

# TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

## Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances



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| <b>Tusla I.D:</b> | TU2016LK002 |
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| <b>Name of Service:</b> | Deltas Little Academy |
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| <b>Address of Service:</b> | Unit 1, Delta Retail Park, Limerick. |
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| <b>Name of Registered Provider:</b> | Jeremiah O Sullivan |
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| <b>Type of Proposed Service:</b> | <b>Sessional</b>     | ✓ | <b>Part-Time</b>    |  | <b>Drop-In</b>   |  |
|                                  | <b>Full Day Care</b> | ✓ | <b>Childminding</b> |  | <b>Temporary</b> |  |

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| <b>Proposed change to service:</b> | Open an additional room on first floor with additional sessional class. |
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| <b>Proposed Number of Children:</b> | 38 |
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| <b>Registered Change:</b> | Addition of session<br>Increase of children from 27 to 38 |
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| <b>Inspection undertaken by:</b> | M Riordan |
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| <b>Title:</b> | Early Years Inspector |
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| <b>Tusla Early Years Inspectorate Address:</b> | Early Years Inspectorate office,<br>Southeast Wing,<br>St. Joseph's Health Campus,<br>Mulgrave Street, Limerick. |
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| Rationale for Inspection :             |                                                                      |
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| <b>Proposed Change of Circumstance</b> | Additional room opened for 11 extra Preschool children each morning. |

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

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| <b>Registration Status:</b> | Registered full day care / sessional service for 38 children |
| <b>Date of Registration</b> | 06/10/2021                                                   |

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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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| <b>Description of Service</b> | Delta's Little Academy is a privately owned pre-school service located in commercial unit in a retail park on the outskirts of Limerick city. A full day care service is offered from 8.15am to 6pm, Monday to Friday for children aged 1 year to 6 years. A morning ECCE sessional programme is offered to pre-school children between the ages of 2 years and 8 months and 5 years of age. A service for school aged children is offered each afternoon. It is proposed that an additional room to accommodate a sessional group will be opened on the first floor of the building. At present the service is registered to accommodate a maximum of 22 children in the downstairs room each morning reducing to 18 children in the afternoon. The Toddler room on the first floor accommodates a maximum of 5 children between the ages of 1 year and 2 years. There is no change proposed to this room of the service. An additional room has been added on the first floor proposing to accommodate 11 Preschool children participating in the ECCE programme each morning. |
| <b>Premises</b>               | The preschool operates in a two-story building. On the ground floor there is one large playroom for children aged 2 years and 8 months to 5 years. The manager's office, a designated sleep room, sanitary accommodation and a nappy changing facility are also located downstairs.<br>On the first floor there is a toddler room and an additional new preschool room. Nappy changing facilities and sanitary accommodation are also located on the first floor. A kitchen area where food preparation takes place is also available upstairs.<br>The service has a designated outdoor play area, and this is accessed from the downstairs preschool room. A sheltered area has recently been added to the outdoor space.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Staffing</b>               | The Registered Provider is the owner of the service. A designated manager is appointed to oversee the operations of the facility. There are 6 staff employed to work at the service. All staff have achieved a major award in Early Childhood Care and Education at level 5, level 6 and Level 8.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Methodology</b>            | The inspection was an announced fit for purpose 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 three themes; Governance, Safety and Premises.<br>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 presented to the Registration Panel for consideration of a decision in relation to the service receiving registration.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Acknowledgements</b>       | The Inspector wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the person in charge, 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 has been met.

(1)(a) The registered provider has appointed a designated person in charge who has responsibility for running the service daily. There is always a person available to deputise if 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.

(1) The registered provider will always ensure that there will be an adequate number of staff employed to work at the service.

(8)(b) Not applicable

(c) Not Applicable

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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.*
- (3) *A registered provider of a full day care service, a part-time day care service or a childminding service, other than such a service to which paragraph (2) applies, shall ensure that—*
- (a) *a suitable, safe and secure outdoor space to which the pre-school children attending the service have access on a daily basis is provided on the premises or*
  - (b) *where no such space is provided, the preschool children attending the service have access on a daily basis to an outdoor service*
- (4) *Where outdoor space to which the pre-school children attending the service have access is provided on the premises of a sessional pre-school service other than such a service to which paragraph (2) applies, a temporary pre-school service or a pre-school service in a drop-in centre, the registered provider shall ensure that such outdoor space is suitable, safe and secure.*
- (5) *Where pre-school children attending a sessional pre-school service other than such a service to which paragraph (2) applies, a temporary pre-school service or a pre-school service in a drop-in centre have access to an outdoor space other than such a space specified in paragraph 4, the registered provider shall ensure that such outdoor space is suitable*

#### Requirement met:

The requirement has been met.

- (1)(a) The service has added an additional well-resourced preschool room to accommodate 11 extra children each morning. Children have daily access to an outdoor play area on the premises. The rooms are well equipped with play materials and equipment. The rooms have areas of interest developed and all play equipment is stored on open low-level shelving where all equipment is readily accessible to the children.
- (b) The service has a designated rest area developed in the room with soft seating and soft furnishings available.
- (2) A fully enclosed outdoor area which is available to the children.
- (3)(a) This outdoor area is available on the premises.
- (4) Not applicable
- (5) Not applicable

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### Part V- Care of Children 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. Frozen cooked meals are delivered to the service every week. These meals are reheated and served daily to the children. A sample menu is available for parents to view. A healthy eating policy is in place.

### 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 has a lock keypad and staff must allow all visitors to gain access to the facility.  
All fire emergency exit doors are unobstructed.  
Safe storage is provided for each child's personal belongings.  
Storage for cleaning materials and equipment is provided in a secure area.  
A fridge is provided for the storage of perishable food.  
Drinking water is readily available to the children throughout the day.  
There is provision for safe storage of medications in the service.

### 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) A registered provider will 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) (b) A fully equipped first aid box is available in the service.  
The first aid box is readily identifiable and accessible to all staff if needed.

### 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.

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|  | <p>(1)(a) A record is available of monthly fire drills at the service.</p> <p>(b) A service record for the firefighting equipment and the smoke alarms is available. A contracted company visits the service to complete this work on an ongoing basis.</p> <p>(4) A fire assembly point is identified in the outdoor area. Notices of procedures to be followed in the event of a fire are displayed in the Pre-school.</p> |
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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 indicates cover for 38 children to attend the service. The certificate expires on 28/02/2022.

### 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 building appears to be of sound and stable structure. It appears clean and well maintained throughout.

(b) The entrance door to the service is always locked.

(c) Natural lighting is provided with numerous windows and this is supplemented with artificial lights which are fully encased with protective covers. The windows in each room are openable to provide natural ventilation. All heating appliances are thermostatically controlled to always ensure safe surface temperature. Radiator covers are also in place. Proof that the gas systems in the service has been serviced was submitted.

(d) The rooms in the service are well maintained and clean throughout.

(e) Sufficient sanitary facilities are provided in the premises with enough toilets and wash hand basins for adults and children provided.

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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.*
- (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).*
- (5) *A registered provider of a temporary pre-school service shall ensure that a minimum of 2 square metres of clear floor space is available for each child attending the service.*

#### Requirement met:

The requirement has been met.

- (1) Adequate clear floor space is available in the premises for the work, play and movement of children attending the pre-school service.
- (2) The required minimum amount of floor space determined by the age range of the children is available in the premises. There is above the required space available in the new pre-school room to accommodate the proposed number of 11 Pre-school children on a sessional basis. The room measures 52 meters squared.
- (3) The minimum amount of floor space required by the sessional group attending the service is available.
- (4) Not applicable
- (5) Not applicable