RISK ASSESSMENT FOR: autumn 2021 For Roe Green Infant School

School activities during COVID 19 outbreak.

During this evolving situation please monitor and follow government guidance given in the web links provided

All pupils, in all year groups, will return to school full-time from the beginning of the autumn term.

Schools must comply with health and safety law, which requires them to assess risks and put in place proportionate control measures.

RGI will thoroughly review its health and safety risk assessments and draw up plans for the autumn term that address the risks identified using the system of controls set out below.

- a requirement that people who are ill stay at home
- · robust hand and respiratory hygiene
- enhanced cleaning arrangements
- active engagement with NHS Test and Trace
- formal consideration of how to reduce contacts and maximise distancing between those in school wherever possible and minimise potential for contamination so far as is reasonably practicable
- grouping children together
- avoiding contact between groups

Employers must protect people from harm. This includes taking reasonable steps to protect staff, pupils and others from coronavirus (COVID-19) within the education setting.

As part of planning for full return in the autumn term, it is a legal requirement that RGI should revisit and update its risk assessments (building on the learning to date and the practices they have already developed), to consider the additional risks and control measures to enable a return to full capacity in the autumn term.

RGI will regularly review and update the RA:

to monitor that the controls are:

- effective
- working as planned
- updated appropriately considering any issues identified and changes in public health advice

Having assessed their risk, RGI will work through the below system of controls, adopting measures in a way that addresses the risk identified in their assessment, works for their school, and allows them to deliver a broad and balanced curriculum for their pupils, including full educational and care support for those pupils who have SEND.

Key for abbreviations:

Local Health Protection Team: LHPT

Senior Leadership Team: SLT

Headteacher: HT
Head of School: HOS
Deputy Head teacher: DH

Review and tailor the contents of this generic risk assessment to meet your school's individual circumstances.

- Actions determined as required but not yet in place should be moved from the 'What are you already doing'? column to the "What further action is necessary?' column.
- Record any other significant findings and actions required to reduce risk further where existing controls are insufficient, assigning these actions

Assistant Head teacher: AH Premises Manager: PM Class Teachers: CT Support staff: SS

Learning Support Assistants: LSAs

Year Group Leaders: YGLs Teaching Assistants: TAs

SMSAs School Meal Time Assistants: SMSAs

Roe Green Junior School: RGJ

Local Authority: LA

Educational Visits Coordinator: EVCo

Virtual Lead: VL Virtual Team: VT

*Public Health England: PHE From 18th August this body has been replaced by the National Institute for Health Protection: NIHP

Establishment: Roe Green Infant School	Assessment by: Nicole Lobo (HT) Hema Dahale (Union Rep.) Dee Simpson (PSHE Lead) Cossor Javaid (HR)	Date: beginning February 23rd 2021
Risk assessment number/ref: 24/08/21	Headteacher Approval: Chair of Governors Approval:	Date: 24/08/21 Date:
	All employers have a duty to consult employees on health and safety. Have staff been consulted in production of this risk assessment? Y/N	

What are the hazards?	Checklist/Control Measure		
Prevention	With the government's decision to relax covid- 19 rules that came into place on 19th July, the RA is being written for the start of the		
1) Minimise contact with individuals	academic year 2021-2022 using these guidelines. The RA will be amended on a weekly basis for the first half of the autumn term and		
who are unwell by ensuring that	then half termly.		

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those who have coronavirus (COVID19) symptoms or who have someone in their household who does or have been advised by NHS test and trace to self-isolate, do not attend settings	(Taken from the NHS website) Self-isolate straight away and get a PCR test (a test that is sent to the lab) on GOV.UK as soon as possible if you have any of these 3 symptoms of COVID-19, even if they are mild: a high temperature a new, continuous cough a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste You should also self-isolate straight away if: you've tested positive for COVID-19 – this means you have the virus someone you live with has symptoms or tested positive (unless you are not required to self-isolate – check below if this applies to you) you've been told to self-isolate following contact with someone who tested positive – find out what to do if you're told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace or the NHS COVID-19 app Information: You may need to quarantine when you arrive in England from abroad. Check the quarantine rules when entering England on GOV.UK When you do not need to self-isolate If someone you live with has symptoms of COVID-19, or has tested positive for COVID-19, you will not need to self-isolate if any of the following apply: you're fully vaccinated – this means 14 days have passed since your final dose of a COVID-19 vaccine given by the NHS

