

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Initial Inspection of Proposed New Service

Tusla I.D: TU2024FL008

Name of Service: School Kids Aloud

Address of Service: 64 Luttrellstown Way,
Luttrellstown,
Carpenterstown ,
Dublin 15

Email Address: Jadeschoolkidsaloud@gmail.com

Name of Proposed Registered Provider: Jade Singh

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| Type of Proposed Service: | Full Day Care | <input 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: Part- Time, Sessional

Proposed Number of Children: 22 Children (2 – 6 years)

Outcome of the F06 Inspection
(e.g., type of service, numbers, age ranges, times,)
The service proposes to accommodate 22 children, age 2 – 6 years on a part time basis and /or a sessional basis.

Registered service: Registered Part time, Sessional service for 22 children.

Date of Inspection: 2 6 0 8 2 0 2 4

Inspection Undertaken by: Á Dunne

Title: Early Years Inspector

Tusla Early Years Inspectorate Address: Early Years Inspectorate,
Child and Family Agency,
Unit 4&5 Nexus Building Block 6A, Blanchardstown Corp
Park, Dublin 15.

Rationale for Inspection

Proposed New Service

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

Registration Status: Registered Part time, Sessional service for 22 children

Date of Registration: 11th of September 2024

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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).

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| Description of Service | School Kids Aloud proposes to provide a Part-time and Sessional service for children aged between 2 – 6 years old from 9:00am to 14.00pm |
| Premises | The service proposes to operate from a residential house in Dublin 15. There are three care rooms, the Main room to the side of the premises with sanitary facilities, the Small room off the Main room and the Sun room to the rear of the premises. Access to an enclosed outdoor area to the rear of the premises is from the Main room. |
| Staffing | The proposed registered provider proposes to employ 2 staff who will work directly with the children proposed to attend the service. The proposed registered provider does not work with the preschool children. |
| 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. |

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 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 has been met.

(1) The proposed registered provider has planned for 3 adults to work directly with the 22 children who are planned to attend the service on a part-time basis.

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:

(1)(a) The proposed three care rooms are bright with clear floor space available to enable children to explore their environment and are equipped with a range of play materials and equipment suitable and accessible to the age and stage of development of the children attending each room. Low level furniture and shelving are available containing materials for free play, constructive play, creative play and imaginative play, with designated interest areas including home corner and small world play areas accessible to the children at their level.

(1)(b) Cosy areas are provided with soft rugs, soft mats, cushions and books. The service does not provide an overnight pre-school service.

(2)(a) The outdoor area provided on the premises, is secure and enclosed with a wooden fence and brick wall. The area, which is easily accessible from the Main room has an artificial grass surface and a nature area at the end with a bark surface. Suitable play equipment is available for example – Mud Kitchen, Climbing frame slide, chalk, balls and cones. There are no ponds, pits or other hazards observed in the outdoor area.

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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.

A healthy eating policy is in operation within the service. The children will bring in their own meals and snacks. Drinking water is available in the care rooms and is accessible to the children.

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.

- The main entrance door which leads into the service is appropriately secured with an entry buzzer to prevent a child from exiting unsupervised and to prevent unauthorised access to the service.
- The outdoor area is secured with fencing and a high brick wall to prevent a child from exiting the area and preventing unauthorised access.
- Two fridges are available for the storage of perishable food items that will be supplied by the children’s parents.
- The play materials and equipment in the service are stored on stable low level shelving units. The play materials and equipment are observed to be safe and suitable for the developmental age of the proposed children.
- The tables and chairs in the care room, used for activities and mealtimes, are the appropriate height for the age of children accommodated in the room.
- The emergency exit doors of the service were unobstructed.
- Visibility strips were present on all internal and external doors.
- All storage of waste both indoors and outdoors is inaccessible to the children.
- Cleaning schedules are in place and the two care rooms, sanitary facilities, entrance lobby and staff sanitary facility were visually clean on the day of inspection.
- A system is available for the safe storage of cleaning agents and equipment.

