

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Initial Inspection of Proposed New Service

Tusla I.D: TU2024DR005

Name of Service: Brighter Bunnies Childcare

Address of Service: Unit 5, Crofters Quarter, Deansgrange Road, Blackrock,
County Dublin. A94K7K2.

Email Address: info@brighterbunnies.ie

Name of Proposed Registered Provider: Somaia Halawa

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

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| Proposed service type: | Full Day Care |
| Proposed Number of Children: | 33 |
| Outcome of the F06 Inspection (e.g., type of service, numbers, age ranges, times,) | Space is available to cater for the proposed 33 children. The number of children attending each room must be in accordance with those outlined under Regulation 30 |
| Registered service: | Full Day Care 33 children |

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Inspection Undertaken by: Olivia Quill

Title: Early Years Inspector

Tusla Early Years Inspectorate Address: Tusla Child and Family Agency
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Rationale for Inspection

Proposed New Service

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

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| Registration Status: | Registered Full Day Care, 33 children |
| Date of Registration: | 19 th November 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).

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| Description of Service | The proposed private childcare facility aims to provide full day care, for pre-school children aged 2 – 6 years. The proposed hours of operation are between 08:00 – 17:30 Monday to Friday. The service proposes to accommodate a maximum number of 33 children at full capacity. |
| Premises | The premises has been purposefully adapted to accommodate a childcare facility. It is located at ground level and operates within an apartment complex in an urban area of Blackrock, south county Dublin. There are two care rooms provided named sunshine room, (3-6 years) and tiny tots, (2- 3 years). Sanitary accommodation and a catering kitchen are also available. An enclosed outdoor space is available on the premises. |
| Staffing | The registered provider will work in the service and has appointed a deputy manager. Two additional adults have been recruited to work in 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 four themes; Governance, Health, Welfare and Development of the Child, Safety and Premises. |

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| | 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. |
| Acknowledgement | The Inspector wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the proposed registered provider and person in charge 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.

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| 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 when 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.

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| Requirement met: | The requirement has been met. (1) An adequate number of adults have been recruited to work in this service. |
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| Part V - Care of Child in Pre-school Service | |
| Regulation 20 - Facilities for Rest and Play | |
| <p>(1) <i>Subject to this Regulation, a registered provider shall ensure that—</i></p> <p>(a) <i>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</i></p> <p>(b) <i>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.</i></p> <p>(2) <i>A registered provider—</i></p> <p>(a) <i>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,</i></p> <p><i>shall ensure that a suitable, safe and secure outdoor space to which the preschool children attending</i></p> | |
| Requirement met: | <p>The requirement has been met.</p> <p>(1)(a) The service comprises of two pre-school rooms. The rooms are bright and spacious and suitably laid out to cater for the needs of children who will be attending in each room.</p> <p>(1)(b) Designated rest areas with soft furnishings were provided in both care room to allow children to rest. Low level beds were available for children to rest and sleep as required.</p> <p>(2)(a) There is an enclosed outdoor space provided on the premises. The area is covered with artificial grass and was safely secured by a high wall and gate. Suitable play materials were available. There were no ponds, pits or other hazards observed in the outdoor area.</p> |

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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.

The registered provider has confirmed an external catering company will be used to provide pre-made meals. There are facilities available for the provision of adequate food and drink for children. The registered provider has notified the relevant health authority regarding the preparation of food on the premises.

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.

External doors are secured to prevent children from exiting the service unsupervised and to restrict unauthorised persons from gaining access to the service. Safety gates are in place in front of the doors leading to the pre-school rooms.

The outdoor area is suitably secured.

Emergency exits are clear and fire exit doors have been appropriately secured with thumb-turn locks.

There is provision for the appropriate disposal and storage of waste including the provision of foot pedal operated bins throughout the service.

Cleaning agents and medication were stored out of reach.

The kitchen was inaccessible to the children.

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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 registered provider and person in charge are trained in first aid for children and have completed the First Aid Responder training.
- (2)(a), (b) Suitably equipped first aid boxes are available in each care room in the service.

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) The designated person in charge has indicated that fire drills will be carried out.
- (1)(b) There is a record available relating to the number and type of firefighting equipment and for the commissioning and servicing of the fire detection and alarm system.
- (4) Notices of the procedures to be followed in the event of fire were displayed conspicuously throughout the service and the fire assembly point was identified.

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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.

Evidence of insurance for the required number of children was available and valid until the 27 March 2025.

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 at ground level in a purposefully adapted unit located within an apartment complex and appears to be of sound and stable structure.

(b) There is one point of entry to the service. The front door is secured and a chain lock is in place.

The outdoor area is secured to prevent a child leaving the area unsupervised and to prevent unauthorised access to the area.

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

Thermostatically controlled hot water (which did not exceed 43 degrees Celsius) was available. A centrally controlled air conditioning and heating system is provided. A mechanical system of ventilation is provided as there are no openable windows in the

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care rooms and the sanitary areas. The ambient room temperatures were measured and recorded between 18.1 and 18.8 degrees Celsius.

(d) The premises and its environs are clean and well maintained. A system is in place for staff to record cleaning on a daily basis.

(e) Adequate and suitable sanitary facilities have been provided.

There are three toilets and three wash hand basins designated for children's use. A nappy changing unit with wash hand basin was also available. A toilet facility was available for adults.

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 children proposing to attend the service as demonstrated.

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| Room | Classroom 1 (Sunshine room) | Classroom 2 (Tiny Tots) |
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| Clear floor space | 51.2 sqm | 26.1 sqm |
| Proposed age range | 3-6 years | 2-3 years |
| Maximum number of children | 22 | 11 |

The required floor space is available for 33 children in the proposed age ranges attending on a full day care basis.