There are no defined supervision ratios for break and lunchtimes outlined by DfE, KCC or otherwise (unlike offsite activities). Schools are best placed to assess the local risks and to put in enough competent supervisors to manage the risks. The number of supervisors is a matter for internal management to determine based on a suitable risk assessment.

During the school day the children are supervised at all times. Duty teachers and learning support assistants supervise children during playtimes, and mid-day supervisors care for them during the lunch break with duty teachers as support.

Below are some suggestions of things that you may need to consider when carrying out your risk assessment for playground activities to help you determine the supervision required, **such as:**

1. **What are the pupils like?**

* what age are they?
* do they have behaviour problems?
* do any have specific needs, e.g. disability/medical?
* are there any parental access issues with any particular children?

1. **How is the playground laid out?**

* are there blind spots?
* are there any areas where security could be an issue?
* are there split play areas?
* are there any traffic/parking considerations?

1. **Is there specific equipment in use?**

* is there any specific play equipment which requires additional supervision? (e.g. climbing frames, adventure trails, slides, climbing ropes etc)

1. **Are there additional activities taking place?**

* are there other games played that could affect the supervision required during break-time? (e.g. football)