

South Dublin County Childcare Committee CLG.

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To Whom It May Concern

Re: Glenview Montessori Preschool, 310 Glenview Park, Tallaght, Dublin 24

It has come to the attention of the South Dublin County Childcare Committee (SDCCC) that the Preschool Service at the above address is facing issues in relation to their planning application and we are providing this letter as support for the service.

We are aware of the service, which is run by Mary Cummins and registered with Tusla TU2015DS046. From the numbers attending the service which caters for preschool children aged between 2.5-5 years, we can observe that the service is required in the area as the occupancy rates are always very positive. The service is catering for 16 children from the local community and anecdotally we are aware that the service could provide more childcare places as some parents that wish to register their children with the service cannot be due to full occupancy. Our local information on the need in this area identifies that a service closure would result in inadequate early years' provision locally. *The loss of this service would be a disadvantage to the community of parents and children who use the service.*

From the information provided to us we are advised that the service is fully insured to provide an early years' service. We have been informed that the service maintains a good ratio of adults to children and has hired two additional Garda vetted staff members, to allow the service to provide an increased child:adult ratio of 5.5:1, over the recommended ratio for this aged group of 11:1, with a view to increasing the level of quality care and education available to children.

SDCCC considers this early year's care and education service should continue to operate and consider the planning department should award any planning retention of the premises that is required and the provision of increased planning to provide for an increased number of children in the local area. SDCCC will continue to support the service in the application for retention of business planning.

Yours Sincerely

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