



Data Protection – Records Management Policy

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	Please note that to support a realignment of policies review across the Trust, the Board of Trustees have approved an amendment to the review of this policy to take place in July 2022
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Applicable to:	All Trust Schools
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1. Introduction

The Trust refers to The Partnership Trust and all schools within it
This policy applies to all schools within the Trust

The Trust recognises that by efficiently managing its records, it will be able to comply with its legal and regulatory obligations and contribute to the effective overall management of the organisation. Records provide evidence for protecting the legal rights and interests of the Trust and provide evidence for demonstrating performance and accountability. The aim of this policy is to provide a framework for managing the Trust's information to enable the Trust to:

- Make informed decisions;
- Be open and transparent;
- Respond appropriately to information requests;
- Protect records;
- Comply with the legislative requirements;
- Effectively work with its partners, and share information as required;
- Demonstrate accountability.

2. Objectives

The objective of this policy is to define a framework for The Trust to manage data, information and records.

3. Definitions

Data – raw facts and figures that supply the basis for information

Information – Data which has been collected, organised, ordered and given both meaning and context

Record – Information created, received and maintained as evidence and as an asset by an organisation or person, in pursuit of legal obligations, or in the transaction of business.

Confidential waste – See Appendix 1

4. Scope

This policy applies to all employees of the Trust including contract, agency and temporary staff, volunteers including Governors and Trustees and employees of partner organisations working for The Trust (including its individual schools)

All records created, held, and maintained by The Trust in the course of its duties are covered by this policy. This is irrespective of the format of the information, including, but not limited to:

- Paper records
- Electronic records (Word Documents, emails, PowerPoints, database, etc.)
- Photographs, videos, etc.
- Discs

Records are defined as all those documents which facilitate the business carried out by the Trust, and which are thereafter retained (for a set period) to provide evidence of its transactions, activities or decisions.

5. Responsibilities

The Trust has a corporate responsibility to maintain its records and record keeping systems in accordance with the regulatory environment. The Board of Trustees hold overall responsibility for the implementation of this policy.

The person responsible for records management in the Trust or schools within it will give guidance for good records management practice and will promote compliance with this policy so that information will be retrieved easily, appropriately and in a timely way.

All members of staff and employees are individually responsible for the records they create or hold. Individuals must ensure that records are accurate, maintained securely, and disposed of in accordance with this policy.

6. Creation & Storage

All Trust staff are responsible for creating and maintaining data, information and records in relation to their work, and storing them in a way which ensures that they can be identified and retrieved when required.

Records must be appropriately stored with due regard for efficiency, cost-effectiveness, security, durability, and access. Appropriate procedures and processes are in place to ensure the physical and intellectual security of Trust records.

Storage conditions and handling processes should be designed to protect records from unauthorised access, loss, destruction, theft, and disaster. This in line with the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UKGDPR) principles of data protection by design, and integrity and confidentiality.

The retention of records for longer than necessary is in breach of the UKGDPR, and the duplication of records should be limited to optimise the use of space for storage purposes and to aid data accuracy.

7. Retention and Disposal

Information held for longer than is necessary carries additional risk and cost, therefore records and information shall only be retained when there is a business or legislative need to do so. Under the UKGDPR and the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA 2018), personal data processed by an organisation must not be retained for longer than is necessary for its lawful purpose.

The retention of specific documents may be necessary to:

- Fulfil statutory or other regulatory requirements.
- Evidence events/agreements in the case of disputes.
- Meet operational needs.

- Ensure the preservation of documents of historic or other value.
- Evidence child protection matters.¹

The untimely destruction of documents could cause the Trust:

- Difficulty in defending litigious claims
- Operational problems
- Embarrassment
- Failure to comply with the Freedom of Information or Data Protection laws.

Conversely, the permanent retention of all documents where there is no business need or other legal basis to retain them, poses regulatory and security risks, as well as being a breach of personal data.

Appropriate secure disposal is accordingly implemented at the Trust in accordance with the Trust's retention schedule for the following reasons:

- To comply with Article 5 of the UKGDPR which states that personal data must not be kept in an identifiable form for longer than is necessary
- To free-up storage space (there is evidence that the de-cluttering of office accommodation can be psychologically beneficial for employees.);
- To reduce the risk of fire (in the case of paper records);
- To lessen the risk of a data breach through data loss or unauthorised access.
- To increase the efficiency of the exercising of data subject rights.

