

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Initial Inspection of Proposed New Service

Tusla I.D:	TU2024FL005
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Name of Service:	Fonhill Lodge Childcare
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Address of Service:	1 Chapelwood Drive Hollystown Dublin 15 D15 HP21
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Name of Proposed Registered Provider:	Conor Lynch Maurice Lynch
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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"/>

Proposed service type:	Full day care
Proposed Number of Children:	50
Outcome of the F06 Inspection (e.g., type of service, numbers, age ranges, times,)	Full day care 50 children Age range 0-6 years old Operating hours 7.30am – 6.30pm
Registered service:	Registered Full Day Care Service 50 children

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Inspection Undertaken by:	T. Nelson and C. Harte
Title:	Early Years Inspectors

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Rationale for Inspection

Proposed New Service

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

Registration Status:	Registered Full Day Care Service 50 children
Date of Registration:	21 st August 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).

Description of Service	The proposed service is a privately owned service located in Dublin 15 and will be one of three services owned by the registered provider. The proposed service will provide full-time day care to a maximum of 50 children aged 0 to 6 years from 7.30am to 6.30pm. The service proposes to operate a morning sessional care programme from 9.00 to 12.00 noon and is registered to provide school age childcare in the afternoon.
Premises	<p>The proposed service is in a purpose-built detached premises which is located in a residential area in Dublin 15. There are six proposed care rooms, with the layout as follows:</p> <p>Ground Floor: three care-rooms catering for children aged from 0-3 years old; cot room, kitchen, reception area, nappy changing facilities and sanitary accommodation for staff and children.</p> <p>First Floor: three care -rooms catering for children aged from 3-6 years old; staff room, office, nappy changing and sanitary facilities.</p> <p>There is an enclosed outdoor play area to the rear of the premises, accessed via the care rooms.</p>
Staffing	The service proposes to employ up to 15 staff, 13 to work directly with the children, the person in charge and a deputy person in charge.
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</p>

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	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(s) wish to acknowledge the cooperation of the proposed registered provider and/or 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.

Requirement met:	The requirement is met. (1)(a) The proposed service has a designated person in charge and a named staff member is available to deputise as 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.

Requirement met:	The requirement is met. (1) The applicant has stated that an adequate number of adults will be working with the 50 proposed children who will attend the 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.
(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.

<p>Requirement met:</p>	<p>The requirement is partially met.</p> <p>(1)(a) The proposed care rooms will provide adequate and suitable facilities for the children to play indoors.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is defined areas of interest in the rooms. • There is an adequate supply of toys and resources available to support a range of play experiences. • Furniture in the rooms is suitable for the age and stage of development of the proposed children. • Toys and equipment are stored on low-level shelving, accessible to the children. <p>(1)(b) There is adequate and suitable facilities for a pre-school child to rest during the day.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a cosy area available in the care rooms where children can take a break from activities and rest. • There is a cot room located on the ground floor where there is access to ten standard cots, and five cocoon beds for children under two years old. • There is access to ten low beds to meet the sleep needs of children aged 2 to 3 years old. • There is access to 10 sleep mattresses for children aged 3 to 6 years who may require sleep. <p>(2)(a) There is an outdoor play area available to the rear of the premises which is fully enclosed; the surface of which is covered in a synthetic grass material. A range of outdoor toys to facilitate physical play experiences for the proposed age range is available.</p>
<p>Requirement not met:</p>	<p>(1)(a) There is no chair available in the Room 3 which will cater for children in the 0 to 1 year's age range, where an adult can sit and give comfort to a child or comfortably feed them a bottle.</p>
<p>Response from Provider:</p>	<p>An armchair was purchased and is now available in the care room.</p>
<p>Summary Comment:</p>	<p>The requirement is met.</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 is met.

- There is an on-site kitchen where the service will provide all meals and snacks for the children attending on a full-time basis.
- Children attending in a sessional basis will bring snacks provided by parents.
- A fridge is available in each of the care rooms for the storage of perishable foods.
- There is documentary evidence available such as a healthy eating policy and menu plan which states the children will receive regular and varied meals and drinks throughout the day.

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 is partially met.

- The emergency exits are unobstructed.
- Radiators throughout the premises are covered.
- Restrictors are fitted on all windows throughout the premises.
- High shelving was observed to be secured.
- The premises appeared clean and there was a cleaning checklist available for each of the rooms.

Requirement not met:

General Safety:

1. The blind cord on the door between Room 5 and 6 is not secured.
2. Presses in Rooms 1 and 5 and the Nappy changing room did not have child locks in place. Children had access to hazardous items such as screws and cleaning agents.
3. The cords off lamps in Rooms 2 and 3 are not secured and accessible to children.
4. The large mirror in Room 4 is not secured and is unstable and poses a risk of falling and breaking.

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Response from Provider:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Blind had been removed. 2. All hazardous items have been removed and the daily risk assessment was updated to include checking presses for potential hazards. 3. The lamps were removed. 4. The mirror is securely mounted to the wall.
Summary Comment:	The requirement is met.

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:	<p>The requirement is met.</p> <p>(1) Evidence is available that two adults trained to First Aid Response Level will be available to the children attending the service.</p> <p>(2)(a)(b) A suitably equipped first aid boxes are readily available on each floor and signs are displayed in the rooms directing staff to where they can be accessed.</p>
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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 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:	<p>The requirement is met.</p> <p>(1)(a) There is a template available to record fire drills that will take place in the service.</p>
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	<p>(1)(b) A written record is available to demonstrate the firefighting equipment in the premises were maintained in July 2024 and the smoke alarms were maintained on the 26 July 2024.</p> <p>(4)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a notice displayed in the care rooms of the procedures to be followed in the event of a fire. • A fire assembly notice is visible 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:	<p>The requirement is met.</p> <p>The applicant provided evidence of appropriate insurance for up to 50 children in a full-time care service, from the 26 August 2024 to 27 March 2025.</p>
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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:	<p>The requirement is partially met.</p> <p>(a) The premises appears to be of a sound and stable structure.</p> <p>(b) The entrance door to the service is secured adequately to prevent children from exiting unsupervised and unauthorised persons from gaining access. Entry and exit is managed by a coded electronic door release system.</p> <p>(c)</p>
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- Windows provide natural lighting to the care rooms. The natural light can be augmented with artificial ceiling lighting as required. Ceiling lights are fitted with protective covers.
- The proposed sanitary accommodation is fitted with either openable windows or operating mechanical ventilation systems.

