

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Initial Inspection of Proposed New Service

Tusla I.D: TU2025DR004

Name of Service: Safari Childcare

Address of Service: 50/51 Patricks Street, Dun Laoghaire, Co Dublin, A96 W7T3

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Name of Proposed Registered Provider: Cian Powell and Kevin Mc Guinness

Type of Proposed Service:	Full Day Care	x	Part-Time	x	Drop-In	
	Sessional	x	Childminding		Temporary	

Proposed service type: Full day, Part Time, sessional

Proposed Number of Children: 132

Outcome of the F06 Inspection
(e.g., type of service, numbers, age ranges, times,)
Full time, Part time, Sessional
Children aged 1-6 years
Registered for 132 children
Open 8:00am-18:00pm.

Registered service: Registered Full Daycare, Part Time and Sessional for 132 children

Date of Inspection: 0 9 0 6 2 0 2 5

Inspection Undertaken by: R. Duff and L. Magee

Title: Early Years Inspectors

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Rationale for Inspection
Proposed New Service

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

Registration Status:	Registered Full Daycare, Part Time and Sessional for 132 children
Date of Registration:	17/06/2025

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	<p>Safari Childcare is a privately owned early years' service which will provide full day, part time and sessional care for children from 1 to 6 years. Eligible children may also avail of the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) scheme.</p> <p>The service will operate from 08:00 to 18:00 Monday to Friday. The service will offer school aged care in this facility.</p>
Premises	<p>The service operates from a purpose-built unit over two floors in a residential area of south Dublin. There are 8 care rooms in the service. The wobbler 1 room caters for children from 12 months to 18 months. The wobbler 2 room caters for children age 18months to 2 years, 2 toddler rooms cater for children age 2-3 years and 4 preschool rooms cater for children aged 3-5 years.</p> <p>There are 2 designated cot rooms, and 2 fully enclosed outdoor spaces: 1 on the ground floor and 1 on the first floor. The outdoor spaces have safety covering on the ground.</p>
Staffing	<p>The service currently employs a manager and a deputy manager. The registered provider has stated they will ensure there is adequate number of adults working directly with the children attending the pre-school service.</p>
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</p>

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	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 Inspectors wish to acknowledge the cooperation of the proposed registered provider, area manager, person in charge and deputy 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:

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

The registered provider has ensured that there is a designated person in charge and a named person to deputise when 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.

Requirement met:

(1) The regulatory requirement has been met. A manager and deputy manager are currently employed in the service. The service provider has stated they have staff ready to commence working in the service once it is opened, they also intend to bring staff from one of their other services as the service develops.

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:

The requirement has been met.

(1)(a)

The service comprises of 8 care rooms. All rooms are suitably resourced and laid out to cater for the proposed number of children attending the service. There are child-sized tables and chairs and a variety of age-appropriate equipment and materials which are well organised and easily accessible to children.

(1)(b)

2 designated sleep room are provided on the lower ground floor. They were equipped with 9 standard cots in wobbler 1 room and 6 standard cots in wobbler 2. Beds are provided for children under 2 years and stackable beds are provided for children over 2 years. Suitable rest areas have been provided in all rooms where children can rest or take a break from activities.

(2)(a)

There are 2 fenced off outdoor areas for children, 1 on the first floor and one on the ground floor. The ground is covered by a safety surface. The area is safe and secure and equipped with ride on toys, large blocks, scooters, playhouses and table and bench.

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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.

An on-site chef will prepare all meals and snacks each day. A 3-week menu was available for review and is displayed on a notice board in the corridor. A purpose-built kitchen is available for the preparation and provision of food and drinks for 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 front door was locked on arrival and remained locked during the inspection.

Blind cords were secured on windows that had them.

The stair covering was well fitted. Handrails were provided on the staircase.

Cleaning agents were stored out of sight and reach of children.

Water was thermostatically controlled and did not exceed 43°C.

The outdoor area is suitably secured.

Protective radiator covers have been provided where required.

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

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

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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 has ensured there are two staff members onsite who have current certification in first aid responder training (FAR).

(2)(a) Suitably equipped first aid boxes are available throughout in the service. They are clearly identifiable and readily accessible

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) Monthly fire drills will be carried out and a record kept. The service has forwarded a plan for fire drills to the inspector for review.

(b) There was a maintenance record for firefighting equipment and the smoke alarms. Fire extinguishers were last serviced on 24/03/ 2025 and smoke alarm on 22/ 05/2025.

(4) Notices of the procedures to be followed in the event of fire are displayed in each room and on the corridor, the fire assembly point is 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.

The insurance certificate was displayed. Evidence of insurance for 136 children was available to attend this service.

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) There was no evidence of dampness on internal walls and ceilings. Windows in the care rooms appear to be both water-tight and weather-tight and were fitted with window inhibitors where necessary.

(b) The heavy-duty floor covering throughout the rooms was well fitted and in a good state of repair and maintenance. Both the front and back exits to the building guarded against both unsupervised exit of children and unauthorised access to the building. The building was not used for any other purpose unrelated to childcare during operational hours of the service.

(c) The openable windows throughout the service ensured both adequate natural day lighting and ventilation in the care rooms. All ceiling light fittings in rooms were covered with shatterproof diffusers. Heating was provided with thermostatically

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controlled gas central heating system. The temperature recorded in the care rooms was between the recommended 18 degrees Celsius and 22 degrees Celsius.

(d) All walls and ceilings were finished with a washable paint and were smooth surfaced for easy cleaning purposes.

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

There were 7 toilets, 1 changing unit and 7 wash hand basins located on the first floor. There are 2 toilets, 4 nappy changing units and 4 sinks on the ground floor. The water supply to wash hand basins was thermostatically controlled. Mechanical ventilation was available in all sanitary facilities. There were also 3 staff toilets with wash hand basins.

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. The requirement has been met.
(2) All Rooms were measured on this inspection

Room	Clear floor space	Proposed age range	Number of children proposed in each room on day of inspection by area manager.
1	49m ²	2 to 3 years	18 full day care
2	43 m ²	1 to 2 years	13 full day care
3	43 m ²	1-2 years	15 full day care
4	41.38 m ²	3- 6 years	22 Sessional/ ECCE
5	37.55 m ²	3-6 years	18 sessional/ ECCE
6	38 m ²	3-6 years	16 full day care
7	42.7 m ²	3-6years	16 full day care
8	41.9 m ²	2-3 years	14 Full day care
			Total number of children : 132