7.1 Retention Schedule

In line with all relevant legislative requirements, including the UKGDPR and DPA 2018, the Trust will keep some forms of information for longer than others. Information will not be kept indefinitely unless there are specific requirements.

The Trust maintains records in line with its Retention Schedule at Appendix 2 which gives a detailed breakdown of timescales for the retention of various types of information. This schedule has been taken from the Information and Records Management Society's Toolkit for Schools (2019).

7.2 Disposal

The Trust will use an accredited confidential waste disposal provider or it will shred the information on site using a cross-cut shredder. Information on what should be deemed as confidential waste is detailed in [Appendix 1](#).

Wherever practicable and appropriately secure, disposal methods should encourage recycling.

Electronic files are securely overwritten, in accordance with government guidance, and other media is shredded, incinerated, or otherwise disintegrated for data.

The disposal of Trust data, in either paper or electronic form, is conducted in a way that makes reconstruction highly unlikely. Once data has been deleted, it is deemed to be a permanent deletion, irrespective of whether it could technically be reconstructed from a back-up.

Under no circumstances should paper documents containing personal data or confidential information be simply binned or deposited in refuse tips. To do so could result in the unauthorised disclosure of such information to third parties and render the School liable to enforcement action by the Information Commissioner's Office.

If records are accidentally destroyed or discovered, this should be reported as a data breach to the school's Headteacher or Trust Business Director, in line with the Data Breach Policy.

A destruction log is kept of all data that is disposed of. The log includes the document type (e.g. Personal data), date of destruction, method and who authorised the destruction.

7.3 Archiving

A small percentage of the Trust's records may be selected for permanent preservation as part of the Trust archives. It is maintained as a resource to help inspire and equip current staff and pupils to understand and appreciate issues of identity, belonging and shared heritage; to prompt memories of school-life among many generations of former pupils; and to serve as a research resource for all interested in the history of the Trust and the community it serves.

8. Monitoring and compliance

Compliance with this policy shall be monitored through a review process. This will be agreed with the Data Protection Officer, and compliance will be reported to the CEO and Board of Trustees.

Should it be found that this policy has not been complied with, or if an intentional breach of the policy has taken place, the organisation, in consultation with senior management and our Data Protection Officer, shall have full authority to take the immediate steps considered necessary, including disciplinary action.

9. Relationship with Existing Policies

This policy has been drawn up within the context of the Trust's Data Protection, Data Breach and Information Security Policies.

10. Review

This policy is approved by the Board of Trustees and applies to all schools within the Trust. This policy will be reviewed annually and upon change of Data Protection Officer or change of Legislation.

Date	Changes made
November 2020	Policy redrafted in line with iwest model policy. Adopted by the Board of Trustees on 3 December 2020
December 2021	Policy redrafted in line with iwest model policy, to include extension of policy to cover management and not just retention of records. Policy name changed from Records Retention to Records Management Policy. Appendix 2 updated to reflect the Information and Records Management Society's Toolkit for Academies Record Retention Schedule 2019

Appendix 1 - What is Confidential Waste?

(1) Any record* which details personal information

What is personal information?

- Relates to and identifies a living person
- Could help someone identify a person when used with other information
- Is an expression of opinion about an individual
- Indicates our intentions towards an individual

Such as: Name, Address, Date of Birth, Email, Phone numbers, Location data, IP addresses

(2) Any record* which details special categories of personal data

What is special categories of personal data?

- Racial and/or Ethnic Origin
- Political Opinions
- Religious Beliefs (or other beliefs of a similar nature)
- Trade Union membership
- Biometric Information e.g. Photos
- Mental or Physical Health condition
- Sexual life and Orientation
- Criminal Records (actual or suspected)

Such as: Safeguarding, Accident/First Aid, Equalities information, Legal records

(3) Any record* which details business/commercially sensitive information

What is business/commercially sensitive information?

- Information which The Trust and schools within it would be affected by any loss of, or unauthorised access to.

Such as: Contracts, opinions on service delivery, tender information.

If you have any doubt then please treat the information as Confidential

** A Record can be in many formats – e.g. Paper, Post-it notes, Disks, CDs, Tapes, Posters etc.*

Appendix 2

Please note Appendix 2 has been updated to reflect the Information and Records Management Society's Toolkit for Academies Record Retention Schedule 2019

Retention Guidelines

Introduction

1. The purpose of the retention guidelines

Under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA 2018) schools need a policy setting out retention periods for the personal data they hold. Also, under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, schools should maintain a Retention Schedule listing the series of records which the school creates or maintains in the course of its business.

