

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Initial Inspection of Proposed New Service

Tusla I.D:	TU2025FL002						
Name of Service:	Isabella's Childcare						
Address of Service:	C2 Seafield Strand, Greenfield Road, Sutton, Dublin 13, Dublin, D13 V299.						
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Name of Proposed Registered Provider:	Ronnie Carroll						
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 Age range 2-6 years old Operating hours 7.30-18.00						
Proposed Number of Children:	28						
Outcome of the F06 Inspection (e.g., type of service, numbers, age ranges, times,)	Full day care 22 children Age range 2-6 years old Operating hours 7.30-18.00						
Registered service:	Full Day Care						
Date of Inspection:	2	7	0	8	2	0	2 5
Inspection Undertaken by:	T. Nelson						
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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 for 22 Children.
Date of Registration:	29 th August 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	The proposed service is a privately owned service located in Sutton and will provide full day care to a maximum of 28 children aged 2 to 6 years. The service proposes to open from 7.30am to 6.00pm and will be one of 10 services operated by the registered provider.
Premises	The proposed premises is located on the ground floor of a residential building and comprises of two care rooms, the Toddler room and Preschool room. There is a kitchenette located in the Toddler room, and sanitary accommodation is located off the Preschool room. There is an enclosed outdoor play area to the side of the premises.
Staffing	The proposed service will have up to six full time staff including the person in charge. The registered provider will not work directly 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. 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 person in charge and deputy person in charge who were present on the day of the inspection.

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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.

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.

(b)

Requirement met:

The requirement is met.

(1) The registered provider has proposed that up to 6 full time staff members including the person in charge will be working with the 28 children attending the proposed new childcare service.

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 is met.

(1)

- (a) The proposed care rooms will provide adequate and suitable facilities for the children to play indoors.
 - 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 for the proposed number of children.
 - Furniture in the room 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.
- (b) There is adequate and suitable facilities for a pre-school child to rest during the day.
 - There is a cosy area available in the care rooms where children can take a break from activities and rest.
 - There are 12 stackable beds with suitable bed linen available.

(2)

- (a) There is an outdoor play area available to the side of the premises which is fully enclosed and covered in a synthetic soft rubber material, with a range of outdoor toys to facilitate physical play and foster gross motor development.

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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 was documentary evidence that children will receive regular meals.
- Hot meals will be provided by an external catering company and reheated in the service.
- Snacks and other meals will be provided by the service.
- There is a fridge available for the appropriate storage of perishable foods.
- There is a four-week menu plan and a healthy eating policy in place.
- A water station will be available in the care rooms where children will have access to drinking water.

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 met.

- The emergency exits are unobstructed.
- The outdoor area is fully enclosed by high fencing and gate with a lock up high out of reach of children.
- The furniture in use is suitable for the age and stage of the proposed age group of the children proposed to attend the service.
- Liquid soap, hygienically dispensed paper towels and thermostatically controlled warm water is available in all sinks used by the staff and children.
- Cleaning schedules are in place and the premises was visually clean on the day of the inspection.
- Risk assessments are available for both the care rooms and the outdoor play area.

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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 is met.

- (1) Evidence is available that two staff members are trained to First Aid Response Level.
- (2)
 - (a) A suitably equipped first aid box is stored in a visible position in each of the care rooms.
 - (b) The first aid boxes are readily available.

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 is met.

- (1)
 - (a) There is a template available to record fire drills that take place in the service.
 - (b) A written record is available to demonstrate the firefighting equipment in the premises was maintained on the on the 21 August 2025 and the smoke alarms were maintained on the 4 July 2025.
- (4) 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:

The requirement is met.

The registered provider provided evidence of appropriate insurance for up to 28 children in a full day care service, from the 28 March 2025 to 27 March 2026. The registered provider must ensure that adequate insurance is in place prior to the commencement of the proposed new service. The approval for registration is contingent on the registered providers compliance with Regulation 28.

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 is met.

- (a) The premises appears to be of a sound and stable structure.
- (b) The entrance door to the service is secured adequately to prevent children from exiting unsupervised and unauthorised persons from gaining access. There is a magnetic lock system in place. Entry is by code access, and the door release button is up high out of reach of children.
- (c)
 - 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.
 - Heating is provided by wall mounted thermostatically controlled radiators. The temperature of the care rooms on the day of the inspection was maintained between 18 and 22°C.

- The proposed care rooms have openable windows, and the sanitary accommodation is fitted with openable windows and an operating mechanical ventilation system.
- (d) The care rooms are clean, maintained and in good repair. There is a cleaning schedule available to ensure regular cleaning of the rooms.
- (e) There is adequate and suitable sanitary accommodation available for 22 children, set out in the table below:

Number of toilets for children:	Number of nappy change units:	Number of sinks for children:	Number of children this can accommodate:
2	2	2	22

One toilet and one sink is required in sanitary accommodation for every 11 children.

- There is a staff toilet and sink available for staff.

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:

- (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 71.9 square metres is available for the proposed 28 children.
- (2) There is a minimum amount of clear floor space for the age range of the children attending the service, as the table below demonstrates:

Room	Clear floor space m ² proposed by Registered Provider	Clear floor space m ² measured by EYI	Space required:	Proposed number of children:

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	Toddler room	34.8m ²	34.59m ²	2-3 years: 2.35m ²	12 full day care
	Preschool room	41.5m ²	37.32m ²	3-6 years: 2.3m ²	16 full day care
<p>The measurements recorded above are sufficient for the proposed 28 children attending on a full day care basis. However, due to Regulation 29(e), this figure is currently capped at 22 children.</p>					