the children into the new ASD room. Two additional staff will be employed in the Pre ECCE Room.</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 Inspectors wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the registered provider who was 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:

(1)(a) The requirement has been met. The service has a designated person in charge and a named deputy.

### 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 person in charge states that 2 adults will be working directly with the proposed 22 pre-school children in the new ECCE care room; 4 adults with the 6 children in the ASD room; and 2 adults with the proposed 12 children in the new Pre-ECCE room. The requirement of this regulation has been met.

### 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) 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 requirements of this regulation have been met.

(1)(a) Adequate and suitable facilities have been provided for children to play indoors and outdoors during the day. Toys and equipment have been bought, in addition to equipment already available and includes age-appropriate tables and chairs for the new ECCE Room. The toys and equipment from the current ASD Room are being moved to the new ASD Room.

(b) Daybeds are available for the existing sleep room should a child require to sleep. Parents will supply bed linen. There is a cosy area with plastic covered matting in the new ECCE Room.

(2)(a) The requirement has been met. There is an outdoor area which is safe and secure, to the rear of the premises. The registered provider proposes to have a schedule of times for the different rooms to access the outdoor area.

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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 has been met.  
Breakfast consisting of cereal and toast is provided by the service should a child require breakfast. The morning snack will be provided by the parents. A hot dinner supplied by an external caterer and reheated in the service will be provided. A fridge is available for safe storage of lunches. The children will have access to potable drinking water and their own drinks.

### 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 entrance is controlled by a locked system and is inaccessible to the children. Emergency exits are unobstructed. All storage areas have been made inaccessible to pre-school children. All medications will be stored in the kitchen fridge out of reach of the children. Cleaning supplies are stored on a high shelf out of the reach of the children.

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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.

<b>Requirement met:</b>	The requirement has been partially met. (2)(a)&(b) A new suitably stocked first aid box was provided in the service and will be available at all times.
<b>Requirement not met:</b>	(1) The registered provider has not ensured that there is always an adult with up to date FAR training on the premises. One adult is trained in FAR however, this person was not working in the service on the first day of inspection.
<b>Response from Provider:</b>	(1) One staff member has been trained – final completion date 21/06/23.
<b>Summary Comment:</b>	The registered provider has provided evidence to demonstrate that an additional staff member is trained in FAR. The requirements have been met.

### 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 firefighting 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.

<b>Requirement met:</b>	The requirement has been met. (1) (a) There was a log in place to record any fire drills that will take place. (b) There was a written record of the number type and maintenance record of firefighting equipment and smoke alarms in the premises dated the 2/2/23. (4) There was a notice of procedures to be followed in the event of a fire displayed in either room.
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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:

**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 has been partially met.

(a)The premises on visual inspection appears to be structurally sound.

(b)The service is safe and secure with a buzzer entry system at the front door and a keypad operated lock on the door of the ASD Room. The current outdoor area to the rear of the building is walled and secured.

(c)

Lighting: In the 3 care rooms and sanitary accommodation adequate lighting is provided by means of natural light and supplemented with covered fluorescent lights. There is a fluorescent light in the new sanitary accommodation.

Heating: The room temperatures in the care rooms was adequate and comfortable on the day of inspection. Heating was by means of electric wall mounted heaters heating and all radiators in the playrooms were thermostatically controlled to ensure the radiator surface temperatures do not exceed 50 °C. Surface temperatures on the day were up to 36.6 - 48 °C.

Ventilation: The care rooms were adequately ventilated by means of openable windows and wall vents.

(d) The premises, toys and equipment were in a clean condition and in good repair with the exception of the non-compliances below. Cleaning schedules were available.

(e)There was a continuous supply of thermostatically controlled running water, a supply of liquid soap and paper towels in the existing toilets.

#### Requirement not met:

(d) In the new ECCE Preschool Room (front right)

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. There were accumulations of dust, cobwebs and dirt particles at skirtings, windows and woodwork.</li> <li>2. Window boards were protruding and there was a gap at the wall.</li> <li>3. The metal in the plaster at the wall corners were exposed and plaster was chipped and therefore in a state of disrepair.</li> <li>4. Painting in the room was not completed.</li> <li>5. Raw wood shelving was not sealed.</li> <li>6. One of the protective light fitting covers was loose and not secured to the light fitting.</li> <li>7. The hole in the ceiling was not filled completely and finished.</li> <li>8. In the new sanitary accommodation off the existing Preschool Room there was no backsplash on the wall behind the sink.</li> <li>9. Additionally, the doors, toilet partition, skirting, platform and pipe cover all in this sanitary accommodation required painting.</li> </ol> <p><b>In the new ASD Room (back right)</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10. The pedal operated bin in the care room was not working.</li> <li>11. In the new sanitary accommodation attached to the new ASD Room there was no skirting or architrave in the lobby area.</li> </ol> <p>(e)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12. There was an inadequate number of functioning toilets available for the increase in number of children and adults proposed by this change in circumstances. There were 6 toilets however, the toilet in the sanitary accommodation off the new ASD room was not working.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Response from Provider:</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Deep clean in the new ECCE room.</li> <li>2. Window board sanded and gap filled.</li> <li>3. Metal repaired and PVC trimmings added.</li> <li>4. Room has been re-painted.</li> <li>5. Shelving has been varnished.</li> <li>6. Light fitting replaced.</li> <li>7. The hole in the wall has been filled.</li> <li>8. Backsplash has been added.</li> <li>9. All the new areas in the sanitary accommodation have been painted.</li> <li>10. New bin in ASD room.</li> <li>11. Skirting and architrave fitted and painted in lobby.</li> </ol> <p>(e)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12. New toilet flusher added.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Summary Comment:</b></p>	<p>Photographic evidence reviewed and the registered providers responses are accepted. The requirements of Regulation 29 have been met.</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:

The requirement of the regulation has been met.

- In the new ECCE Preschool Room to the front there is 43m<sup>2</sup> which is adequate for 22 children.
- In the new ASD Room to the back there is 23m<sup>2</sup> available in the care room with is adequate for the proposed 6 preschool children to be cared for in this room.
- In the proposed Pre ECCE Room (existing ASD Room) there is 32m<sup>2</sup> available which is adequate for the proposed 12 preschool child to be cared for in this room.