The Retention Schedule lays down the length of time for which the record needs to be retained and the action which should be taken when it is of no further administrative or legal use. It also lays down the basis for normal processing under both Data Protection and Freedom of Information legislation.

Members of staff are expected to manage their current record keeping systems using the Retention Schedule and to take account of the different kinds of retention periods when they are creating new record keeping systems.

The Retention Schedule refers to series' of records regardless of the media (e.g. paper/electronic/microfilm/photographic etc.) in/on which they are stored.

2. Benefits of a Retention Schedule

There are a number of benefits which arise from the use of a complete Retention Schedule:

- Managing records against the Retention Schedule is deemed to be 'normal processing' under the Data Protection legislation and the Freedom of Information Act • Members of staff can be confident about the safe disposal of information at the appropriate time
- Information which is subject to Freedom of Information

and Data Protection legislation will be available when required

- The school is not maintaining and storing information unnecessarily.

Members of staff should be aware that once a Freedom of Information request is received, or a legal hold imposed, then records disposal relating to the request or legal hold must be stopped.

Records which may be required by IICSA should be treated as though they are subject to a legal hold.

3. Maintaining and amending the Retention Schedule

Where appropriate the Retention Schedule should be reviewed and amended to include any new record series created, and any obsolete record series removed.

This IRMS Retention Schedule contains recommended retention periods for the different record series created and maintained by schools in the course of their business. The schedule refers to all information regardless of the media in which it is stored.

Some of the retention periods are governed by statute, others are guidelines following best practice. Every effort has been made to ensure that these retention periods are compliant with the requirements of Data Protection and Freedom of Information legislation.

If record series are to be kept for longer or shorter periods than laid out in this document then the reason(s) for this need to be documented.

This schedule should be reviewed on a regular basis.

Where there is a recommendation to archive the information this may be in an electronic format. There is no need to convert the information into

a hard copy. Such records should be kept in separate electronic folder suitably marked as holding archival material.

Disclaimer

This document is a guideline only and liability is the responsibility of the end user and not of the IRMS. Individual organisations should seek the appropriate legal advice and senior management approval.

These retention guidelines are free for use to schools.

Questions will only be dealt with if they are submitted by IRMS members. Please complete the form on the webpage, remembering to include your IRMS membership number.

Further details about the benefits of IRMS membership can be found at:
<http://www.irms.org.uk/join>

4. Using the Retention Schedule

The Retention Schedule is divided into 5 sections:

1 Governing Body

- 1.1 Management of Governing Body
- 1.2 Governor Management

2 School Management

- 2.1 Head Teacher and Senior Management Team
- 2.2 Operational Administration
- 2.3 Human Resources
- 2.4 Health and Safety
- 2.5 Financial Management
- 2.6 Property Management

3 Pupil Management

- 3.1 Admissions Process
- 3.2 Pupil's Educational Record
- 3.3 Attendance
- 3.4 Special Educational Needs

4 Curriculum and Extra-Curricular Activities

- 4.1 Statistics and Management Information
- 4.2 Implementation of Curriculum
- 4.3 School Trips
- 4.4 School Support Organisations

5 Central Government and Local Authority

- 5.1 Local Authority
- 5.2 Central Government

There are sub headings under each section to help guide you to whichever retention period you are looking for. Each entry has a unique reference number. If you are sending a query to the IRMS about an individual retention period, please ensure that you have quoted the unique reference number.

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Retention Guidelines

1 Governing Body

This section contains retention periods connected to the work and responsibilities of the governing body.

For further information about governing body records please see: “The constitution of governing bodies of maintained schools
Statutory guidance for governing bodies of maintained schools and local authorities in England August 2017”

1.1 Management of Governing Body					
	Basic file description	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at end of the administrative life of the record	Personal Information
1.1.1	Instruments of government		For the life of the school	Consult local archives before disposal	
1.1.2	Trusts and endowments		For the life of the school	Consult local archives before disposal	
1.1.3	Records relating to the election of parent and staff governors not appointed by the governors		Date of election + 6 months	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
1.1.4	Records relating to the appointment of co-opted governors		Provided that the decision has been recorded in the minutes, the records relating to the appointment can be destroyed once the co-opted governor has finished their term of office (except where there have been allegations concerning children). In this	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes

			case retain for 25 years		
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	Basic file description	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at end of the administrative life of the record	Personal Information
1.1.5	Records relating to the election of chair and vice chair		Once the decision has been recorded in the minutes, the records relating to the election can be destroyed	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
1.1.6	Scheme of delegation and terms of reference for committees		Until superseded or whilst relevant [Schools may wish to retain these records for reference purposes in case decisions need to be justified]	These could be offered to the archives if appropriate	
1.1.7	Meetings schedule		Current year	STANDARD DISPOSAL	
1.1.8	Agendas - principal copy		Where possible the agenda should be stored with the principal set of the minutes	Consult local archives before disposal	Potential