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	you're under 18 years, 6 months old
	you're taking part or have taken part in a COVID-19 vaccine trial
	you're not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons
	Even if you do not have symptoms, you should still:
	get a PCR test on GOV.UK to check if you have COVID-19
	follow advice on how to avoid catching and spreading COVID-19
	consider limiting contact with people who are at higher risk from COVID-19
	Pupils, staff and other adults do not come into the school if they have <u>coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms</u> , or have tested positive in the last 10 days, and anyone developing these symptoms during the school day will be sent home and told to take the test. Staff have been offered the rapid testing(LFTs) they can opt in/out at any time.
	If the individual with symptoms has not been able to get a test, they need to isolate for 10 days. If anyone in the school becomes unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), they must be sent home and advised to follow 'stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection', should arrange to have a test to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19). If the test is positive continue to isolate for ten days; if it is negative they can return to school when feeling better.
	If a child is awaiting collection, they will be moved to the medical room where they can be isolated behind a closed door, with appropriate adult supervision. Ideally a window needs to be open for ventilation. Therefore, in the medical room the back door would need to be opened and the window opened that leads to the toilet. If it is not possible to isolate them in the medical room, then they will be moved to the small hall. If they need to go to the bathroom while waiting to be collected, they should use the disabled toilet. The bathroom must be cleaned and disinfected using standard cleaning products before being used by anyone else.
	PPE must be worn by staff caring for the child while they await collection if a distance of 2 metres cannot be maintained (such as for a very young child or a child with complex needs). See <u>safe working in education, childcare and children's social care settings, including the use of personal protective equipment (PPE)</u> guidance.
	GDPR: RGI will NOT share the names or details of people with coronavirus, unless it is essential to protect others.

What are the hazards? Checklist/Control Measure 2) Where recommended, the use of it is recommended that face coverings be worn by adults on site for both staff and visitors (including parents) if feeling vulnerable. face coverings People who have health conditions are exempt. The staff will wear face coverings as Keep staffrooms ventilated and be aware of time spent in face to face conversations. This needs to be especially noted in the detailed below. conservatory staffroom on CC days. Additional face masks will be provided: in case a mask becomes Pupils or staff arriving in school wearing face coverings need to remove them safely, (all staff have had PPE training in June 2020) and soiled or broken. Plastic sealable pupils will be instructed not to touch the front of their face covering during use or when removing them. They must wash their hands bags will be provided for storage of immediately on arrival (as is the case for all pupils), dispose of temporary face coverings in a covered bin or place reusable face coverings in a plastic bag they can take home with them, and then wash their hands again before sitting at their table. Guidance on safe masks working in education, childcare and children's social care provides more advice. If children bring hand gels in leave this in their book bags. 3) Clean hands thoroughly and more As with hand cleaning, RGI will continue to ensure younger children and those with complex needs are helped to get this right, and all pupils understand that this is now part of how school operates. Some pupils with complex needs will struggle to maintain as good often than usual respiratory hygiene as their peers, for example those who spit uncontrollably or use saliva as a sensory stimulant. Individual Risk Including when putting on and removing face masks. Assessments will be in place in order to support these pupils and the staff working with them.

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What are the hazards?	RGI has installed four handwashing 'stations' in the playground areas so that all pupils can clean their hands regularly when they are outside. Hand sanitisers are stationed all around the outside of the school building for staff, parents and visitors to use. These may be used by children with supervision. The use of hand sanitiser, given risks around ingestion, will continue to be supervised. Small children and pupils with complex needs will continue to be helped to clean their hands properly. Skin friendly skin cleaning wipes can be used as an alternative Signage is inside and outside of the classrooms to remind children to wash their hands regularly. Children must clean their hands when they arrive at school, when they return from breaks, when they change rooms and before and after eating. Staff members who are working with children who may spit, need more opportunities to wash their hands. Before removing/ putting on face masks, clean hands before and after touching. Store them in an individual sealable plastic bag between use. If face covering becomes damp the cover should not be worn and removed carefully. It is advised to have a replacement to hand.
4) Ensure good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach	The 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach continues to be very important. So staff can access the e-Bug coronavirus (COVID-19) website. https://e-bug.eu/eng_home.aspx?cc=eng&ss=1&t=Information%20about%20the%20Coronavirus RGI will continue to ensure that there are enough tissues and bins available in the school to support pupils and staff to follow this routine.

