

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances



Tusla I.D.: TU2021OY001

Name of Service Rainbows and Butterflies Early Learning Centre

Address of Service: Garran An Chaislain, 43 Heather Grove, Clara, Co. Offaly, R35 X953

Email Address: kellykatelynn1@gmail.com

Name of Registered Provider: Katelynn Kelly

Type of Proposed Service:	Full Day Care	<input type="checkbox"/>	Part-Time	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sessional	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Drop-In	<input type="checkbox"/>	Childminding	<input type="checkbox"/>	Temporary	<input type="checkbox"/>

Proposed change: Additional sessional session accommodating 22 children.
Change in hours of operation.
Change in Registered Provider.
Change of Person in Charge.
Change in telephone number of service and email of service.

Proposed Number of Children: 22 in the Morning and Afternoon session

Recommended Change Following Inspection: 21 children to be accommodated in the Morning and Afternoon sessional session.
Change in hours of operation 09:30 to 12:30 and 13:00 to 16:00.
Change in Registered Provider to Katelynn Kelly.
Change of Person in Charge Katelynn Kelly.
Change in telephone number of service to 085 1554115.
Change in email of service to kellykatelynn1@gmail.com

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Registered change:	<p>Change in number of children from 22 to 21 in am and pm sessions.</p> <p>Change in hours of operation from 09:30 – 13:00 to 09:30 to 12:30 and 13:00 to 16:00.</p> <p>Change in registered provider to Katelynn Kelly.</p> <p>Change in person in charge to Katelynn Kelly.</p> <p>Change in telephone number of service to 085 1554115.</p> <p>Change in service email to kellykatelynn1@gmail.com</p>
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Inspection undertaken by:	Caroline O' Connor Hughes
Title:	Early Years inspector

Tusla Early Years Inspectorate Address:	Tusla, Child and Family Agency
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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 sessional service with 21 children in morning and afternoons sessions.
Date of Registration	10.09.2025

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).

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Description of Service	This service is seeking registration for the purpose of providing a sessional service for 22 children. The service will be participating in the Early Childhood Care and Education Scheme (ECCE). The service is proposing to operate from 09:30 to 12:30 and 13:00 to 16:00 on a Monday to Friday basis.
Premises	The premises is located within a single storey building and consists of two rooms, a pre-school room, staff room, sanitary accommodation and a kitchen. An outdoor play area is located to the rear of the premises. On-site parking and set down facilities are available. The service is urban in its location in a community centre managed by Respond in Clara, Co. Offaly.
Staffing	The service will be staffed by the proposed registered provider and an adult qualified in Early Childhood Care and Education on the National Framework of Qualifications.
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 Inspector wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the registered provider, who was 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:

The requirement has been met.

The early years' service has a named designated person in charge with another named staff member who can deputise as required.

Part III - Management and Staff

Regulation 11 -Staffing Levels

(1) (a) 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.

An adequate number of adults will work directly with the children. The service can accommodate twenty-one children on a sessional basis with two adults working directly with the children at all times.

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.

(4) Where outdoor space to which the pre-school children attending the service have access is provided on the premises of a sessional pre-school service other than such a service to which paragraph (2) applies, a temporary pre-school service or a pre-school service in a drop-in centre, the registered provider shall ensure that such outdoor space is suitable, safe and secure.

Requirement met:

The requirement has been met.

(1)(a)

Suitable and adequate play and work equipment are provided for children both indoors and outdoors which incorporate creative, manipulative, imaginative and sensory play. A home area, construction area, hair salon, farm area and a calm corner are available for the children.

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	<p>(b) Suitable and adequate rest facilities are available in the pre-school room.</p> <p>(2)(a) An outdoor play area is attached to the rear of the service which can be accessed directly from the pre-school room. The outdoor play area consists of a grass and cement surface and equipped with age and stage appropriate play equipment and materials. A wooden structure with swings, a water play area, sand play area, a wooden boat are available for the children. A shed is available to store toys and equipment. A high-level concrete wall secures the perimeter of the outdoor play area.</p> <p>(4) The outdoor play area is safe and secure with high concrete walls and locked gates on both side of the outdoor play area.</p>
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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.

Parents and guardians will provide a morning snack for children attending the service on a sessional basis. A fridge is available for the storage of perishable goods.

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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:

The requirement has been met.

The proposed registered provider stated the gate leading to the service will be secured and the entrance door to the early years' service will be locked during the hours of operation to prevent unauthorised access.

The kitchen is secure and not accessible to children.

Safety checklists and cleaning schedules are available for use in the service.

The emergency exit doors are unobstructed.

A designated fire assembly point is located to the front of the premises.

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)
An adult qualified in First Aid for children (FAR) is available for the duration of the operational hours in the service.

(2)(a)

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A stocked first aid box is available in the service.

(b)

A first aid box is available to adults caring for children.

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)

A fire register was available for monthly fire drills to be conducted in the service.

(b)

A fire detection system was noted in the entrance of the service. The maintenance certificate was available and dated February 2025. The fire extinguishers maintenance certificate was dated March 2025.

(4)

A notice of the procedure to be following in the event of a fire was displayed in a conspicuous position in 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 has been 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 met.

(a)

The premises is a single storey building and visually appear to be of sound and stable structure.

(b)

The entrance to the premises was secured by a gate. A doorbell was noted at the front door. The proposed registered provider stated staff would collect children from the front door on arrival and escort them to the pre-school room.

(c)

Openable windows provide both natural light and ventilation in the pre-school room. Wall vents were in place. The light fittings were covered and fully operational to provide adequate artificial light to the rooms and sanitary accommodation.

An air to water system was in operation. In the proposed occupied pre-school room, an environmental temperature of approximately 19.1 degrees Celsius was noted.

The premises is serviced by the public drainage system and the public water supply.

(d)

The floors and the walls were in good repair with Linoleum floor covering in the pre-school room.

The proposed registered provider stated she will remove waste and dispose of on a daily basis.

(e)

Suitable sanitary accommodation consisting of two water closets and two wash hand basins are available for children's use. A separate staff toilet is available. The temperature of the water recorded at the wash hand basins was 38 degrees Celsius.

A nappy changing area in the sanitary accommodation is located off the pre-school room.

The sanitary accommodation was ventilated by means of natural ventilation.

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	The sanitary accommodation was stocked with a sufficient supply of liquid soap and paper hand towel.
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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 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:	<p>The requirement has been met.</p> <p>(1) Sufficient space was available as the pre-school room measured approximately 39 m2 and would accommodate the proposed 21 children.</p> <p>(3) A minimum of 1.818 square metres for each of the 21 proposed children attending on a sessional basis is available in the pre-school service.</p>
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