

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances



Tusla I.D.:	TU2021WW003							
Name of Service	Ray of Sunshine Morning and Afterschool							
Address of Service:	Block 32, Hazel Brook Rise, Rathnew, Co. Wicklow A67 X39							
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Name of Registered Provider:	Amanda Spiteri							
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:	Increase the number of children from 32 to 57 in one extra room.							
Proposed Number of Children:	57							
Recommended Change Following Inspection:	To allow an increase of children attending the service to 54							
Registered change:	Change in Number of Children from 32 to 54 children							
Date of Inspection:	2	9	1	0	2	0	2	4
Inspection undertaken by:	H. Bourke							
Title:	Early Years Inspector							
Tusla Early Years Inspectorate Address:	Tusla Child and Family Agency							
	First Floor Trinity Building, IDA Business Park, Southern Cross Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow							
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 54 Children							
Date of Registration	15 th November 2024							

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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	<p>Ray of Sunshine Morning and Afterschool opened in September 2021. The service is registered to provide care and education for children aged between 1 years and 6 years of age, on a sessional, part-time and full-time basis. The hours of operation are from 07.00am to 07.00pm Monday to Friday and the service participates in the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) scheme for 38 weeks of the year. The pre-school is located over two floors of a two-storey building, which has been modified to accommodate a childcare service.</p>
Premises	<p>There are currently two pre-school rooms located in the service, the first, the Creche is located on the ground floor with its own sanitary accommodation and nappy changing area. In addition, on the ground floor, there is a kitchen and staff office and a separate sleep room. On the second floor there is an existing pre-school room, also with its own sanitary accommodation. There is a large, enclosed outdoor area to the rear of the premises. The service no longer provides afterschool care.</p>
Staffing	<p>There were nine staff members present on the day of inspection, this does not include the registered provider, who does not work directly with the children attending the service.</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 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</p>

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	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.
Acknowledgements	The Inspector wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the person in charge, staff and children who were present on the day of the inspection.

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 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:

The requirement has been met.

(1)

The service proposes to accommodate 57 children on a sessional, part time and full-time basis with an adequate number of adults working directly with the children at all times. There will be eight staff members employed 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:

This requirement has been met.

(1)(a)

The proposed new pre-school room was bright and spacious and well laid out to cater for the age range of children who will be attending the room.

(b)

There were several cosy areas in the proposed new pre-school room. In addition, there is a sleep room with seven standard cots and five stackable beds, at present, for the proposed children to use. Additional cots and beds will be purchased if required. These beds have been provided for children over two years of age.

(3)(a)

The outdoor space consists of a large, grassed surface area. There were no ponds, pits or other hazards observed in the outdoor area. There was an assortment of suitable toys available for all proposed age groups attending the pre-school.

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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 will be requested to provide all snacks and lunches for their child attending on a sessional, parttime and fulltime basis. All snacks and lunches must be in line with the health eating policy of the service. Refrigerated storage facilities are available for perishable lunches. The staff will heat food required for children availing of parttime and full day care services. Portable water is available for children. If a child requires additional food the onsite kitchen will provide a healthy snack as needed.

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 manager stated the front door is locked at all times, ensuring children cannot leave the service unsupervised and unauthorised access to the service cannot occur.
- The emergency exit doors were unobstructed.
- Storage is available for children’s belongings.
- Cleaning materials and equipment are locked in a utility cupboard within the proposed new room.
- The kitchen is inaccessible to children.
- A fridge is available in the kitchen for the storage of food.
- A cleaning schedule for toys and equipment was available.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The sanitary accommodations were well stocked with a sufficient supply of liquid soap and paper hand towel. The water temperature was recorded at 40°C. Foot pedal bins were available in both sanitary areas, for the safe disposal of used paper towels. The proposed pre-school room sanitary accommodations are ventilated by openable windows and mechanical ventilation.
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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)

The manager and additional staff members have a current certification in FAR first aid for children.

(2)(a)

A suitably equipped first aid box was available in the proposed pre-school room. It was clearly identifiable and readily accessible.

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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.

Requirement met:

The requirement has been met

(1)(a)

The manager has indicated that fire drills will continue to be carried out in all pre-school rooms when the new room is fully operational.

(b)

There was a record available relating to the number and type of firefighting equipment and for the servicing of the fire detection and alarm system dated August 2024 and October 2024 respectively.

(4)

Notices of the procedures to be followed in the event of a fire were displayed in the proposed pre-school room and throughout the premises. 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.

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.

Full insurance was provided to the registration office. There was evidence of an insurance policy for 62 children in place which expires on the 27th of March 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 proposed pre-school room is located on 2nd floor of the existing premises and seems to be of a sound and stable structure.

(b)

The point of entry to the service is through the main door which is monitored by the manager and can be locked with a key from the inside. The outdoor area is secured with a high wooden fence and there is a padlocked gate at the point of entry to the

outdoor area to prevent a child leaving unsupervised and to prevent unauthorised access to the area.

(c)

The proposed pre-school room benefits from natural light via windows in the room. There is supplemental artificial lighting also provided from covered fluorescent ceiling lights. There is an air to water heating system in place which provides thermostatically control heat to the proposed pre-school room. Windows in the proposed pre-school room can be opened but have restrictors in place and there is a combination of mechanical and natural ventilation in the sanitary area.

(d)

A cleaning schedule was in place in the proposed pre-school room. The premises and surrounding environment were clean and well maintained.

(e)

The sanitary accommodation located within the proposed pre-school room, consists of two separate child-sized toilets and two wash hand basins. There are nappy changing facilities within the sanitary accommodation. Thermostatically controlled hot water was available in the children's sanitary area and the temperature of the water in the low sinks was 40°C.

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 has been met.

(1)

Adequate clear floor space has been provided for the work, play and movement of the number of children proposing to attend the new pre-school room as demonstrated below:

(2)

The clear floor space of the proposed new pre-school room measured 57.63 square metres allowing for a total of:

Twenty children in the 1–2-year age group on a sessional, part-time or fulltime basis and,

Twenty-two children in the 2–6-year age group on a sessional, part-time or fulltime basis.

The capacity of the age groups that can attend the new pre-school room is capped due to the sanitary facilities within the room.