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	The yearly letter will go out to all parents, in the first week of children's return to school, to request for a tissue box for each child in every class to be sent in. Staff to replenish as needed.						
	Children to continue to be encouraged to sneeze or cough into their elbows. Some pupils with complex needs will struggle to maintain a good respiratory hygiene but they will be supported.						
	Closed bins are in every classroom and in every other room used within the school. Ensure bins are provided for tissues in every classroom. Catch it, bin it, kill it messages to be displayed in and out of classrooms and discussed and understood in each class. Staff / students to use tissues when coughing or sneezing and then place the used tissue in the bin before washing hands. Closed bins need to be put in shared office areas and in the small hall/ library/ICT suite (bring from RGS).						
5) Maintain enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces often using	RGI has put in place a cleaning schedule that ensures cleaning is generally enhanced and includes: • more frequent cleaning of rooms / shared areas that are used by different groups • frequently touched surfaces being cleaned more often than normal.						
standard products, such as detergents	 frequently touched surfaces being cleaned more often than normal. Additional cleaner is in place working 4 hours daily. Timetable of cleaning is in place and will be regularly reviewed. Half termly 'fogging' to take place. Initial fogging to take place 3/09/21. 						

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	It is expected that staff working in the classrooms will continue to wipe down surface areas and equipment when needed.
	 Year groups to continue to use their own toilets, but toilets will continue to be cleaned regularly and pupils will continue to be encouraged to clean their hands thoroughly after using the toilet
	 Lunchtimes and playtimes will be staggered for Year group 'bubbles', this will also enable cleaning to take place throughout the day.
	RGI will continue to ensure younger children and those with complex needs are helped to get this right, and all pupils understand that this is now part of how school operates. Some pupils with complex needs will need to be supported and be toileted on a regular basis throughout the day. Individual Risk Assessments will be in place in order to support these pupils and the staff working with them. See:
	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-send-risk-assessment-guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-send-risk-assessment-guidance
	In the event that the current full time cleaner is absent, teachers to clean their rooms during the day. Toilets and the common areas to be cleaned by the premises team.
6) Consider how to minimise contact across the site.	Some of the measures put in place during the academic year 2020-2021 will remain in place as 'Covid keepers'. Playtimes will remain staggered for reception, Year 1 and year 2.
	Lunchtimes will remain staggered

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	Measures in the Classroom: Assemblies will take place both physically and virtually. Assemblies will be year groups (small hall) and Key Stages (large hall). RE and
	PSHE assemblies to remain virtual. This will be reviewed for the spring term.
	Lunchtimes and playtimes will be staggered and the dining hall will be cleaned between use.
	The door into the year 4 corridor, opposite the reception corridor should remain closed. Children are not to go to the main office or medical room unless with an adult. Lunch registers should be placed on a table by the classroom door for a member of the admin staff to collect in the morning.
	If a child falls unwell or hurts themselves either in the classroom or in the playground a member of staff will need to take them to the first aid room, via the main reception foyer. During lunchtime or break times unless wet days, the medical officer will stay in the first aid room. YGLs to collect the register and lunch registers to go into class.
	Children will be doing monitored jobs, recycling etc will need to be done by staff. School Council can take place.
	ICT suite
	Each year group to use on the same day and to clean down after each class has been in. Ensure cleaning materials are stored in the room for access.
	Evergreen Building
	The building is shared with the junior school. The infants have the use of the building every Wednesday and then alternate weeks but not a Thursday.
	Creative Curriculum
	Wednesday's Creative curriculum will remain for KS1 as the previous academic year, All of Year 1 on PPA on the same Wednesday,
	followed by Year 2 on the alternative Wednesday.
	Timetable for autumn term: AM Drama
	AV/KT Computing/Library
	RP PE

