

Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Report

Pre School

TUSLA Identifier:	TU2024FL008				
Name of Service:	School Kids Aloud				
Address of Service:	64 Luttrellstown Way, Luttrellstown, Carpenterstown, Dublin 15, Co. Dublin				
Eircode:	D15 V220				
Name of Registered Provider:	Jade Singh				
Service type:	Part Time, Sessional				
Date of Inspection:	23/06/2026				
No of pre-school children:	<table> <tr> <td>AM</td> <td>10</td> <td>PM</td> <td>N/A</td> </tr> </table>	AM	10	PM	N/A
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Inspection undertaken by:	Á Dunne				
Title:	Early Years Inspector				

Authority to Inspect

The Tusla Early Years Inspectorate carries out inspections of Early Years Services under Section 58(J) of the Child Care Act 1991 (as inserted by Section 92 of the Child and Family Agency Act 2013).

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Description of service

School Kids Aloud is located in Dublin 15. A part time or sessional service is provided to children aged between 2 to 6 years. The service is open from Monday to Friday 9.00 am to 2.00pm, with children attending a sessional service from 9.00am to 12.00pm. There are two care rooms, the main room to the side of the premises with sanitary facilities and the garden room to the rear of the premises. Access to an enclosed outdoor area to the rear of the premises is from the main room.

Staffing

The registered provider, who does not work in the service, employs the person in charge, the deputy person in charge and two staff employed under the Access and Inclusion Model (AIM) scheme. One college student who was attending on work experience was present on the day of inspection.

Methodology

Tusla's Early Years Inspectorate is the independent statutory regulator of early years services in Ireland. The Child Care Act 1991 (Early Years Services) Regulations 2016 define the duty of a registered provider to ensure the safety and well-being of children and to comply with these regulations. This Act also gives Tusla the authority to assess compliance with the regulations. The purpose of regulation in relation to early years services is to ensure that the care, safety, and well-being of children attending such services is upheld. Inspections of early years services are planned based on the following:

- Previous inspection history
- Any information received in relation to the service

The findings on inspection are based on:

- Information obtained through examination of documentation
- Direct observation
- Discussion with relevant staff

The inspection focused on an examination of compliance under the regulations 9, 11, 15, 19, 23, 25, 26 and 28. These findings are outlined within the relevant regulations within this report.

A sampling process was used to assess compliance under Regulation 15 Record of a Preschool Child, Regulation 19 Health, welfare and development of child and Regulation 23 Safeguarding, Health, Safety and Welfare of child. As a result, the scope of the inspection was the two care rooms of the part time service.

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Inspection findings are documented in the inspection report which is first issued in draft format to the service with an opportunity to respond to any findings. Where statutory requirements are identified as not being met, the registered provider must demonstrate how they have rectified the non-compliance and will prevent any non-compliance from re occurring. The Corrective Action and Preventive Action plan (CAPA) will be used to inform decisions about compliance with regulatory requirements. Where the registered provider fails to meet the statutory requirements an escalation process may be commenced.

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.

Acknowledgments

The inspector wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the registered provider, person in charge, staff and children who were present on the day of the inspection.

Part III – Management and Staff

Regulation 9 – Management and recruitment

(2) A registered provider shall ensure that each employee, unpaid worker and contractor is suitable and competent taking into consideration the nature of the needs of children, including by-

- (a) consideration of references from the person's past employers, if any, and in particular the most recent employer, if any,*
- (b) consideration of references from reputable sources in the case of a person who has no past employers,*
- (c) consideration of the vetting disclosure received from the National Vetting Bureau of the Garda Síochána in accordance with the Act of 2012 in respect of the person, and*
- (d) ensuring, insofar as is practicable, that where a person has lived in a state other than the State for a period of longer than 6 consecutive months, he or she provides police vetting from the police authorities in that state.*

(4) A registered provider shall ensure that, without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (2) and subject to paragraphs (5) and (6), each employee working directly with children attending the service holds at least a major award in Early childhood Care and Education at Level 5 on the National Qualifications Framework or a qualification deemed by the Minister to be equivalent.

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Compliance Information

- (2) The files of two staff and one student were reviewed as part of the inspection.
- (a) One written and validated reference for one adult, was available, from a past employer.
- (b) Three written and validated references were available, from a source other than a past employer.
- (c) Garda vetting disclosures were available for three adults. The service also demonstrated compliance, with the Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Notice requiring services to renew Garda vetting every three years.
- (d) Police vetting was available for three adults who had lived outside the State for longer than six consecutive months as an adult.
- (4) Documentation was available to show that two adults person held at least a major award in Early Childhood Care and Education at Level 5 or above on the National Framework of Qualifications or a qualification deemed eligible by the Minister

Non-Compliance Information

- (2) (a)(b) One written and validated reference was not available for one adult.
- (b) One written reference for one adult from a source other than a past employer was not validated.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective and Preventive Action

(2)(a)(b) One staff member no longer works in the service and the reference from a source other than a past employer was validated. The registered provider will ensure that all references are obtained and validated prior to staff or students starting in the service as part of the service Recruitment Process.

Supporting documentation submitted

(2)(a)(b) No Evidence.

Summary Comment

The Inspector has reviewed the actions submitted. The non-compliance identified under regulation 9 has been adequately addressed.

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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.

(2) Subject to paragraphs (4) and (5), a registered provider of a full day care service or a part-time day care service shall ensure that at all times the minimum ratio of adults to children specified in column (3) of Part 1 of Schedule 6 opposite a particular reference number specified in column (1) of that Part in respect of the age range of the children specified in column (2) thereof at that reference number is satisfied.

Compliance Information

(1) On the day of inspection, there were adequate number of adults working directly with the children.

