

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Initial Inspection of Proposed New Service

Tusla I.D: TU2023DY005

Name of Service: Safari Childcare

Address of Service: Block B, Hamilton Gardens, Cabra, Dublin, D07 RT2H

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Name of Proposed Registered Provider: Kevin McGuinness and Cian Powell

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

Proposed service type:	Full Day Care
Proposed Number of Children:	80
Outcome of the F06 Inspection:	Full Day Care for 80 children aged 1 – 6 years
Registered service:	Registered Full Day Care Service for 80 Children

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Inspection Undertaken by: E Hosford and Á Dunne
Title: Early Years Inspectors

Tusla Early Years Inspectorate Address: Child and Family Agency, Unit 4&5 Nexus Building, Block 6A, Blanchardstown Corporate Park, Dublin 15.

Rationale for Inspection

Proposed New Service

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

Registration Status: Registered Full Day Care Service for 80 Children
Date of Registration: 17th November 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).

Description of Service	Safari Childcare propose to operate a service to provide sessional, part time and full day care to children aged between 1 to 6 years. The proposed service will operate from 7:30am to 6:30pm Monday to Friday and accommodate a maximum of 80 children.
Premises	<p>The service proposes to operate from a single storey premises in a residential area on the north side of Dublin city. There are five care rooms and one separate sleep room for use by the children, namely.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wobbler room with an adjoining cot room, • Toddler Junior room, • Toddler Senior room, • Montessori 1 room and Montessori 2 room. • An enclosed outdoor area is situated to the front of the building. <p>A service kitchen is provided for the preparation of meals for the children, sanitary facilities for staff and children and an administration office.</p>
Staffing	The service proposes to initially employ 18 staff to include, the designated person and deputy person in charge, a cook, and 15 childcare staff. The registered providers will not work within the service and the designated person in charge will not be assigned to a care room but will be available to assist if required.
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 four 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 the registering application. 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>
Acknowledgement	The Inspectors wish to acknowledge the cooperation of the proposed registered providers and the person in charge who were 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.

(1)(a) The service has a designated person in charge and a named staff member will be available to deputise as 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:

(1) The registered providers have proposed that the following number of adults will be working directly with the children attending the service.

Room Name	Number of Adults	Number and age profile of children.
Wobbler room	3	15 Children (1-2 years)
Toddler Junior room	3	14 Children (2-3 years)
Toddler Senior room	3	18 Children (2-3 years)
Montessori 1	3	18 Children (3-6 years) Full day care Or 22 children (3-6 years) sessional
Montessori 2	3	20 Children (3-6 years) Full day care Or 22 children (3-6 years) sessional
Total	15	

Calculated as per Schedule 6 Adult: Child Ratios Part 1 Full day care service or part-time day care service.

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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.
- (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 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,

Requirement met:

(1)(a) The requirement has been met.

The service comprises of five care rooms which were laid out as follows.

Wobbler room, Toddler Junior and Toddler Senior rooms: The care rooms are bright and have low level shelving to enable the children to access the play materials. Each room has areas of interest to include a home area with a play kitchen and supporting equipment such as play food, pots, pans, and utensils. Building and construction areas have blocks, stacking cups, shape sorters, cars, and trucks. Tables and chairs of appropriate height are available for the children with suitable chairs for younger children.

Rest areas have soft matting, cushions, and books and an adult chair to enable staff to comfort and feed children.

Montessori 1 and Montessori 2: The care rooms have tables and shelves which are accessible to the children and contain puzzles, jigsaws, games, and bead boards. Play kitchens are furnished with supporting equipment to include pots, pans, and utensils. Construction areas have blocks, shapes, cars, and train tracks. Rest areas are available and consist of soft mats, cushions, and books.

Outdoor Area: The outdoor area is positioned to the front of the service and was surfaced with a soft artificial poured surface material. The play materials available to the children include ride on bikes, scooters, and cars.

(1)(b) Suitable window blinds are available in the care rooms to create a restful sleep environment for the children during sleep and rest time.

Children in the Wobbler room have access to 5 standard cots in a separate sleep room and 10 low sleeper beds for use in the care room at sleep time. Twenty stackable low beds are provided for children over the age of two years that require sleep in the Toddler Junior room and the Toddler room. Rest areas are provided in

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each of the care rooms to enable a child to take a break from activities if needed. The rest areas consisted of mats, cushions, and child size chairs.

The service does not provide an overnight pre-school service.

(3)(a) The requirement has been met.

The service has an outdoor area to the front of the premises enclosed by a high wall. The surface consists of a soft artificial poured surface material.

Part V – Care of Children in Pre-School Services

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.

A healthy eating policy is in operation within the service with all meals and snacks provided to the children attending. Breakfast, a morning snack, a hot meal at lunch time and an evening tea is available during the day with additional food and snacks available should a child become hungry between meals. Drinking water is available in all the care rooms if a child becomes thirsty.

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 main entrance door which leads into the service is appropriately secured with an electric buzzer system to prevent a child from exiting unsupervised and to prevent unauthorised access to the service.
- The blind cords in the sleep rooms are fitted and secured with cord restrictors.
- The play materials and equipment in the service are stored on stable-based low level shelving units. The play materials and equipment were observed to be safe and suitable for the developmental age of the proposed children.
- The tables and chairs in the care rooms that are used for tabletop activities and mealtimes are the appropriate height for the age of children accommodated in the room.
- The emergency exit doors of the service are unobstructed.