1.1.9	Minutes - principal set (signed)		Although generally kept for the life of the organisation, the Local Authority is only required to make these available for 10 years from the date of the meeting	Consult local archives before disposal	Potential
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	Basic file description	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at end of the administrative life of the record	Personal Information
1.1.10	Reports made to the governors' meeting which are referred to in the minutes		Although generally kept for the life of the organisation, the Local Authority is only required to make these available for 10 years from the date of the meeting	Consult local archives before disposal	Potential
1.1.11	Register of attendance at Full governing board meetings		Date of last meeting in the book + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
1.1.12	Papers relating to the management of the annual parents' meeting		Date of meeting + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
1.1.13	Agendas - additional copies		Date of meeting	STANDARD DISPOSAL	
1.1.14	Records relating to Governor Monitoring Visits		Date of the visit + 3 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
1.1.15	Annual Reports required by the DoE		Date of report + 10 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	

1.1.16	All records relating to the conversion of schools to Academy status		For the life of the organisation	Consult local archives before disposal	
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	Basic file description	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at end of the administrative life of the record	Personal Information
1.1.17	Records relating to complaints made to and investigated by the governing body or head teacher		Major complaints: current year + 6 years. If negligence involved then: current year + 15 years If child protection or safeguarding issues are involved then: current year + 40 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
1.1.18	Correspondence sent and received by the governing body or head teacher		General correspondence should be retained for current year + 3 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Potential
1.1.19	Action plans created and administered by the governing body		Until superseded or whilst relevant	SECURE DISPOSAL	
1.1.20	Policy documents created and administered by the governing body		Until superseded [The school should consider keeping all policies relating to safeguarding, child protection or other pupil related issues such as exclusion until the IICSA has issued its recommendations.]		

1.2 Governor Management

	Basic file description	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at end of the administrative life of the record	Personal Information
1.2.1	Records relating to the appointment of a clerk to the governing body		Date on which clerk appointment ceases + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
1.2.2	Records relating to the terms of office of serving governors, including evidence of appointment		Date appointment ceases + 6 years		Yes
1.2.3	Records relating to governor declaration against disqualification criteria		Date appointment ceases + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
1.2.4	Register of business interests		Date appointment ceases + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
1.2.5	Governors Code of Conduct		This is expected to be a dynamic document; one copy of each version should be kept for the life of the organisation		
1.2.6	Records relating to the training required and received by Governors		Date Governor steps down + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
	Basic file description	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at end of the administrative life of the record	Personal Information
1.2.7	Records relating to the induction programme for new governors		Date appointment ceases + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes

1.2.8	Records relating to DBS checks carried out on clerk and members of the governing body		Date of DBS check + 6 months	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
1.2.9	Governor personnel files		Date appointment ceases + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes

2 Management of the School

This section contains retention periods connected to the processes involved in managing the school, including Human Resources, Financial Management, Payroll and Property Management.

2.1 Head Teacher and Senior M					
	Basic file description	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at end of the administrative life of the record	Personal Information
2.1.1	Log books of activity in the school maintained by the Head Teacher		Date of last entry in the book + minimum of 6 years, then review	These could be of permanent historical value and should be offered to the County Archives Service if appropriate	Potential
2.1.2	Minutes of Senior Management Team meetings and the meetings of other internal administrative bodies		Date of the meeting + 3 years then review annually, or as required if not destroyed	SECURE DISPOSAL	Potential
2.1.3	Reports created by the Head Teacher or the Management Team		Date of the report + a minimum of 3 years then review annually or as required if not destroyed	SECURE DISPOSAL	Potential

