

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Initial Inspection of Proposed New Service

Tusla I.D:	TU2024FL001
-------------------	-------------

Name of Service:	Just Like Home Childcare
-------------------------	--------------------------

Address of Service:	7 Park Avenue, Millers Glen, Swords, Co Dublin K67 P6N2
----------------------------	------------------------------------------------------------

Email Address:	office@justlikehomechildcare.ie
-----------------------	---------------------------------

Name of Proposed Registered Provider:	Natalia Baczek
----------------------------------------------	----------------

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

Proposed service type:	Proposed to operate a new full day care, part-time and sessional early years service.
-------------------------------	---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

Proposed Number of Children:	44
-------------------------------------	----

Outcome of the F06 Inspection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To cater for children aged 1 to 6 years on a sessional, part-time and full day care basis. To operate from 7.00am to 6.00pm each weekday for 51 weeks each year. To accommodate 44 pre-school children at any one time.
--------------------------------------	---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

Registered service:	Registered Full Day Care Service for 44 Children
----------------------------	--------------------------------------------------

Date of Inspection:	1	4	0	3	2	0	2	4
----------------------------	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

Inspection Undertaken by:	S. Taaffe
----------------------------------	-----------

Title:	Early Years Inspector
---------------	-----------------------

Tusla Early Years Inspectorate Address:	Early Years Inspectorate, 181-189 Lakeshore Drive, Airside Business Park, Swords, Co. Dublin K67 Y5C6
------------------------------------------------	-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

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 44 Children
-----------------------------	--------------------------------------------------

Date of Registration:	21 st March 2024
------------------------------	-----------------------------

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Initial Inspection of Proposed New Service

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	Just Like Home Childcare would be the second early years service owned and operated by the proposed registered provider, both located in north Co Dublin. It is proposed that Just Like Home Childcare would accommodate pre-school children from 1 – 6 years of age on a sessional, part-time and full day care basis. The service proposes to implement a play-based and Montessori curriculum for up to 44 pre-school children at any one time, operating from 7.15am to 6.00pm daily for 51 weeks a year, closing for 1 week at Christmas. Eligible children would be facilitated to participate in the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) scheme from 9.00am to 12.00midday daily, during term time. It is not proposed to accommodate school aged children in the service.
Premises	It is proposed that the new service would be conducted from a recently constructed purpose-built 2-storey premises located in a newly developed housing estate in Swords. There are 3 care rooms provided in the premises, namely the Wobbler Room and Toddler Room located on the ground floor, and the Pre-school Room located on the first floor. A sleep room is located on the ground floor. Ancillary accommodation includes sanitary facilities on both floors and a kitchen, office and a staff room located on the ground floor. A fully enclosed outdoor play area is provided to the rear of the premises.
Staffing	The proposed registered provider has recruited a service manager who would coordinate the day-to-day operational management of the service, initially in conjunction with the registered provider. It is proposed that, in time, a total of 10 staff members would be employed in the service, if registered to accommodate 44 pre-school children and the service operation reaches maximum capacity.
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 and company administrator who were present on the day of the inspection.

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Initial Inspection of Proposed New Service

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:

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

It is proposed that the service manager would be the designated person in charge on a daily basis and that a named person would be appointed 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.

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

(a) a registered provider of a pre-school service other than a child-minding service or a sessional pre-school service shall ensure that there are at least 2 adults on the premises at all times.

Requirement met:

The requirement has been met.

(1) The proposed registered provider is aware of the minimum ratio of adults to children specified in Part 1 of Schedule 6 and would ensure that an adequate number of adults would at all times work directly with the children in the service.

It is proposed that up to 10 staff members would be employed in the proposed service when operating at maximum capacity and that the minimum adult to child ratios are maintained at all times.

(8)(a) The proposed registered provider would ensure that there are at least 2 adults on the premises at all times when the service is in operation.

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:	<p>The requirement has been met.</p> <p>(1)(a) The three care rooms are resourced with a suitable range of play materials and equipment to facilitate children to initiate and sustain meaningful play activities. Interest areas are clearly defined and include well-resourced home corners, shop areas, libraries, construction areas and arts and crafts areas, in addition to the provision of a range of specialist Montessori equipment. Sensorial play materials including water mats are provided in each room. The play materials and equipment are stored at an accessible level to the pre-school children. Ride on toys, a well-resourced outdoor kitchen, a sturdy art stand, a plastic playhouse, a lidded sandpit and interlocking shapes are amongst the play equipment provided to facilitate play activities in the outdoors.</p> <p>(b) A sleep room containing 6 standard cots is provided on the ground floor. The proposed registered provider is aware of national safe sleep best practice guidelines. Sixteen stackable beds are available for pre-school children aged 2 years and older who would require or wish to sleep or rest in the service. A rest area is available in the care rooms with soft matting, cushions and soft toys provided close to the libraries to enable a child to rest and take a break from activities throughout the day if required.</p> <p>(3)(a) The outdoor play area is fully enclosed by the outer walls of the premises and by high boundary walls. The outdoor play area is observed to be suitable and secure, and no safety hazards are noted. The area is surfaced in real grass with a wide pathway in place covered in impact-absorbent material. Waterproof padding is fitted to an upright metal support post to reduce the risk of injury.</p>
-------------------------	-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

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:	<p>The requirement has been met.</p> <p>The proposed registered provider will provide all snacks and meals for children attending the service. It is proposed that dinners are sourced in bulk from a specialist catering company and stored frozen on the premises, in advance of use. A three-week menu is available and drinking water would be made available to the children throughout the day, to take when thirsty or desired.</p>
-------------------------	--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Initial Inspection of Proposed New Service

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.