(e) There is adequate and suitable sanitary accommodation available for the proposed number of children who are no longer in nappies and use toilets in the service. There is adequate sanitary accommodation for the proposed number of staff. The following is available:

- There are three toilets and three sinks available on the ground floor and four toilets and four sinks available on the first floor for the use of children. One toilet and one sink is required for every 11 children.
- There are two toilets and two sinks, one of which is wheelchair accessible available for staff. One toilet and one sink is required for every 8 staff.

Requirement not met:

(c) The premises is not adequately ventilated as required.
The temperatures of the rooms were not maintained between the recommended ambient temperatures of 18 to 22°C as outlined below:

Room	Temperature °C	Time	Required Temperature °C
Room 2	23.3°C	13.07	18-22°C
Room 3	22.7°C	12.12	
Room 4	23.1°C	11.16	
Room 5	24.2°C	10.55	

It is acknowledged that the inspectors spoke to the person in charge about the room temperature in Room 5 and an air cooler unit was available and brought to the room to bring down the temperature. The temperature had lowered to 22.6°C at 11.26.

(d) The premises is not maintained and repaired as required.
The ceiling tile in Room 2 is damaged, and the security camera fixed to the tile appears to be unstable and is held in place with tape.

(e) The premises is not equipped with adequate and suitable sanitary facilities.

1. The nappy changing facilities available are not sufficient to provide for the proposed number of children who wear nappies who will attend the care rooms on the ground floor as outlined below:

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Nappy Changing Facilities	Number of Nappy changing units	Number of sinks	Number of children this can accommodate	Number of proposed children who wear nappies	Shortfall of nappy changing units
Ground Floor	1	1	11	20	1
First Floor	2	2	22	11	0

One nappy changing unit and one sink are required for every 11 children in nappies.

2. There are not suitable step-ups provided for the sinks in the sanitary accommodation on the ground floor for the proposed age -range of children who will be using these sinks.
3. There is no suitable hand drying facility available in the nappy changing unit on the first floor.

Response from Provider:

(c) The following steps will be taken on a daily basis to maintain temperatures in the care rooms:

- Radiators have been turned off in the hallways.
- Windows in all care rooms will be opened early each morning to allow for air circulation.
- Internal doors will be propped open before children arrive to further promote ventilation.
- Blinds will be installed in Room 6 (Green Room) upstairs, on the 20 August and we will keep blinds drawn in all rooms to minimise heat from the sun.
- The service are investigating the feasibility of installing air conditioning units in all classrooms.

(d) The CCTV camera in the room has been repaired.

(e)

1. and 3. To address the absence of paper towel dispensers in the upstairs change room and the need for additional change facilities downstairs, the service has decided to close the standalone nappy room upstairs which will no longer be in use. The change unit from here has been installed downstairs in the children's toilet.

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	2. Footstools have been purchased and are now available for all sinks, both upstairs and downstairs, to allow children to wash their hands easily.
Summary Comment:	The requirement is met.

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:	<p>The requirement is met.</p> <p>(1) There is adequate clear floor space available in the premises for the work, play and movement of children proposed to attend the pre-school service. A total of 172 square metres is available for the proposed 50 children.</p> <p>(2) There is a minimum amount of clear floor space for the age range of the proposed children attending the service, as the table below demonstrates:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Room Name</th> <th>Clear floor space m² proposed by Registered</th> <th>Clear floor space m² measured by EYI</th> <th>Space required:</th> <th>Number of children room can accommodate:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Room 1 Bumblebee (2-3 years)</td> <td>26.4 m²</td> <td>24.6 m²</td> <td>2-3 years: 2.35 m²</td> <td>10 FDC*</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Room 2 Caterpillar (1-2 years)</td> <td>29.1 m²</td> <td>28.1 m²</td> <td>1-2 years: 2.8 m²</td> <td>10 FDC*</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Room 3 The Nest (0-12 months)</td> <td>20.4 m²</td> <td>18.3 m²</td> <td>0-12 months 3.5 m²</td> <td>5 FDC*</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>					Room Name	Clear floor space m ² proposed by Registered	Clear floor space m ² measured by EYI	Space required:	Number of children room can accommodate:	Room 1 Bumblebee (2-3 years)	26.4 m ²	24.6 m ²	2-3 years: 2.35 m ²	10 FDC*	Room 2 Caterpillar (1-2 years)	29.1 m ²	28.1 m ²	1-2 years: 2.8 m ²	10 FDC*	Room 3 The Nest (0-12 months)	20.4 m ²	18.3 m ²	0-12 months 3.5 m ²	5 FDC*
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	Room 4 Purple Room (3-6 years) (sessional)	46.6 m ²	45.25 m ²	3-6 years: 1.818 m ²	22 sessional
	Room 5 Yellow Room (3-6 years)	27.5 m ²	29.8 m ²	3-6 years: 2.3 m ²	13 FDC*
	Room 6 Green Room (3-6 years) (sessional)	31 m ²	26.4 m ²	3-6 years: 2.3 m ²	11 FCD*
*Full Day Care					