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	MA Our Planet Reception creativ	ve will be taken on a	Wednesday by C L	and DD.	
	agree days and to Children to come outside the school Nothing to be pure A box of tissues at Cleaning equipment Children to go to	imes. In their PE kit on the In their PE kit on the In for parents to see we In the small hall or le In the small hall or le In the should	eir allocated PE day when their child is co eft in the storage ar d be in the small ha in the storage area	r, wearing a tracksui loing PE. ea at the back. Il at all times.	y school has agreed the use of the field. PE coordinator to t of any colour on cold days. A PE timetable is in place roughly when leaving the hall.
	Morning break:				
	Year group	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	
	Time	10:15 -10:30	10:30 -10:45	10:45 -11:00	
		lets for Reception is verable will need to be Reception 11:30 -12:20			to go through Owl Class. Year 2 via the Reception Foyer. ear groups.

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	Lunchtime hall is used by both the Infant and Junior school; The windows are open. The children do not use the toile but are escorted to toilets in the main building if needed. Lunchtime Hall times:				
	Year group	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	7
	Time	11:30 -12:00	12:05 -12 :35	12:40 -1:10	
		(handwashing to	(handwashing to	(hand gel wash	
		take place in the	take place in the	in the corridor)	
		classroom)	classroom)	Go back into	
				class along the	
				main corridor.	
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	Lunch Playgroun				_
	Year group	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	
	Time	12:00 -12:20	12:35 -1:00	12:20 -12:40	
	Voor 1 SMS As to	be at the class doors	in Voor 1 for 12:00		_
		take their children in		are cottled	
		toilets via Owl Class	•		Class
		be outside in the play		•	
					ill sit in the Reception Foyer.
					to help speed up the collection of the food.
	Rainy lunchtimes	_		J ,	
	_	to go into the dining I	hall, CTs, TAs, to cle	ean the classrooms	3.
		-			to clean and remove trays.
	Year 1: SMSA to s	stay in Eagle class, Sl	MSA to stay in Owls	, Rabbits and Stags	s to go into the small hall with an SMSA and The Welfare
	officer, 1 SMSA ar	nd additional cleaner	to the dining hall wit	h members of SLT.	
	Year 2: SMSA to s	stay in Squirrels, SMS	SA to stay in Fox Cla	iss and Badgers an	d Hedgehogs to go into the small hall with an SMSA and
		r, 1 SMSA and addition		-	
	KS1 If there are a	ny first aid issues, the	child will be sent w	ith a friend to the sr	mall hall to see the welfare officer.

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	Afternoon play:					
		ar 1 teachers can us	se the designated are	as in the afternoon	as timetabled by YG	GLs.
	No afternoon play		,		,	-
	Staff:					
				ut must be placed in	lidded containers a	nd is the responsibility of the year
	group to keep it co	vered and removed	when needed.			
	Twilights INSET a	and Staff meetings w	vill continue to take n	lace virtually for mo	et eassions anart fro	m practical sessions.
	i wilights, hvoli a	Planning	Staff meetings	Twilights	SLT	m practical sessions.
	Time	Nursery:Wed	Fridays : 8:00 -	Tuesday :3:45 -	Mondays 3:45 -	-
		Recep: Thurs	8:30	4:45	4:45	
		Year 1: Wed				
		Year 2: Wed				
	Each Year group was parents. Other conditions it is essential that	ntact will continue the new parents coming school ping for pare	group newsletter at the rough emails with the properties into school set up the	e class teacher or via neir school Ping con	a the admin and thro	the website and school pinged out to bugh Microsoft Team meetings. es. IT manager to send out a how to ng set up for parents needs to be
	Reception: Enter Year 1: Enter via E Year 2: Enter via E Fox Class – Small Squirrel Class – pa Badgers & Hedgel	Black Gate, walk rou Black Gate and drop Hall arents to wait by Off nog Class - parents	drop off at Reception and via back playgrous off at the entrance rice Foyer door.	und and drop off at \ ear Blue Jays class dor near the swimmi	room. For dismissal	children from their class.
	SLT members to b	e at the Black Gate	, the Nursery Entrand	ce, the entrance nea	r Blue Jays and the	playground morning and afternoon.