No safety hazards were observed by the inspector that would impact the health, safety or welfare of the children attending the service. It appears that appropriate measures have been undertaken in the service to ensure the safety of the children. Examples of these measures include the premises and outdoor play area being appropriately secured, the provision of thermostatically controlled warm water in the sanitary accommodation and at the sinks in the care rooms, and cleaning agents stored safely out of the reach of children. In addition to a standard-height handrail, a low-level hand rail is in place on the stairs to assist children to safely access the Pre-school Room located at first floor level. Latches are in place on the doors to the kitchen, the office, the store room and the laundry facilities provided in the sanitary accommodation designated for staff use on the ground floor, to secure these spaces when they are not occupied by an adult.

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 is aware of the requirement to ensure that a person with in-date first aid response (FAR) training is at all times immediately available to the children attending the service. There is evidence available in the service to show that the service manager recruited to work in the proposed service holds in-date FAR training.

(2)(a) First aid boxes are suitably equipped and stored in readily accessible and conspicuous positions on both floors, available at all times for the children if necessary.

Part VI - Safety

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Initial Inspection of Proposed New Service

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 which would be used to record fire drills that would take place monthly at the service.

(b) A record is maintained of the number, type and maintenance of the fire fighting equipment and smoke detection system in the service. The fire fighting equipment is certified as having been serviced on 07/03/2024 and a certificate for the design, installation and commissioning of the fire detection and alarm system dated 05/12/2023 is available on the premises.

(4) Notices of the procedures to be followed in the event of a fire are displayed in the care rooms and in the ancillary accommodation.

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.

An insurance certificate is available which shows that there is insurance cover in place for up to 44 pre-school children attending the service on a full day care basis, valid until 27/03/2024.

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) The premises is a recently constructed purpose-built childcare facility which appears to be in good condition throughout.

(b) The premises appears safe and is found to be appropriately secured to prevent children from exiting unsupervised and to restrict unauthorised persons from gaining access to the service. Digital electronic locks are in place on the front door, the back door and the door leading from the hallway on the first floor to the top of the stairs. The front doorbell is linked to intercoms and cameras in each care room and the office, allowing staff members to see parents and visitors on their arrival to the service, in order to facilitate their entry if appropriate. Magnetic door release buttons are in place to facilitate internal doors to be opened, reducing the likelihood of a child leaving a room unsupervised. Each care room and the kitchen have an internal phone in place to support communication and facilitate staff members to summon assistance if required.

(c)

Lighting:

The premises is adequately lit by means of natural lighting supplemented by artificial lighting.

Heating:

The premises is heated by means of gas-fired central heating. Radiators are fitted high on the walls, out of the reach of children.

The ambient temperatures of the care rooms and the sanitary accommodation are found to be within the optimum care room temperature range of 18-22°C on the day of inspection.

The proposed registered provider is aware of the safe sleep ambient temperature range of 16-20°C for children up to their first birthday and 18-22°C if all sleeping children are aged 1 year or older. A thermometer is provided in the sleep room to accurately monitor the ambient temperature.

Ventilation:

Ventilation in the care rooms, adjoining sanitary areas and the sleep room is provided by means of openable windows, trickle vents and mechanical ventilation units. The internal nappy changing area on the ground floor and the staff sanitary facilities are fitted with mechanical ventilation units.

(d) The premises is in a clean condition and in a good state of repair.

(e) Adequate sanitary accommodation is provided for the number of children proposed to attend. Two toilets and two wash hand basins are provided in each of the sanitary areas adjacent to and directly accessible from the Toddler Room and the Pre-school Room.

Two nappy changing mats and one wash hand basin are provided in the nappy changing room on the ground floor. Evidence is available in the service showing that the proposed registered provider has plans in place to install an additional nappy changing station in the sanitary area directly accessible from the Toddler Room.

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Initial Inspection of Proposed New Service

Two toilets, one of which facilitates disabled access, and two wash hand basins are provided for use by staff members.

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:

(2) The minimum space regulatory requirement can be met for the proposed number of 44 pre-school children to be accommodated in the service. The proposed registered provider is aware of the minimum clear floor space requirements as specified in Schedule 7.

- The clear floor space in the Wobbler Room measured 18.49 square metres which meets the space requirements for 6 pre-school children aged 1-2 years proposed to be accommodated in this room, attending on a part-time or on a full day care basis.
- The clear floor space in the Wobbler Room measured 36.9 square metres which meets the space requirements for 15 pre-school children aged 2-3 years proposed to be accommodated in this room, attending on a part-time or on a full day care basis.
- The clear floor space in Pre-school Room 1 measured 52.9 square metres. This meets the space requirements for 23 children aged 3-6 years attending this care room on a part-time or on a full day care basis.