	Basic file description	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at end of the administrative life of the record	Personal Information
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2.1.4	Records created by head teachers, deputy head teachers, heads of year and other members of staff with administrative responsibilities which do not fall under any other category	Current academic year + 6 years then review annually, or as required if not destroyed	SECURE DISPOSAL	Potential
2.1.5	Correspondence created by head teachers, deputy head teachers, heads of year and other members of staff with administrative responsibilities	Current year + 3 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Potential
2.1.6	Professional development plans	These should be held on the individual's personnel record. If not then termination of employment + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Potential
2.1.7	School development plans	Life of the plan + 3 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	

2.2 Operational Administration					
	Basic file description	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at end of the administrative life of the record	Personal Information
2.2.1	General file series which do not fit under any other category		Current year + 5 years, then review	SECURE DISPOSAL	Potential
2.2.2	Records relating to the creation and publication of the school brochure or prospectus		Current academic year + 3 years	The school could preserve a copy for their archive otherwise STANDARD DISPOSAL	

2.2.3	Records relating to the creation and distribution of circulars to staff, parents or pupils	Current academic year + 1 year	STANDARD DISPOSAL
2.2.4	School Privacy Notice which is sent to parents as part of GDPR compliance	Until superseded + 6 years	
2.2.5	Consents relating to school activities as part of GDPR compliance (for example, consent to be sent circulars or mailings)	Consent will last whilst the pupil attends the school, it can therefore be destroyed when the pupil leaves	SECURE DISPOSAL Yes
2.2.6	Newsletters and other items with a short operational use	Current academic year + 1 year [Schools may decide to archive one copy]	STANDARD DISPOSAL
2.2.7	Visitor management systems (including electronic systems, visitors books and signing-in sheets)	Last entry in the visitors book + 6 years (in case of claims by parents or pupils about various actions).	SECURE DISPOSAL Yes
2.2.8	Walking bus registers	Date of register + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL Yes

2.3 Human Resources					
	Basic file description	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at end of the administrative life of the record	Personal Information
Recruitment					

2.3.1	All records leading up to the appointment of a headteacher		Unsuccessful attempts. Date of appointment plus 6 months. Add to personnel file and retain until end of appointment + 6 years, except in cases of negligence or claims of child abuse then at least 15 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
2.3.2	All records leading up to the appointment of a member of staff/governor – unsuccessful candidates		Date of appointment of successful candidate + 6 months	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
2.3.3	Pre-employment vetting information – DBS Checks – successful candidates	DBS Update Service Employer Guide June 2014; Keeping Children Safe in Education.2018 (Statutory Guidance from DoE) Sections 73, 74	Application forms, references and other documents – for the duration of the employee’s employment + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes

	Basic file description	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at end of the administrative life of the record	Personal Information
Recruitment					

2.3.4	Forms of proof of identity collected as part of the process of checking “portable” enhanced DBS disclosure		Where possible this process should be carried out using the on-line system. If it is necessary to take a copy of documentation then it should be retained on the staff personal file.	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
2.3.5	Pre-employment vetting information – Evidence proving the right to work in the United Kingdom – successful candidates	An Employer’s Guide to Right to Work Checks [Home Office, May 2015]	Where possible these documents should be added to the staff personnel file [see below], but if they are kept separately then the Home Office requires that the documents are kept for termination of employment + not less than 2 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes

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2.3.6	Staff personnel file	Limitation Act 1980 (Section 2)	Termination of Employment + 6 years, unless the member of staff is part of any case which falls under the terms of reference of IICSA. If this is the case then the file will need to be retained until IICSA enquiries are complete	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
2.3.7	Annual appraisal/assessment records		Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes

	Basic file description	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at end of the administrative life of the record	Personal Information
Operational Staff Management					
2.3.8	Sickness absence monitoring		<p>Sickness records are categorised as sensitive data. There is a legal obligation under statutory sickness pay to keep records for sickness monitoring. Sickness records should be kept separate from accident records.</p> <p>It could be argued that where sickness pay is not paid then current year + 3 years is acceptable, whilst if sickness pay is made then it becomes a financial record and current year + 6 years applies. The actual retention may depend on the internal auditors. Most seem to accept current year + 3 years as being acceptable as this gives them, 'benefits' and Inland Revenue have time to investigate if they need to</p>	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes

2.3.9	Staff training – where the training leads to continuing professional development		Length of time required by the professional body	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
2.3.10	Staff training – except where dealing with children, e.g. first aid or health and safety		This should be retained on the personnel file [see 2.3.1 above]	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes

	Basic file description	Statutory Provisions [Operational]	Retention Period	Action at end of the administrative life of the record	Personal Information
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Operational Staff Management

2.3.11	Staff training – where the training relates to children (e.g. safeguarding or other child related training)		Date of the training + 40 years [This retention period reflects that the IICSA may wish to see training records as part of an investigation]	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
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Disciplinary and Grievance Processes

Where schools are in any doubt as to which categories disciplinary records fall under, then HR or legal advice should be sought from the Local Authority.