(2) Four adults worked with 10 children aged 3 years to 5 years during the morning session, ensuring ratios were maintained.

Part IV – Information and Records

Regulation 15 – Record of pre-school child

(1) A registered provider of a pre-school service other than a pre-school service in a drop-in centre or a temporary pre-school service shall ensure that a record in writing is kept in respect of each pre-school child attending the service containing the following particulars:

- (a) the name and date of birth of the child;*
- (b) the date on which the child first attended the service;*
- (c) the date on which the child ceased to attend the service;*
- (d) the name and address of a parent or guardian of the child and a telephone number where that parent or guardian or a relative or friend of the child can be contacted during the hours of operation of the service;*
- (e) authorisation for the collection of the child;*
- (f) details of any illness, disability, allergy or special need of the child, together with all the information relevant to the provision of special care or attention;*
- (g) the name and telephone number of the child's registered medical practitioner;*
- (h) record of immunisations, if any, received by the child;*

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(i) written parental consent for appropriate medical treatment of the child in the event of an emergency.

(3) A record in writing referred to in paragraph (1) or (2) shall be open to inspection on the premises by-

(c) an authorised person.

Compliance Information

(1) A sample of 12 records maintained for children attending the service were inspected and all were found to be appropriately completed with the required information as specified in sub-sections (a) to (i) in this regulation.

(3)(c) The children's records were open to inspection as requested by the inspector as an authorised person

Part V - Care of Child in Pre-school Service

Regulation 19 - Health, welfare and development of child

(1) A registered provider shall, in providing a pre-school service, ensure that-

(a) each child's learning, development and well-being is facilitated within the daily life of the pre-school service through the provision of the appropriate activities, interaction, materials and equipment, having regard to the age and stage of development of the child, and

Compliance Information

(1)(a) **Basic Needs:**

- The inspector observed that the children's learning, development, and well-being was supported by the staff and the environment.
- Lunchtime at 10.15am was observed as a relaxed and sociable event with children given time to sit at low tables appropriate to their ages. Staff sat with children and were on hand to help the children as required, but promoting independence and wellbeing. The children's water bottles were available to the children to drink.
- The children experienced outdoor play during the inspection.

Supporting Relationships Around Children:

- Language development was supported by the adults through conversation and singing.
- The inspectors observed the staff interacting warmly with the children, engaging positively, and supporting them with their care, work, and play.
- The person in charge informed the inspector that as well as speaking with parents/guardians at drop off/collection times, they communicate through email.

Physical Environment:

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- The main care room was laid out with child sized tables and chairs and low-level shelving. Equipment and materials were visible and accessible, to enable children move freely to explore their environment.
- The garden room had accessible toys for imaginary play, small world play and for gross motor play.
- The materials and equipment provided to the children in the two carer rooms were suitable to the age and stage of development of the children present.
- Rest areas with couches and soft mats with books, for rest and relaxation were available to the children.
- The children spent time in the outdoor area and had the opportunity to play with a range of toys and equipment to support full-body movement and activities such as water play and with a mud kitchen with supporting equipment, a ride on tractor, a climbing frame with slide and a playhouse.

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.

Compliance Information

General Safety:

- The external door of the service was secure with a buzzer system monitored by the staff to prevent a child from exiting the service unsupervised and to prevent an unauthorised person from entering the building.
- The outdoor area was a safe and secure environment with play equipment and materials clean and suitable for use by the children.
- Attendance records on an electronic application were present, completed and accurate.
- The kitchen of the service was not accessible to the children.
- No hazards or safety issues were observed in the care rooms or outdoor area - cleaning materials were stored out of reach of the children, no trailing flexes were present, and the blind cords present, were secure.

Infection Control:

- The service was maintained in a clean and hygienic condition throughout, with the premises and equipment observed to be visually clean.
- Handwashing facilities for hand hygiene included thermostatically controlled water, soap and paper towels and pedal operated lidded bins for disposal of paper waste.
- Handwashing was observed after bathroom visits, after outdoor play and before and after mealtimes.

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- Children lunches which were brought from home were refrigerated to prevent spoiling of perishable items.

Fire Safety:

- Monthly fire drills were carried out in the service.
- Emergency exits were kept clear for safe evacuation if needed.

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.

Compliance Information

- (1) Two staff members held First Aid Responder (FAR) certification with an expiry date of 04 September 2026.
- (2)(a) and (b) Two suitably equipped first aid boxes was available and safely stored in easily accessible and conspicuous positions in the service.

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.

Compliance Information

- (1)
- (a) The last recorded fire drill that was carried out in the service was 27 May 2026.
- (b) The maintenance record available demonstrated that the firefighting equipment was last serviced on 27 May 2026.

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(4) Fire evacuation procedures were displayed throughout the service

Non-Compliance Information

(b) A record was not available to demonstrate annual service of the smoke alarm was completed with the number, type and maintenance for the smoke alarms in the premises. It is acknowledged that evidence of maintenance completed on the 25 June 2026, was submitted by the registered provider post inspection.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective and Preventive Action

(b) The maintenance of smoke alarms was completed 25 June 2026 and the record was made available and submitted to the agency 25 June 2026. The service has renewed their contract, and maintenance will be completed annually

Supporting documentation submitted

(b) Maintenance record dated 25 June 2026

Summary Comment

The inspector has reviewed the actions and evidence submitted. The non-compliance identified under Reg 26 has been adequately addressed.

Part VI - Safety

Regulation 28 - Insurance

A registered provider shall ensure that the pre-school service is adequately insured.

Compliance Information

The registered provider ensured adequate insurance was in place for the full day care service for 14 children up until 27 March 2027