

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances



Tusla I.D.:	TU2015FL336							
Name of Service	Tyrrelstown Little Stars @TETNS							
Address of Service:	Tyrrelstown Educate Together National School, Hollywood Road, Dublin 15, D15 X938							
Email Address:	tyrrelstowncreche@yahoo.ie							
Name of Registered Provider:	Ewa Hetnal							
Type of Proposed Service:	Full Day Care	☐	Part-Time	☐	Sessional	☒		
	Drop-In	☐	Childminding	☐	Temporary	☐		
Proposed change:	Change the location of the service from Hollywoodrath Avenue, Hollystown, Dublin 15, D15VF5X to Tyrrelstown Educate Together National School, Hollywood Road, Dublin 15, D15X938.							
Proposed Number of Children:	22							
Recommended Change Following Inspection:	Change of location of the service.							
Registered change:	Change in service address from Hollywoodrath Avenue, Hollystown, Dublin 15, D15VF5X to Tyrrelstown Educate Together National School, Hollywood Road, Dublin 15, D15X938.							
Date of Inspection:	2	8	0	5	2	0	2	6
Inspection undertaken by:	Y Kelly							
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Rationale for Inspection: Proposed Change of Circumstance

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

Registration Status:	Registered Sessional Service for 22 Children
Date of Registration	29 May 2026

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	Tyrrelstown's Little Stars @TETNS is a privately operated service which offers care and education to 22 children aged from 2-6 years of age on a sessional basis. The service participates in the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) scheme. The service is open from Monday to Friday between 9.00am to 12.00pm.
Premises	The service is proposing to relocate to Tyrrelstown Educate Together National School as renovations being carried out in the service are completed. The service intends to offer a sessional service to a maximum of 22 children aged from 2- 6 years of age from 9am to 12pm Monday to Friday. The service proposes to operate from one care room on the ground floor of the primary school. There is access to the school playground with a separate fenced off area and sanitary facilities for their use only.
Staffing	The person in charge is employed in the service to coordinate the day-to-day operational management of the service in addition to 2 staff members all of whom work directly with the children. The registered provider does not work in the service on a daily basis.
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.

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	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 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.
Acknowledgements	The Inspector wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the registered provider and 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 service has a designated person in charge and a named person who 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.*

(8) *Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) to (7)—*

(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.

(1) The registered provider is aware of the minimum ratio of adults to children specified in Part 2 of Schedule 6 and would ensure that an adequate number of adults would at all times work directly with the children in the service. On inspection the registered provider stated that a maximum of 22 children aged between 2-6 years of age would be accommodated in the care room of the service, and three staff members will be employed to work directly with the children to maintain the adult child ratio considering the age range and number of children enrolled.

(8)(c) Not applicable as this is not a single-handed sessional 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—*

- (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 classroom was resourced with a broad range of play materials and equipment to facilitate children to initiate and sustain meaningful play activities. Interest areas were clearly defined and included a well-resourced home corner with kitchen and dress up materials, tabletop and small world area including dinosaurs and sea creatures, dolls house, book and cosy corner, construction area, sensory area with tuff tray with cereal, pinecones and wild animals, creative area with arts and crafts and mark making resources. The play materials were stored in labelled boxes at an accessible level to the pre-school children. A secure outdoor area is located to the rear of the service.

(b) There was a rest area available in the care room to enable a child to rest and take a break from activities throughout the day if required. This cosy area was situated in the care room and consisted of a sofa, cushions and soft matting.

(2)(b) The service has access to a fully enclosed outdoor play area in a fenced off section of the school playground at the rear of the premises. Staff discussed that materials such as balls, hula hoops, and tuff tray for water play will be brought to the outdoor area.

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Part V - Care of Child in Pre-school Service

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. Parents provide a snack for their child. There is a fridge available for the storage of perishable food items. Children bring their water bottles from home and additional drinking water is provided in the kitchen area.

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 hazards observed by the inspector that would impact the health, safety or welfare of the children attending the service. Appropriate measures have been undertaken in the service to ensure the safety of the children.

- The external doors, windows and outdoor play area were appropriately secured to prevent children from exiting the service unsupervised and to restrict unauthorised persons from gaining access to the service.
- The furniture and equipment were in good condition and suitable for use by the proposed age groups.
- The windows and the blind cords were secured in the care room.
- There is an air conditioning unit in the care room.
- Cleaning agents were inaccessible to children and stored safely out of the reach of children.
- Thermostatically controlled running water was available at the wash hand basins in the service.
- The fire procedures are displayed in the care room of the service.

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- The fire exit was clearly marked in the service.
- The outdoor play area is fully enclosed at the rear of the premises. There is a separate area fenced off within the school playground thus preventing a child from exiting the area.

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 that a person trained in first aid is available at all times to the children attending the pre-school service. There is evidence available in the service to show that 3 staff members to include the person in charge hold in-date First Aid Responder (FAR) training.
- (2)(a)(b) First aid boxes were suitably equipped and stored in readily accessible and conspicuous positions on the premises and are available at all times for the children if necessary.

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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) A template is available to record fire drills that take place in the service.

(b) A record was kept of the number, type and maintenance of the firefighting equipment and smoke alarms in the service. The fire extinguishers were serviced on 15 May 2026, and the Fire Detection and Smoke Alarm System was serviced on the 22 April 2026.

(4) Notices of the procedures to be followed in the event of a fire are displayed in the care room of the service. A clearly displayed fire assembly notice is available in the school playground to enable staff and children to identify the fire assembly point.

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.

A current insurance certificate is in place for up to 36 Pre-school and School Aged children to attend the service on a sessional basis valid until 30 April 2027.

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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:

The requirement has been met.

(a) The premises appeared to be in a good condition throughout.

(b) The premises appears safe and was found to be appropriately secured to prevent the children from exiting unsupervised and to restrict unauthorised persons from gaining access to the Early Years' service.

(c)

Lighting:

The premises is adequately lit by means of natural lighting supplemented by artificial lighting.

Heating:

The premises is heated with thermostatically controlled air conditioning units. There are radiators in the care room and sanitary accommodation of the service.

Ventilation:

Windows allow fresh air to circulate in the care room. There is an air conditioning unit and air purifier system for use in the care room.

(d) The premises was in a clean condition and in a good state of repair. A cleaning schedule is available in the care room and sanitary facilities to ensure regular cleaning of the service. A pest control contract was in place in the service.

(e) Adequate and suitable sanitary accommodation is available in the service.

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	Sanitary facilities are available on the ground floor of the school consisting of three toilets, one of which is for staff and 2 wash hand basins. Thermostatically controlled running water, liquid soap and dispensed paper hand towels are provided in the sanitary facilities and in the care room.
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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.

(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.

Requirement met:	The requirement has been met. There is adequate clear floor space available for 22 children. (1) The registered provider ensured that adequate clear floor space of 51.80m² is available in the premises for the work, play and movement of children attending the service. (3) The registered provider ensured that a minimum space of 1.818 square metres of clear floor space is available for the 22 proposed children attending the service on a sessional basis. (4)(a) The minimum clear floor space is available for the duration of the sessional preschool service.
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