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- The outdoor area is secured with a high wall and a secure gate therefore preventing a child from exiting the area and preventing unauthorised access to the service.
- All storage of waste both indoors and outdoors is inaccessible to the children.
- A system is available for the safe storage of cleaning agents and equipment.

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 is available to the children attending the pre-school service at all times.

Requirement met:

The requirement has been met.

(1) The designated person in charge and the deputy person in charge he First Aid Responder certificates available.

(2)(a) The first aid boxes are suitably equipped and safely stored in a readily accessible and conspicuous position in the main entrance hall of the service and in the service kitchen.

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 template is available to record fire drills that take place in the service.

(b) A record is available of the number, type and maintenance of the firefighting equipment and smoke detection system of the service. Firefighting equipment was serviced on the 18 May 2023 and smoke detection on the 9 October 2023.

(4) A notice of the procedures to be followed in the event of a fire are displayed in the entrance hall and each care room of the premises. Clearly displayed fire assembly notices are available outside of the service to enable staff and children to identify the fire assembly point.

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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.

The service has adequate insurance to cover 80 children from the 7 September 2023 to 27 March 2024.

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) During the inspection it was observed that the walls, flooring, doors, and windows were suitably maintained, and inspectors did not identify any safety issues or concerns.

(b) The entrance door to the service is adequately secured with an electric buzzer system to prevent children from exiting unsupervised and to prevent unauthorised access to the service.

(c) Each care room had windows which provide natural lighting. The natural light can be augmented with artificial ceiling lighting as required. Ceiling lights were fitted with shatter proof coverings.

Heating and ventilation are provided by an air-conditioning system throughout the service.

The temperature of the care rooms was recorded between 18.4°C and 20.7°C on the day of inspection.

The sanitary facilities and nappy changing areas were fitted with mechanical ventilation systems to extract stale air.

(d) The care rooms were in a clean condition on the day of inspection. A cleaning schedule is available in the care rooms and sanitary facilities to ensure regular cleaning of the service.

(e) All of the sanitary facilities are fitted with mechanical ventilation systems.

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Warm water not exceeding 43°C, liquid soap and paper hand towels are provided in all sanitary facilities and care rooms. Pedal bins are provided for the disposal of paper hand towels.

Staff members use separate sanitary facilities.

(e) Two sanitary facilities, one of which is a disabled toilet, consisting of a toilet and wash hand basin are available for staff and located off the main corridor of the service. One nappy changing unit for use by the children is present in the area. There are sufficient sanitary facilities available in the service to accommodate the number and age profile of the children which the Registered Provider proposes to attend.

The sanitary facilities in the service comprised of the following.

Rooms	Facilities available
Wobbler room Toddler Junior room Toddler Senior room	3 nappy mats and 3 sinks located off the main corridor and 1 nappy mat and 1 sink located in the disabled/staff toilet.
Montessori 1 Montessori 2.	5 toilets and 5 sinks
Total	4 nappy areas and 4 sinks 5 toilets and 5 sinks

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.
- (3) 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.
- (4) Where a registered provider contemporaneously provides—
 - (a) a sessional pre-school service, and
 - (b) a full day care service or a part-time day care service, or both, the minimum clear floor space applicable for the duration of the sessional preschool service in respect of the children attending that service shall be the floor space specified in paragraph (3).

Requirement met:

The requirement has been met.

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(1) The registered provider ensured that adequate clear floor space is available in the premises for the work, play and movement of children attending the service.

(2) The table below illustrates that the minimum clear floor space is available for 80 children based on their age range and attending the service on a full day care, part time and sessional basis.

Room	Proposed number of children and age	*Clear Floor Space available	Floor space required per child	Floor space required by room based on proposed no of children
Wobbler room	15 Children (1-2 years)	44.23sqm	2.8 sqm per child	42 sqm
Toddler Junior room	14 Children (2-3 years)	32.75sqm	2.35 sqm per child	32.9 sqm
Toddler Senior room	18 Children (2-3 years)	42.4sqm	2.35 sqm per child	42.3 sqm
Montessori 1	18 Children (3-6 years) full day care or 22 sessional	42.63sqm	2.8 sqm per child or 1.81 sqm sessional	41.4 sqm full day care or 39.82 sqm sessional
Montessori 2	20 Children (3-6 years) full day care or 22 sessional	49.47sqm	2.8 sqm per child full day care or 1.81 sqm sessional	46 sqm full day care or 39.82 sqm sessional

*Calculated as per Schedule 7 Minimum Space Requirements Full day care service or part-time day care service.

Based on the information provided by the registered providers and designated person in charge regarding the proposed age profile within the care-rooms, the clear floor space available may accommodate the proposed number of 80 children aged from 1 to 6 years of age on a full time, part time and sessional basis.

(3) The registered provider ensured that a minimum space of 1.818 square metres of clear floor space is available for each child attending the service on a sessional basis.

(4)(a) The minimum clear floor space is available for the duration of the sessional preschool service.

(b) The minimum clear floor space is available for a full day care service or a part-time day care service.