

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Initial Inspection of Proposed New Service

Tusla I.D: TU2023WW002

Name of Service: Teddy's Preschool

Address of Service: 155 Glebemount, Wicklow Town, Co. Wicklow
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Name of Proposed Registered Provider: Adele Sinnott

Type of Proposed Service:	Full Day Care	<input type="checkbox"/>	Part-Time	<input type="checkbox"/>	Drop-In	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Sessional	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Childminding	<input type="checkbox"/>	Temporary	<input type="checkbox"/>

Proposed service type: Sessional

Proposed Number of Children: 22

Outcome of the F06 Inspection: Premises will be able to accommodate 18 children on a sessional basis due to space requirements.

Registered service: Registered Sessional for 18 Children

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Inspection Undertaken by: H. Bourke

Title: Early Years Inspector

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Rationale for Inspection
Proposed New Service

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

Registration Status: Registered Sessional Service for 18 Children

Date of Registration: 7th 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	The proposed private childcare facility aims to provide a sessional care for children aged two years to six years of age. The service proposes to accommodate a maximum number of 22 children at full capacity.
Premises	The proposed childcare service consists of a single storey purpose-built premises which is attached to the proposed registered provider's home. There is one large care room available and separate sanitary accommodation. There is one large enclosed outdoor space to the rear of the premises.
Staffing	The proposed registered provider will operate a single-handed service for the present and will employ a second staff member as the number of children attending the service increases. The proposed registered provider has an emergency contact person available.
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 Inspector wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the proposed registered provider who was 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 registered provider has ensured that they will be the person in charge and will have a person available in the event of an emergency.

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.

(8) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) to (7)—

(c) a registered provider of a sessional pre-school shall ensure that, where the person in charge operates the service single-handedly, a second person familiar with the operation of the service and in a position to provide assistance to the person in charge in operating the service is, at all times, within close distance of the service and available to attend the service to assist the person in charge in the event of an emergency.

Requirement met:

The requirement has been met.

(1)

The service proposes to accommodate 22 on a sessional basis. At present the proposed registered provider will be working directly with the children at all times, until numbers of children attending the service require a second adult.

8(c)

The proposed registered provider has a second person who will be familiar with the operation of the service, who will be able to assist the person in charge in the event of an emergency.

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—

- (a) of a full day care service, a part-time day care service, a sessional preschool service or a childminding service that is registered for the first time 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:

This requirement has been met.

(1)(a)

The service comprises of one large care room. The room is bright and spacious and well laid out to cater for the age range of children who will be attending the service. Montessori toys, dolls, colouring pencils, construction area, a cosy area, puzzles and jigsaws were amongst the age-appropriate toys and equipment that will be available for the children attending the service.

(b)

There is a large cosy area, consisting of soft matting and cushions, that will be available should a child attending the service need to rest during their morning.

(2)(a)

There is a large enclosed outdoor area provided to the rear of the premises; this area can be accessed from the care room. The area is suitable, safe and secure. It is surrounded by a high concrete wall and is only accessible through the proposed providers private home and the care room. This outdoor space consists of a large, grassed surface area. There were no ponds, pits or other hazards observed in the

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outdoor area. There was an assortment of suitable toys available for the proposed age groups attending the pre-school service.

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.

Parents will be requested to provide all snacks for their child attending the service and these snacks will be requested to be in line with the Healthy Eating policy of the proposed pre-school.

If a child requires additional food the proposed registered provider 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:

This requirement has been met.

- The proposed registered provider stated the front door will be 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.
- Fresh water will be available at all times for children attending the proposed service.
- Storage is available for children's belongings.
- Cleaning materials and equipment are locked in a cupboard in the service.
- A fridge is available in the care room for the storage of food.
- A cleaning schedule for toys and equipment was available.

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- The sanitary accommodations were well stocked with a sufficient supply of liquid soap and paper hand towel. The water temperature was recorded at 40.3°C.
- Foot pedal bins were available in all sanitary areas, for the safe disposal of used paper towels.
- The pre-school room and sanitary accommodations are ventilated by openable windows and mechanical ventilation.
- Turnkey mechanisms are available on all external doors and emergency exits.
- Outdoor waste facilities are inaccessible to children.

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 proposed registered provider has a current certification in FAR training.

(2)(a)

A suitably equipped first aid box was available in the pre-school room.

(b)

The first aid box 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 proposed registered provider has indicated that fire drills will be carried out in the service when the pre-school is fully operational.

(b)

There was a maintenance record for the firefighting equipment and smoke detection system in the premises both dated October 2023.

(4)

There was a notice of the procedures to be followed in the event of a fire clearly displayed in the proposed care room.

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.

Full insurance was provided to the Registration Office covering a maximum of 22 children on a sessional basis, valid from 07/11/2023 until 27/03/2023.

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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 service is located in a single storey purpose-built facility. It appears to be of a sound and stable structure.

(b)

The point of entry to the service is through the main door which will be monitored by the proposed registered provider and can be locked with a turnkey lock on the inside. The outdoor area is secured with a wooden fence and there is a locked gate at the point of entry to the premises 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 pre-school room. There is supplemental artificial lighting also provided from covered fluorescent ceiling lights in the pre-school room. There is an oiled fired central heating system in place which was serviced in October 2023. Windows in the pre-school room can be opened and are out of the reach of children that will attend the service. There is a combination of mechanical and natural ventilation in the sanitary area.

(d)

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

(e)

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There is sanitary accommodation located within the pre-school room. There are two separate sanitary areas, each with their own toilet and sink. There are nappy changing facilities in one of the sanitary areas. There are toilet facilities for adults in the proposed registered providers home which is immediately adjacent to the care room. Thermostatically controlled hot water was available in the children's sanitary areas and the temperature of the water in the sinks was 40.3°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.

(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.

Requirement met:

The requirement has been met.

(1)

Adequate clear floor space has been provided for the work, play and movement of 18 children proposing to attend the service as demonstrated below:

(3)

A total clear floor space of 32.89m² is available in the pre-school room for the maximum daily attendance of 18 pre-school children proposed to attend on a sessional basis.