

# TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

## Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances

<b>Tusla I.D.:</b>	TU2022FL001							
<b>Name of Service</b>	By Your Side Early Intervention Preschool							
<b>Address of Service:</b>	Mulhuddart Community Centre, Church Road, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15, D15 R2VF							
<b>Email Address:</b>	fatima-abbes@hotmail.com							
<b>Name of Registered Provider:</b>	Fatima Abbès							
<b>Type of Proposed Service:</b>	<b>Full Day Care</b>		<b>Part-Time</b>	✓	<b>Sessional</b>			
	<b>Drop-In</b>		<b>Childminding</b>		<b>Temporary</b>			
<b>Proposed change:</b>	Proposal to move the afternoon part-time service to a new room within the same building.							
<b>Proposed Number of Children:</b>	6							
<b>Recommended Change Following Inspection:</b>	To move the afternoon part-time service to a new room within the same building.							
<b>Registered change:</b>	Move afternoon part-time service to new room within the same building							
<b>Date of Inspection:</b>	0	5	0	1	2	0	2	6
<b>Inspection undertaken by:</b>	T. Nelson							
<b>Title:</b>	Early Years Inspector							
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**Rationale for Inspection:**  
**Proposed Change of Circumstance**

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

<b>Registration Status:</b>	<b>Registered Part-Time Service for 6 Children</b>
<b>Date of Registration</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup> January 2026</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>	By your Side Early Intervention Pre-school is a part-time service providing care and education to children who have a diagnosis with autism spectrum disorder. The service is located in a residential area of Dublin 15 and is currently registered to provide early childhood care and education to a maximum of 6 children aged 3 to 6 years old, Monday to Friday. The service operates two part-time sessions, from 9.00am to 1.00pm and 1.30pm to 5.30pm.
<b>Premises</b>	The proposed new care room service is in Mulhuddart Community Centre with sanitary facilities for children located directly off the room. Further sanitary facilities are available for staff within the centre. The service has access to an enclosed outdoor play area at the rear of the building.
<b>Staffing</b>	The registered provider employs up to two staff to care for the six children.
<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</p>

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	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.
<b>Acknowledgements</b>	The Inspector wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the person in charge who was 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.*

<b>Requirement met:</b>	The requirement is met.  (1)  (a) There is a designated person in charge and a person available to deputise as required.
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### 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.*

<b>Requirement met:</b>	The requirement is met.  (1) The registered provider will ensure that an adequate number of adults will work directly with the children attending the service. It is proposed that there will be 2 adults caring for up 6 children on a part-time basis.
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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 proposed new care room will provide adequate and suitable facilities for the part-time care of children in the 3 to 6 years age range to play indoors.

- There are defined areas of interest in the room.
- There is an adequate supply of toys and resources available to support a range of play experiences.
- Furniture in the room is suitable for the age and stage of development of the proposed children.
- Toys and equipment are stored on shelving and are visible and accessible to the children.

(b) There is a cosy area available in the care room where children can take a break from activities and rest.

(2)

(b) There is an outdoor play area accessed directly from the care room which is fully enclosed. A range of outdoor toys to facilitate physical play experiences for the proposed age range is available.

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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.

- Food will be provided by parents.
- There is a fridge in the care room which will provide adequate storage for perishable food.
- There is a healthy eating policy in place.
- Drinking water is available in the care room.

### 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.

The following are examples of the measures taken to safeguard children:

- The internal door in the care room is fitted with an alarm to sound when the door is opened restricting the movement of children within the premises.
- Tall storage units are secured to the wall.
- A risk assessment is available for the proposed indoor and outdoor play area identifying potential hazards.
- Cleaning products are stored out of reach of children.
- Appropriate waste disposal units are available in the sanitary areas.
- Thermostatically controlled warm water is available for handwashing.
- Emergency exits are clearly indicated and are unobstructed.

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) Documentary evidence is available that there will be a staff member trained to First aid Responder level available to the children during the operational hours of the service.
- (2)  
 (a) A suitably equipped first aid box is stored in the care room.  
 (b) The first aid box is easily accessible and available to adults.

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 record of the following is available:  
 (a) There is a template available to record fire drills that take place in the service.  
 (b) A written record is available to demonstrate the firefighting equipment in the premises was maintained in August 2025 and the smoke alarms were maintained in July 2025.

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- (4) There is a notice displayed in the care room of the procedures to be followed in the event of a fire with a clear route indicated to the fire assembly point.

### 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.

The registered provider has evidence of insurance for a maximum of 12 children in a part-time day care service valid from 28 March 2025 to 27th March 2026.

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 is met.

(a) The premises appears to be of a sound and stable structure.

(b) The entrance door to the care room is via the outdoor area which is secured adequately to prevent children from exiting unsupervised and unauthorised persons from gaining access. There is a magnetic lock system in place. Entry is managed and monitored by staff. The door release button is up high out of reach of children.

(c)

- Roof windows provide natural lighting to the care room. The natural light can be augmented with artificial ceiling lighting as required. Ceiling lights are fitted with protective covers.
- Heating is provided by wall mounted radiators. The temperature of the care room on the day of the inspection was maintained between 18 and 22°C.
- The proposed care room has mechanically operated openable roof windows, and the sanitary accommodation is fitted with an operating mechanical ventilation system.

(d) The care room is clean, maintained and in good repair. There is a cleaning schedule available to ensure regular cleaning of the room.

(e) There is adequate and suitable sanitary accommodation.

- Staff have access to the toilets in the community centre.
- There is adequate sanitary accommodation for the proposed number of children. One toilet and one sink is required for every 11 children.

Number of toilets for children:	Number of nappy change units:	Number of sinks for children:
1	1	2

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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 is met.

- (1) There is adequate clear floor space available in the new care room for the work, play and movement of the 6 children proposed to attend the pre-school service on a part-time basis. A total of 31.8 square metres is available.
- (2) The minimum clear floor space of 2.3m<sup>2</sup> is available for each child attending.