

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances



Tusla I.D.: TU2022WW004

Name of Service Safari Childcare

Address of Service: Unit 3 Southern Cross Central, Southern Cross Road
Bray, Co. Wicklow, A98 Y8X7

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Name of Registered Provider: Cian Powell and Kevin McGuinness

Type of Proposed Service:	Full Day Care	✓	Part-Time	✓	Sessional	✓
	Drop-In	×	Childminding	×	Temporary	

Proposed change: To increase from 95 children to 101 children with the addition of an extra room. To increase to 18 staff

Proposed Number of Children: To increase from 95 children to 101 children

Recommended Change Following Inspection: To allow the increase of 95 children to 101 children. Staff numbers already increased to fifteen.

Registered change: Change in Number of Children from 95 to 101 children
Change in Number of Staff to 18 staff

Date of Inspection: 0 9 0 1 2 0 2 5

Inspection undertaken by: H. Bourke

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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 Full Day, Part-Time & Sessional Service for 101 children
Date of Registration	17th February 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).

Description of Service	This full day care service was first opened in 2022 and is situated in a shopping centre in the outskirts of Bray in Co. Wicklow. The service is registered to provide care and education for children aged between 1 years and 6 years of age and can accommodate a maximum of 95 children at full capacity. The service is open from Monday to Friday between 08.00 am and 06.00 pm (including a sessional ECCE service from 9.00 am to 12 midday for 38 weeks of the year). A school age service is also proposed for the service.
Premises	The premises is a two-storey building that has been adapted to facilitate a childcare service. There are currently five service rooms in use. There is one sleep, an office and a kitchen. A previously used sleep room is being proposed as the new care room in this CIC.
Staffing	There are currently fifteen adults employed to work directly with the children attending the service.
Methodology	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.

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	The findings on inspection are based on information obtained through examination of documentation, direct observation, and discussion with relevant staff. These 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.
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 registered provider has ensured that there will be a designated person in charge and a named person to deputise if 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:

The requirement has been met.

(1)

The service can accommodate 95 children on a sessional, part time and full-time basis with an adequate number of adults working directly with the children during their day. There are fifteen staff members employed in the service. Additional staff will be recruited when the extra room is approved.

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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.

Requirement met:

This requirement has been met.

(1)(a)

The service comprises of five care rooms. The rooms are bright and spacious and well laid out to cater for the age range of children who are attending in each room.

(b)

There is a cot room with ten standard cots at present in the Wobbler 1 room. Storable low-level beds have been provided for children over two years of age and suitable rest areas are provided in each care room.

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.

The service provides all snacks for the child attending on a sessional, parttime and fulltime basis. Two hot meals are provided by the service and are in line with the Health Eating policy of the service. Refrigerated storage facilities are available for perishable food. All meals and snacks are prepared on sight.

Potable water and fresh milk are available for children. If a child requires additional food the onsite kitchen can provide a healthy snack as needed.

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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 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 cupboard in the service.
- 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
- The sanitary accommodations were well stocked with a sufficient supply of liquid soap, warm water and paper hand towel. Foot pedal bins were available in all sanitary areas, for the safe disposal of used paper towels.
- The pre-school rooms and sanitary accommodations are ventilated by openable windows and/or mechanical ventilation.

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.

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Requirement met:	<p>The requirement has been met.</p> <p>(1) Currently there are three staff employed in the service that have a current certification in FAR training.</p> <p>(2)(a) A suitably equipped first aid box was available on each floor.</p> <p>(b) The first aid box was clearly identifiable and readily accessible.</p>
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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:	<p>The requirement has been met.</p> <p>(1)(a) The manager confirmed that fire drills will continue to be carried out in all pre-school rooms following the addition of an extra care room.</p> <p>(b) The maintenance record of the firefighting equipment and the smoke detection system was available and dated November 2024.</p> <p>(4) There were notices available in conspicuous positions in all care rooms of the procedure to be followed in the event of a fire.</p>
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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:

Full insurance was provided to the registration office valid until 27/03/25 covering the care of the 115 children on a full day care basis.

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 service is in a two-storey building that has been adapted to facilitate a childcare service.

(b)

The point of entry to the service is through the main door which is monitored by the manager and is locked with an electronic keypad mechanism. The outdoor area is secured with a high wooden fence on all sides. A securely locked gate allows for a one-way system from the outdoor area to the street. There is one access door from the main building to the outdoor area, this is from the ground floor corridor of the service. This access door is monitored to prevent a child leaving unsupervised and to prevent unauthorised access to the area.

(c)

The premises benefits from natural light via windows in the care rooms. There is supplemental artificial lighting also provided from covered fluorescent ceiling lights

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in the pre-school rooms. There is an air to water heating system in place which was installed in August 2022. Windows in the care rooms can be opened but have restrictors in place and there is mechanical ventilation in all the sanitary areas.

(d)

A cleaning schedule is in place in all care rooms. The premises and surrounding environment were clean and well maintained.

(e)

The sanitary accommodation on the ground floor consists of four nappy changing units and four sinks, four child size toilets and four sinks, three adult toilets, one with disability access and three sinks. The upstairs sanitary accommodation consists of three child size toilets and three sinks and one nappy changing unit and one sink. Thermostatically controlled hot water was available in all the sanitary areas and the temperature of the water in the sinks was 36.0°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 additional care room as demonstrated below:

(2)

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	Ground Floor Room 6. The clear floor space in the proposed care room measured 19.67 square metres.
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