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	Timetable is in place for duties at the beginning, mid-day and end of days. We are operating soft starts in order to keep the arrivals of children/parents maintaining at an even pace to maintain social distancing within the timings of the day and to avoid congestion on the pavements outside the school. We are three large schools on one busy road.
	Attendance Attendance expectations It is vital for all children to return to school to minimise as far as possible the longer-term impact of the pandemic on children's education, wellbeing and wider development. Missing out on more time in the classroom risks pupils falling further behind. Those with higher overall absence tend to achieve less well in both primary and secondary school. School attendance is again mandatory and the usual rules on school attendance will apply, including: • parents' duty to secure that their child attends regularly at school where the child is a registered pupil at school and they are of compulsory school age; • schools' responsibilities to record attendance and follow up absence • the availability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices in line with local authorities' codes of conduct Pupils who are self-isolating The majority of pupils will be able to return to school. However, it needs to be noted that: • a small number of pupils will still be unable to attend in line with public health advice because they are self-isolating and have had symptoms or a positive test result themselves. Home learning will be provided on an individual basis when/if the child is well enough to access it.

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7) Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.	Good ventilation reduces the concentration of the virus in the air, which reduces the risk from airborne transmission. RGI will achieve this by opening all the windows in the classrooms and where possible in the staff rooms and other areas. If necessary external opening doors will be used. All upper windows should be opened as this enables a better flow of air. Leave these open at the end of the school day, for the cleaners and RN will close them. All other windows should be closed by the teacher at the end of the day. On 23 August 2021 the government agreed to provide CO2 monitors to schools.
8)Where necessary, wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE)	 The majority of staff in education settings will not require PPE beyond what they would normally need for their work. PPE is only needed in a very small number of cases, including: where an individual child or young person becomes ill with coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms while at schools, and only then if a distance of 2 metres cannot be maintained where a child or young person already has routine intimate care needs that involves the use of PPE, in which case the same PPE should continue to be used See the guidance on safe working in education, childcare and children's social care for more information about preventing and controlling infection, including when, how PPE should be used, what type of PPE to use, and how to source it.
	 Any member of staff changing children will need to use appropriate PPE, see: <u>safe working in education, childcare and children's social care settings, including the use of personal protective equipment (PPE)</u> guidance.
Response to any infection	
9) promote and engage in asymptomatic testing where possible	Testing continues to be encouraged for staff twice weekly at home until the end of September, when this will be reviewed. The RA for testing remains in place. Staff can opt in or out at any time. Rapid testing remains a vital part of our plan to suppress this virus.

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	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-asymptomatic-testing-for-staff-in-primary-schools-and-nurseries/rapid-asymptomatic-coronavirus-covid-19-testing-for-staff-in-primary-schools-school-based-nurseries-and-maintained-nursery-sch
Response to any infection 10)Promote and engage with the	
NHS Test and Trace process	staff members, parents and carers will need to: Book a test if they or their child has symptoms - the main symptoms are: a high temperature, a new continuous cough, a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste Self-isolate immediately and not come to school if: they develop symptoms, they are required to do so having recently travelled from certain other countries Please read the following information regarding testing by clicking on the link below: When to self-isolate and what to do - Coronavirus (COVID-19) - NHS (www.nhs.uk)
11)Manage confirmed cases of Covid -19 amongst the school community.	Close contacts will now be identified via NHS Test and Trace and education settings will no longer be expected to undertake contact tracing. As with positive cases in any other setting, NHS Test and Trace will work with the positive case and/or their parent to identify close contacts. Contacts from a school setting will only be traced by NHS Test and Trace where the positive case and/or their parent specifically identifies the individual as being a close contact. This is likely to be a small number of individuals who would be most at risk of contracting COVID-19 due to the nature of the close contact. RGI may be contacted in exceptional cases to help with identifying close contacts, as currently happens in managing other infectious diseases. Further guidance is available on https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/