2.3.12	Records relating to any allegation of a child protection nature against a member of staff	“Keeping children safe in education Statutory guidance for schools and colleges September 2018”; “Working together to safeguard children. A guide to inter-agency working to safeguard and promote the welfare of children 2018”	Until the person’s normal retirement age or 10 years from the date of the allegation (whichever is the longer) then REVIEW. Note: allegations that are found to be malicious should be removed from personnel files. If found they are to be kept on the file and a copy provided to the person concerned UNLESS the member of staff is part of any case which falls under the terms of reference of IICSA. If this is the case then the file will need to be retained until IICSA enquiries are complete	SECURE DISPOSAL These records must be shredded	Yes
2.3.13	Disciplinary proceedings				Yes

	Basic file description	Statutory Provisions	Retention [Operational]	Period	Action at end of the administrative life of the record	Personal Information of
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Disciplinary and Grievance Processes

Note:

The ACAS code of practice on disciplinary and grievance procedures recommends that the employee should be told how long a disciplinary warning will remain current. However, this does not mean that the data itself should be destroyed at the end of the set period.

Any disciplinary proceedings data will be a record of an important event in the course of the employer's relationship with the employee. Should the same employee be accused of similar misconduct five years down the line, and then defend him- or herself by saying "I would never do something like that", reference to the earlier proceedings may show that the comment should not be given credence. Alternatively, if the employee were to be dismissed for some later offence and then claim at tribunal that he or she had "fifteen years of unblemished service", the record of the disciplinary proceedings would be effective evidence to counter this claim.

Employers should, therefore, be careful not to confuse the expiry of a warning for disciplinary purposes with a requirement to destroy all reference to its existence in the personnel file. One danger is that the disciplinary procedure itself often gives the impression that, at the end of the effective period for the warning, the warning will be "removed from the file". This or similar wording should be changed to make it clear that, while the warning will not remain active in relation to future disciplinary matters, a record of what has occurred will be kept.

	Oral warning		Date of warning + 6 months	SECURE DISPOSAL [If warnings are placed on personal files then they must be weeded from the file]	
	Written warning – level 1		Date of warning + 6 months		
	Written warning – level 2		Date of warning + 12 months		
	Final warning		Date of warning + 18 months		
	Case not found		If the incident is related to child protection then see above, otherwise dispose of at the conclusion of the case	SECURE DISPOSAL	

	Basic file description	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at end of the administrative life of the record	Personal Information
Payroll and Pensions					
2.3.14	Absence record		Current year + 3 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes

2.3.15	Batches	Taxes Management Act 1970 Income and Corporation Taxes 1988	Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
2.3.16	Bonus sheets	Taxes Management Act 1970 Income and Corporation Taxes 1988	Current year + 3 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
2.3.17	Car allowance claims	Taxes Management Act 1970 Income and Corporation Taxes 1988	Current year + 3 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
2.3.18	Car loans	Taxes Management Act 1970 Income and Corporation Taxes 1988	Completion of loan + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
2.3.19	Car mileage output	Taxes Management Act 1970 Income and Corporation Taxes 1988	Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
2.3.20	Elements		Current year + 2 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
2.3.21	Income tax form P60		Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes

	Basic file description	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at end of the administrative life of the record	Personal Information
Payroll and Pensions					

2.3.22	Insurance	Taxes Management Act 1970 Income and Corporation Taxes 1988	Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
2.3.23	Maternity payment		Current year + 3 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
2.3.24	Members allowance register	Taxes Management Act 1970 Income and Corporation Taxes 1988	Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
2.3.25	National Insurance – schedule of payments	Taxes Management Act 1970 Income and Corporation Taxes 1988	Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
2.3.26	Overtime	Taxes Management Act 1970 Income and Corporation Taxes 1988	Current year + 3 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
2.3.27	Part time fee claims	Taxes Management Act 1970 Income and Corporation Taxes 1988	Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
2.3.28	Pay packet receipt by employee		Current year + 2 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
2.3.29	Payroll awards		Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes