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Part VI - Safety

| Regulation 25 – First Aid | |
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| <p>(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.</p> <p>(2) A registered provider shall ensure that a suitably equipped first aid box for children—</p> <p>(a) is safely stored in an easily accessible and conspicuous position on the premises, and</p> <p>(b) is available to the children attending the pre-school service at all times</p> | |
| Requirement met: | <p>The requirement has been partially met.</p> <p>(2)(a) Four first aid boxes were suitably equipped and safely stored in a readily accessible and conspicuous position in the service.</p> |
| Requirement not met: | (1) The proposed registered provider could not demonstrate a staff member had First Aid Responder training completed. |
| Response from Provider: | (1) Two staff members have completed First Aid Response Training on 3, 4 and 5 of September 2024. |
| Summary Comment: | The requirement has been met. |

Part VI - Safety

| Regulation 26 – Fire Safety Measures | |
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| <p>(1) A registered provider shall ensure that a record in writing is kept of—</p> <p>(a) any fire drill that takes place in the premises, and</p> <p>(b) the number, type and maintenance record of fire fighting equipment and smoke alarms in the premises.</p> <p>(4) A notice of the procedures to be followed in the event of fire shall be displayed in a conspicuous position in the premises.</p> | |
| Requirement met: | <p>The requirement has been met.</p> <p>(1)(a) A template is available to record fire drills that will take place in the service.</p> <p>(1)(b) A record is available of the number, type and maintenance of the firefighting equipment. The firefighting equipment was last serviced on 18th April 2024.</p> <p>(4)A notice of the procedures to be followed in the event of a fire is displayed in the Main room of the premises. Clearly displayed fire assembly notice is available outside of the service.</p> |
| Requirement not met: | (1)(b) No record is available for the number, type and maintenance of the smoke detection system of the service. |
| Response from Provider: | (1)(b) The smoke detection system of the service was serviced on the 1 September 2024. |
| Summary Comment: | The requirement has been met. |

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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 registration team received a copy of adequate insurance from 16/09/2024 to 27/03/2025.

Summary Comment: The requirement has been met.

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) During the inspection it was observed that the walls, flooring, doors, and windows were suitably maintained, and inspectors did not identify any safety issues or concerns.

(b) The entrance door to the service is adequately secured with an electric buzzer system to prevent children from exiting unsupervised and to prevent unauthorised access to the service.

(c) Each care room has windows which provide natural lighting. The natural light can be augmented with artificial ceiling lighting as required. Ceiling lights are fitted with shatter proof coverings.

Heating is provided by a gas central heating system throughout the service. The temperature of the care rooms was recorded between 18°C and 22°C on the day of inspection.

The sanitary facilities have windows to extract stale air.

(d) The care rooms are in a clean condition. A cleaning schedule is available in the care rooms and sanitary facilities to ensure regular cleaning of the service.

(e) Warm water not exceeding 43°C, liquid soap, paper hand towels and lidded pedal operated bins are provided in the sanitary facilities.

Staff members use separate sanitary facilities in the premises.

There are sufficient sanitary facilities available in the service – two toilets and two wash hand basins to accommodate the number and age profile of the children which are proposed to attend.

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.
- (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.
- (4) Where a registered provider contemporaneously provides—
 - (a) a sessional pre-school service, and
 - (b) a full day care service or a part-time day care service, or both,
 the minimum clear floor space applicable for the duration of the sessional preschool service in respect of the children attending that service shall be the floor space specified in paragraph (3).

Requirement met:

(1) The proposed registered provider ensured that adequate clear floor space is available in the premises for the work, play and movement of children attending the service.

(2) The proposed care rooms have clear floor space as follows:

| Room Name | *Clear Floor Space available as per service | Floor space required per child | Floor space available as measured by inspectors |
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| Main room | 40 sqm | 2.35 sqm per child (aged 2 – 3 years.) 2.3 sqm per child (aged 3 – 6 years) | 38.1067 sqm |
| Sunroom | 22.77 sqm | 2.35 sqm per child (aged 2 – 3 years.) 2.3 sqm per child (aged 3 – 6 years) | 22.515 sqm. |
| Small room | | 2.35 sqm per child (aged 2 – 3 years.) 2.3 sqm per child aged 3 – 6 years | 9.096 sqm |

This is sufficient for the proposed maximum of 22 children to attend the service for part time care and / or sessional care with the available sanitary facilities.

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(4)(a) The minimum clear floor space is available for the duration of the sessional service.

(b) The minimum clear floor space is available for a full day care service or a part-time day care service.