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12) contain any outbreak by following PHE local health protection team advice.	Schools will continue to have a role in working with health protection teams in the case of a local outbreak. If there is a substantial increase in the number of positive cases in a setting or if central government offers the area an enhanced response package, a director of public health might advise a setting to temporarily reintroduce some control measures.
Part 2.	School workforce The head meets regularly with the HR lead who has carried out individual RAs for all staff, which will be updated on an individual basis if required. In certain circumstances the HT in agreement with the Governing Board will look at whether the staff member can work from home when required.
	Teachers will continue to be able to work from home for PPA in the afternoon from October 2021 onwards.
	Employer health and safety and equalities duties
	Schools have a legal obligation to protect their employees, and others, from harm and should continue to assess health and safety risks and consider how to meet equalities duties in the usual way. Following the steps in this guidance will mitigate the risks of coronavirus (COVID-19) to pupils and staff and help schools to meet their legal duties to protect employees and others from harm.
	Supporting staff Governing boards and school leaders should have regard to staff (including the headteacher) work-life balance and wellbeing. Schools should ensure they have explained to all staff the measures they are proposing putting in place and involve all staff in that process.
	All employers have a duty of care to their employees, and this extends to their mental health. Schools already have mechanisms to support staff wellbeing and these will be particularly important, as some staff may be particularly anxious about returning to school. The
	Department for Education is providing additional support for both pupil and staff wellbeing in the current situation. Information about the extra mental health support for pupils and teachers is available.

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	The Education Support Partnership provides a free helpline for school staff and targeted support for mental health and wellbeing.
	Recruitment Not applicable at the present time. Supply teachers and other temporary or peripatetic teachers Schools can continue to engage supply teachers and other supply staff during this period. RGI uses the one agency Protocol. RGI currently has three supply teachers/ TA, 1 teacher working one day a week, the other two TAs working daily. Supply staff and other temporary workers can move between schools, but school leaders will want to consider how to minimise the number of visitors to the school where possible. Where it is necessary to use supply staff and to welcome visitors to the school such as peripatetic teachers, those individuals will be expected to comply with RGI's arrangements for managing and minimising risk, including taking particular care to maintain distance from other staff and pupils. To minimise the numbers of temporary staff entering the school premises, and secure best value, schools may wish to use longer assignments with supply teachers and agree a minimum number of hours across the academic year. This advice for supply teachers also applies to other temporary staff working in schools such as support staff working on a supply basis, peripatetic teachers such as sports coaches, and those engaged to deliver before and after school clubs.
	Safeguarding Schools must have regard to the statutory safeguarding guidance, and should refer to: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/keeping-children-safe-in-education2 RGI's Designated Safeguarding Lead is non class based for 2/3 days of the week. Communication with social workers, school nurses is important for safeguarding and supporting wellbeing, as they have continued virtual support to pupils who have not been in school. Catering Send Caterlink updated RAs.1/09/21
	Extra-curricular provision

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	RGI will resume breakfast and after-school provision, where possible, during the autumn term.
Part 3	 RGI will look to concentrate on closing gaps in the core subjects for children throughout the school. Initially, the focus will be on phonics, vocabulary development, reading, writing and maths. Assessment will be done through formative assessment not using 'formal' tests. A phonic baseline will be completed for all children in KS1 in September, in order to address any gaps to ensure that the target 0f 80%+ of Year 1/2 children to meet the phonic check in June 2022. Plan on the basis of the educational needs of pupils: Curriculum planning should be informed by an assessment of pupils' starting points and addressing the gaps in their knowledge and skills, in particular making effective use of regular formative assessment (for example, quizzes, observing pupils in class, talking to pupils to assess understanding, scrutiny of pupils' work) while avoiding the introduction of unnecessary tracking systems. RGI currently uses formative assessment as exampled above and has been doing similar assessment work through the 'virtual' school.
	Catch-up support You will decide how the catch-up premium provided by Government is spent in your school. To help schools make the best use of this funding, the Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) has published a support guide for schools with evidence-based approaches to catch up and a further school planning guide: 2020 to 2021. The National Tutoring Programme will continue to offer tuition as normal and schools should continue to sign up and engage with the programme.