

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Initial Inspection of Proposed New Service

Tusla I.D:	TU2026DN007							
Name of Service:	Aria's Childcare							
Address of Service:	Blakestown Community & Resource Centre, Blakestown Way, Coolmine, Dublin 15. D15 TX62							
Email Address:	mrid.sadana@gmail.com							
Name of Proposed Registered Provider:	Mridul Sharma							
Type of Proposed Service:	Full Day Car		Part-Time	X	Drop-In			
	Sessional	X	Childminding		Temporary			
Proposed service type:	Part-Time/Sessional Age range 2-6 years old Operating hours 9.15am -1.15pm							
Proposed Number of Children:	24 Children							
Outcome of the F06 Inspection (e.g., type of service, numbers, age ranges, times,)	Part-Time/Sessional Age range 2-6 years old Operating hours 9.15am -1.15pm 24 children							
Registered service:	Registered Part-Time Sessional Service for 24 Children							
Date of Inspection:	1	9	0	5	2	0	2	6
Inspection Undertaken by:	E. Griffin							
Title:	Early Years Inspector							
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Rationale for Inspection
Proposed New Service

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

Registration Status:	Registered Part-Time Sessional Service for 24 Children
Date of Registration:	21.07.2026

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	The proposed service is a privately owned service located in North Dublin and will provide part-time and sessional care to a maximum of 24 children aged 2 to 6 years. The service proposes to open from 9:15am to 1:15pm and will be one of three services operated by the registered provider.
Premises	The proposed premises is located in a single-story building within a community centre. The preschool service comprises of two care rooms, the Caterpillar room and the Ladybird room and a small office. There is separate sanitary accommodation for staff and children. The proposed service will have use of a securely gated outdoor play area to the front of the community service. The outdoor play area will be designated to be solely used by the preschool service. The proposed service will also have access to the indoor community centre sports hall facility at allocated times.
Staffing	The proposed service will have up to four parttime staff including the person in charge. The registered provider will be available to provide cover in the service if required.
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.

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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 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 proposed registered provider and the company secretary 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 is met. The proposed service has a designated person in charge, and a named staff member 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.

Requirement met:	(1) The requirement is met. The registered provider has proposed that up to 4 part-time staff members including the person in charge will be working with the 24 children attending the proposed new childcare 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—*
- (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 are 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.
 - There is a large sports hall which is accessible to the children at allocated times.
- (b) There are 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 four sleep mats with suitable bed linen available
- (2) There is an outdoor play area available to the front 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.

- Meals/snacks will be provided by parents/guardians.
- The service has a healthy food policy which will be shared with parents/guardians in advance of enrolment.
- There are facilities available to reheat the food in the service if required.
- Alternative snacks will be provided by the service where required.
- There is a fridge available for the appropriate storage of perishable foods.
- Children will bring their own individually labelled water bottles for drinking. The service will also provide 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 emergency exits are unobstructed.
- The two care room doors are secured from the inside with a lock that is high level and inaccessible to children. This prevents children from exiting unsupervised and unauthorised persons from gaining access.
- The outdoor area is securely gated and fully enclosed. This area will be used solely for the purpose of outdoor play by the preschool 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 is visually clean.
- Risk assessments are available for both the care rooms, sports hall and the outdoor play area.

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Requirement not met:	1. The corridor outside the care rooms is not adequately secured to prevent the children accessing an unsuitable area including a canteen and kitchen area.
Response from Provider:	1. A gate has been installed, which is locked and is not able to be opened by children. However, it's easy to open from adult if and when needed.
Summary Comment:	The requirement is met.

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 the person in charge and registered provider 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.
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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 firefighting 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.
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	(b) A written record is available to demonstrate the firefighting equipment in the premises was maintained on the on the 30 August 2025 and the smoke alarms were maintained on the 24 March 2026. (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 to the back 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 the proposed number of children to attend the childcare service, from the 12 February 2026 to 11 February 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 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. (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.
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- There is a central heating system which allows for temperatures to be adjusted as required.
- 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 24 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:
3	1	3	33

- One toilet and one sink is required in sanitary accommodation for every 11 children.
- There is a staff toilet and sink available for staff.

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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.
- (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:

- (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 51.7 square metres is available for the proposed 24 children.
- (4) 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 Name	Floor space required per child	Floor space available as measured by inspector
Caterpillar Room	2.35 sqm per child (aged 2 to 3 years) 2.3 sqm per child (aged 3 to 6 years) 1.818sqm per child (aged 2years 6 months to 6 years)	32sqm
Lady Bird Room	2.35 sqm per child (aged 2 to 3 years) 2.3 sqm per child (aged 3 to 6 years) 1.818sqm per child (aged 2years 6 months to 6 years)	19.7sqm

The registered provider must ensure adequate space in each room based on the individual ages and attendance hours of the children present at all times.