

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances



Tusla I.D:	TU2015DR186							
Name of Service	Blossom Nursery School							
Address of Service:	The Carry Centre, Holy Trinity Parish, Killiney Hill Road, Killiney, Dublin, A96 DP11							
Email Address:	Blossom.school.nursery@gmail.com							
Name of Registered Provider:	Laura Salter Veronica Deignan							
Type of Proposed Service:	Full Day Care		Part-Time	☒	Sessional			
	Drop-In		Childminding		Temporary			
Proposed change:	Increase in number of children accommodated within the service from 20 to 25 children.							
Proposed Number of Children:	25							
Recommended Change Following Inspection:	25 children							
Registered change:	Change in number of children from 20 to 25 children							
Date of Inspection:	2	0	0	5	2	0	2	6
Inspection undertaken by:	R Phillips							
Title:	Early Years Inspector							
Tusla Early Years Inspectorate Address:	Level 7, Brunel Building, Heuston South Quarter, Kilmainham, Dublin 8							
Rationale for Inspection:								
Proposed Change of Circumstance								

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

Registration Status:	Registered Part-Time Service for 25 Children
Date of Registration	15 June 2026

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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).

Description of Service	Blossom Nursery School is a privately owned Early Years service established in 2015. The service provides part time and sessional care to children aged 2-6 years of age and operates a play-based curriculum and Early Childhood Care and Education Scheme (ECCE). The service will operate from 08:30 -13:00, Monday to Friday.
Premises	The service operates from a Parish Hall with a large open plan care room, situated in a residential area of Killiney, South County Dublin.
Staffing	The service employs three staff including the registered provider, who will manage the service and work directly with the children. The registered provider in discussion demonstrated an awareness of staffing levels required for the number and age range of children who may be registered.
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 the following themes: Governance, Health, Welfare and Development of the child, Safety and Premises. The findings on inspection are 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 registering the change in circumstance. 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.

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Acknowledgements

The Inspector wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the registered provider, staff and children 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 has been met.

(1)(a) The service has a designated person in charge and a named person 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)—

(b) a childminder shall ensure that a second person familiar with the operation of the service and in a position to provide assistance to the childminder in operating the service is, at all times, within close distance of the service and available to attend the service to assist the childminder in the event of an emergency, and

(c) a registered provider of a sessional pre-school shall ensure that, where the person in charge operates the service single-handedly, a second person familiar with the operation of the service and in a position to provide assistance to the person in charge in operating the service is, at all times, within close distance of the service and available to attend the service to assist the person in charge in the event of an emergency.

Requirement met:

The requirement has been met.

The registered provider proposes to provide a sessional service from 08:30- 12:00 and part time care until 13:00.

Three adults including the registered provider will be employed to work directly with the children.

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It is acknowledged that the person in charge is aware of the minimum ratio of adults to children specified in Part 1 of Schedule 6 and will ensure that an adequate number of adults will work directly with the pre-school children in the 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—*

(b) *of a full day care service, a part-time day care service, a sessional preschool service or a childminding service that moves premises 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 care room is fully equipped with a range of play materials and equipment suitable to the age range of the children who will be attending. There are low level tables and chairs and open shelving so the children will be able to access the materials for manipulative creative, sensory and imaginative play.

(1)(b) The care rooms each have a suitable rest area, with soft mats and cushions available for children to take a break from activities.

(2) The children have access to an outdoor area to the front of the premises.

Part V - Care of Child in Pre-school Service

Regulation 22 – Food and Drink

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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. Children bring snacks and lunch from home. The service has a healthy eating policy and excludes allergens that have been identified from the service. The service provides an alternative to children where required. Drinking water is available to the children. There is a refrigerator available for storage of perishable snacks.
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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. • There are no loose cables, exposed bolts or sharp edges or pinch or crush points on toys or equipment. • The service has an infection control policy in place to guide practice and avoid spread of infection. • There is provision for the appropriate storage and disposal of waste with the use of pedal operated bins in the sanitary area and care rooms. • Cleaning schedules are in place, and cleaning materials are appropriately stored out of reach of children. • Fire exits are unobstructed.
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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.

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- (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 roster and First Aid Responder training certificates provide evidence that an adult who has in date First Aid Responder training will be available to the children at all times of opening. Three staff have in date FAR training certificates. (2) (a)(b) A suitably equipped first aid box is provided and stored in a conspicuous place in the kitchen and is easily accessible.
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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:	The requirement has been met. (1)(a) Records of monthly fire drills provide evidence that the service carries out and maintain records of fire drills of adequate frequency. (b) There is a record available relating to the number type and maintenance of firefighting equipment and for the fire detection and alarm system. Certificates evidencing servicing of the fire fighting equipment and fire detection systems were dated 4 November 2025 and 30 December 2025 respectively.
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(4) The notice of procedures to be followed in the event of a fire is displayed conspicuously in the care room and the fire assembly point is clearly identifiable.

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 there is insurance cover in place for up to 25 children for part time day care.

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) Through discussion with registered provider and observation, the building appears to be of sound and stable structure.
- (b) The registered provider has taken appropriate measures to safeguard the premises by erecting a new boundary fence inside the original fence which is in a state of disrepair.
- (c) The care room is adequately lit with natural and artificial lighting.
The care room is a comfortable temperature with thermostatically controlled central heating. The windows and ventilation grills provide ventilation.
- (d) The premises appears to be clean repaired and maintained as required.

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(e) There are three toilets and five wash hand basins in the sanitary areas adjacent to the care room, within the service for the proposed 25 children. There is another toilet and wash hand basin available to the staff on the Parish Hall grounds.

There is thermostatically controlled hot water, which is maintained below 43°C.

There is liquid soap and paper towels available.

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.*
- (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:

The requirement has been met.

- (1) Adequate clear floor space has been provided for the work, play and movement of children attending the service.
- (2)(4) The registered provider is aware of the minimum clear floor space requirements as specified in schedule 7.

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A total clear floor space of 120.69m² is available in the proposed additional room for the proposed maximum daily attendance of 25 preschool children ranging in age from 2 years 3 months – 6 years on a part-time basis.