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Payroll and Pensions

2.3.30	Payroll – gross/net weekly or monthly	Taxes Management Act 1970 Income and Corporation Taxes 1988	Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
2.3.31	Payroll reports	Taxes Management Act 1970 Income and Corporation Taxes 1988	Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
2.3.32	Payslips – copies	Taxes Management Act 1970 Income and Corporation Taxes 1988	Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
2.3.33	Pension payroll	Taxes Management Act 1970 Income and Corporation Taxes 1988	Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
2.3.34	Personal bank details	If employment ceases then end of employment + 6 years	Until superseded + 3 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
2.3.35	Sickness records		Current year + 3 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
2.3.36	Staff returns		Current year + 3 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
2.3.37	Superannuation adjustments	Taxes Management Act 1970 Income and Corporation Taxes 1988	Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes

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Payroll and Pensions					
	Superannuation reports	Taxes Management Act 1970 Income and Corporation Taxes 1988	Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
2.3.38	Tax forms P6/P11/P11D/P35/P45/P46/P48	The minimum requirement - as stated in Inland Revenue Booklet 490 - is for at least 3 years after the end of the tax year to which they apply. Originals must be retained in paper/ electronic format. It is a corporate decision to retain for current year + 6 years. Employees should retain records for 22 months after current tax year	Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
2.3.39	Time sheets/clock cards/flexitime		Current year + 3 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes

2.4 Health and Safety

	Basic file description	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at end of the administrative life of the record	Personal Information
2.4.1	Health and safety policy statements		Life of policy + 3 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	
2.4.2	Health and safety risk assessments		Life of risk assessment + 3 years provided that a copy of the risk assessment is stored with the accident report if an incident has occurred	SECURE DISPOSAL	
2.4.3	Accident reporting records relating to individuals who are over 18 years of age at the time of the incident	<p>Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations 1979 Regulation 25. Social Security Administration Act 1992 Section 8. Limitation Act 1980</p> <p>Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations 1979. SI 1979 No 628</p> <p>Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations SI 1987 No 1968 Revokes all but Part 1 of SI 1979 No 628</p> <p>Social Security Administration Act 1992 Section 8.</p> <p>Social Security (Claims and Payments) Amendment (No 30) Regulations 1993 SI 1993 No 2113</p> <p>Allows the information to be kept electronically</p>	<p>The Accident Book – BI 510 - 3 years after last entry in the book</p> <p>This includes the new format to be used from 1/1/04</p> <p>This means that, if it takes 5 years to complete, the book must be retained for a further 3 years from the last entry</p> <p>Completed pages must be kept secure with restricted access. Data Protection Act 2018 and GDPR</p>	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes

2.4 Health and Safety

	Basic file description	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at end of the administrative life of the record	Personal Information
2.4.4	Accident reporting records relating to individuals who are under 18 years of age at the time of the incident	<p>Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations 1979 Regulation 25. Social Security Administration Act 1992 Section 8. Limitation Act 1980</p> <p>Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations 1979. SI 1979 No 628</p> <p>Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations SI 1987 No 1968 Revokes all but Part 1 of SI 1979 No 628</p> <p>Social Security Administration Act 1992 Section 8.</p> <p>Social Security (Claims and Payments) Amendment (No 30 Regulations 1993 SI 1993 No 2113</p> <p>Allows the information to be kept electronically</p>	<p>The Accident Book – BI 510 - 3 years after last entry in the book</p> <p>This includes the new format to be used from 1/1/04</p> <p>This means that, if it takes 5 years to complete, the book must be retained for a further 3 years from the last entry</p> <p>Completed pages must be kept secure with restricted access.</p> <p>Data Protection Act 2018 and GDPR</p>	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
2.4.5	Records relating to any reportable death, injury, disease or dangerous occurrence (RIDDOR). For more information see http://www.hse.gov.uk/RIDDOR/	Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 2013 SI 2013 No 1471 Regulation 12(2)	Date of incident + 3 years provided that all records relating to the incident are held on personnel file [see 2.4.2 above]	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes

