

# TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

## Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances



**Tusla I.D.:** TU2023TY003

**Name of Service** Busy Bees Powerstown

**Address of Service:** Powerstown National School, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary.

**Email Address:** office@busybeesclonmel.com

**Name of Registered Provider:** Vanessa Moriarty

<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>	

**Proposed change:** Change from Sessional to Full Day Care/Sessional.  
Change of hours from 9.00am-12.00pm to 7.30am-6.15pm.  
Increase of children from 22 to 41.  
Increase in staff from 3 to 6.

**Proposed Number of Children:** 41

**Recommended Change Following Inspection:** Change allowed with a maximum capacity of 39 sessional children at one time of which 31 children can attend on full day care / part time basis.

**Registered change:** Change in Service Type from Sessional to Full Day Care/Sessional.  
Change in Hours of Operation from 9.00am-12.00pm to 7.30am-6.15pm.  
Change in Number of Children that can be accommodated from 22 to 39 (Max 31 Full Day Care/Part Time).  
Change in Number of Staff Employed from 3 to 6.

<b>Date of Inspection:</b>	0	2	0	7	2	0	2	4
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**Inspection undertaken by:** C. Ryan

**Title:** EYI

**Tusla Early Years Inspectorate Address:** Early Years Inspector  
Tusla Child and Family Agency  
Ely Hospital, Ferrybank, Wexford

### Rationale for Inspection:

	<p>Child and Family Agency Act 2013</p> <p>Child Care Act 1991 (Early Years Services) Regulations 2016</p>	<p>Version 05 Implemented- Aug 2022 EYI-IR12.23 F07 FFP (CIC)</p>	<p>1 of 7</p>
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### Proposed Change in Circumstance

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

<b>Registration Status:</b>	Registered Full Day Care/Sessional Service for 39 Children (Max. 31 Full Day Care/Part Time)
<b>Date of Registration</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> July 2024

### 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>	Busy Bees Powerstown currently provides a sessional service to children aged between 2 and 6 years of age. The service is currently registered to accommodate 22 children. The registered provider proposes to change from sessional to full daycare to accommodate the needs of the families and children attending the service who require additional childcare hours.
<b>Premises</b>	The service operates from a designated room in Powerstown National School. The service has their own toilets adjacent to the room. The children have access to the school's outdoor grounds, which include concrete playground, enclosed yards, grassy play areas and use of the school's indoor hall. The service originally consisted of one large school room that was subsequently divided by a full partition wall into two rooms.
<b>Staffing</b>	There are currently four staff working directly with the children in the service. The registered provider does not work directly in the service. There is a staff member employed as the manager.
<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 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>
<b>Acknowledgements</b>	The inspector wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the registered provider and manager who were present on the day of the inspection.

### Part III - Management and Staff

	<p>Child and Family Agency Act 2013</p> <p>Child Care Act 1991 (Early Years Services) Regulations 2016</p>	<p>Version 05 Implemented- Aug 2022 EYI-IR12.23 F07 FFP (CIC)</p>	<p>2 of 7</p>
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### 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 of the regulation is met.

The registered provider employed a staff member as the daily designated person in charge. There is a second named staff member employed who 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:**

The requirement of the regulation is met.

The registered provider is familiar with the Child Care Act 1991 (early years services) Regulations 2016, Schedule 6 Staff: Child ratios and will ensure that there are always adequate numbers of staff working directly with the children attending the service, including the requirement to have two staff on the premises 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.

(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

(b) where no such space is provided, the preschool children attending the service have access on a daily basis to an outdoor service

**Requirement met:**

The requirement of the regulation is met.

(1)(a)

The two playrooms provide sufficient space for the children to play. The rooms are warm, clean and lit by natural light. The rooms are set up and equipped with toys and materials suitable to the ages and stage of development of the children using the room.

(1)(b)

Provisions are in place for children to rest and sleep while attending the service. The registered provider has sleep mattresses and bed linen available to the children who

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require sleep. An area within one of the rooms was identified and set up for children to sleep. The area was cordoned off with a small screen.

(3)(a)(b)

The outdoor play area consists of a variety of spaces within the school grounds, including grassy play area, an enclosed area and concreted playground. The service also had use of the school's indoor hall on days where there was inclement weather. The registered provider was in the process of obtaining a shed for the storage of outdoor toys.

### 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 of the regulation is met.

The service has a healthy eating policy that is supplied to parents. Parents currently supply all the snacks for the children attending for a sessional session. The parents will be asked to supply food for their children's mid-morning and mid-afternoon snack times. All foods/lunchboxes will be stored in fridges in the playrooms.

The registered provider plans to provide the main hot meal from an external catering company. Parents will be provided with the menus. The service will reheat any hot food supplied for the children by parents if requested. The service has a small, designated kitchen to use for the storage and preparation of food. The registered provider stated that a supply of additional snacks and food will be available on the premises in the event that a child forgets their snacks or is hungry. The registered provider will engage directly with the Environment Health Office (EHO) to ensure food safety standards and their practices are suitable.

### 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 of the regulation is met.

##### Infection control:

Warm water for hygienic hand washing is available and thermostatically controlled not to exceed 43°C. The playroom was clean and well maintained, with cleaning schedules ready.

##### Administration of medication:

There is a policy on the safe administration of medications to children attending the service. Parents are requested to administer medication at home where possible and adherence of sickness exclusion policy is applied.

##### General safety:

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The front entrance to the school is secured to prevent children exiting unsupervised and unauthorised persons gaining access to the building. Blind cords in the playrooms are secured to the wall.

### 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 of the regulation is met.

(1)

Documented evidence was available to demonstrate that a staff member currently is trained in FAR first aid for children and will be present on the premises. The registered provider will ensure that there is a staff member trained in FAR on the premises at all times.

(2)(a)(b)

A suitable and equipped first aid boxes were available on the premises and stored in an easily accessible place for staff.

### 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 of the regulation is met.

(1)(a)

Record sheets are available on the premises for recording of fire drills and the registered provider is familiar with the requirement to carry out monthly fire drills.

(b)

Fire-fighting equipment and smoke alarms are present and contracts are in place for the regular service and maintenance of same.

(4)

A notice of procedures to be followed in the event of a fire is displayed in the preschool rooms and the fire assembly point was clearly identified.

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### Regulation 28 – Insurance

*A registered provider shall ensure that the pre-school service is adequately insured.*

#### Requirement partially met:

The requirement of the regulation is 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 registered provider confirmed that they know of no issues with the stability of the structure.
- (b) The front door entrance to the service is safe and secure.
- (c) The playroom is lit and ventilated by natural light through openable windows on external walls, supplemented by artificial lighting when needed. All sanitary accommodation has natural ventilation. The playrooms are heated by oil heating.
- (d) The playroom was clean, well maintained and in good repair.
- (e) The service has adequate sanitary accommodation for number of children and staff who will be present with toilets and separate staff toilets available. There are four toilets and one nappy changing unit available for the children and one staff toilet on the premises.

### 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.*

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<b>Requirement met:</b>	<p>The requirement has been met.</p> <p>(1) Measurement of the space demonstrated adequate clear floor space for a total of 39 children in attendance at one time, a maximum of 31 of those children can attend for full day or part time hours. The large classroom is divided into two rooms. The two rooms were measured: Room one: (first room) measured 39.6 sq. metres. (capacity for 21 children sessional and 17 children full day care) Room two (second room) measured at 33.4 sq. meters. (capacity for 18 children sessional and 14 children full day care)</p> <p>(2) There was adequate floor space available to the children to play and move freely in the room.</p>
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