	Basic file description	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at end of the administrative life of the record	Personal Information
2.4.6	Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH)	Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 2002. SI 2002 No 2677 Regulation 11; Records kept under the 1994 and 1999 Regulations to be kept as if the 2002 Regulations had not been made. Regulation 18 (2)	Date of incident + 40 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	
2.4.7	Process of monitoring of areas where employees and persons are likely to have come into contact with asbestos	Control of Asbestos at Work Regulations 2012 SI 1012 No 632 Regulation 19	Last action + 40 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	
2.4.8	Process of monitoring of areas where employees and persons are likely to have come into contact with radiation. Maintenance records or controls, safety features and PPE ----- --- Dose assessment and recording	The Ionising Radiation Regulations 2017. SI 2017 No 1075 Regulation 11 As amended by SI 2018 No 390 Personal Protective Equipment (Enforcement) Regulations 2018	2 years from the date on which the examination was made and that the record includes the condition of the equipment at the time of the examination. ----- --- To keep the records made and maintained (or a copy of these records) until the person to whom the record relates has or would have attained the age of 75 years, but in any event for at least 30 years from when the record was made	SECURE DISPOSAL	

2.4.9	Fire Precautions log books	Current year + 3 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	
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2.4 Health and Safety

	Basic file description	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at end of the administrative life of the record	Personal Information
2.4.10	Health and safety file to show current state of building, including all alterations (wiring, plumbing, building works, etc.), to be passed on in the case of change of ownership		Pass to new owner on sale or transfer of building		

2.5 Financial Management

	Basic file description	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at end of the administrative life of the record	Personal Information
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Risk Management and Insurance

2.5.1	Employer's Liability Insurance Certificate		Closure of the school + 40 years [May be kept electronically]	SECURE DISPOSAL To be passed to the Local Authority if the school closes	
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Asset Management

2.5.2	Inventories of furniture and equipment		Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	
2.5.3	Burglary, theft and vandalism report forms		Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	

Accounts and Statements (including budget management)

2.5.4	Annual accounts		Current year + 6 years	STANDARD DISPOSAL	
2.5.5	Loans and grants managed by the school		Date of last payment on the loan + 12 years then review	SECURE DISPOSAL	

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Accounts and Statements (including budget management)

2.5.6	All records relating to the creation and management of budgets, including the annual budget statement and background papers		Life of the budget + 3 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	
2.5.7	Invoices, receipts, order books and requisitions, delivery notices		Current financial year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	
2.5.8	Records relating to the collection and banking of monies		Current financial year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	
2.5.9	Records relating to the identification and collection of debt		Final payment of debt + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	

Pupil Finance

2.5.10	Student Grant applications		Current year + 3 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
2.5.11	Pupil Premium Fund records		Date pupil leaves the provision + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes

Contract Management

2.5.12	All records relating to the management of contracts under seal	Limitation Act 1980	Last payment on the contract + 12 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	
2.5.13	All records relating to the management of contracts under signature	Limitation Act 1980	Last payment on the contract + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	
2.5.14	Records relating to the monitoring of contracts		Life of contract + 6 or 12 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	

2.5 Financial Management

	Basic file description	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at end of the administrative life of the record	Personal Information
School Fund					
2.5.15	School Fund - Cheque books		Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	
2.5.16	School Fund - Paying in books		Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	
2.5.17	School Fund – Ledger		Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	
2.5.18	School Fund – Invoices		Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	
2.5.19	School Fund – Receipts		Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	
2.5.20	School Fund - Bank statements		Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	
2.5.21	School Fund – Journey Books		Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	

School Meals Management

2.5.22	Free school meals registers (where the register is used as a basis for funding)		Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
2.5.23	School meals registers		Current year + 3 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
2.5.24	School meals summary sheets		Current year + 3 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes

2.6 Property Management

	Basic file description	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at end of the administrative life of the record	Personal Information
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Property Management

2.6.1	Title deeds of properties belonging to the school		These should follow the property unless the property has been registered with the Land Registry		
2.6.2	Plans of property belonging to the school		These should be retained whilst the building belongs to the school and should be passed on to any new owners if the building is leased or sold. See 2.4.10		
2.6.3	Leases of property leased by or to the school		Expiry of lease + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	
2.6.4	Records relating to the letting of school premises		Current financial year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	

Maintenance

2.6.5	All records relating to the maintenance of the school carried out by contractors		These should be retained whilst the building belongs to the school and should be passed on to any new owners if the building is leased or sold. See 2.4.10	SECURE DISPOSAL	
2.6.6	All records relating to the maintenance of the school carried out by school employees, including maintenance log books		These should be retained whilst the building belongs to the school and should be passed on to any new owners if the building is leased or sold. See 2.4.10	SECURE DISPOSAL	

3 Pupil Management

This section contains retention periods connected to the processes involved in managing a pupil's journey through school, including the admissions process.

3.1 Admissions Process

	Basic file description	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at end of the administrative life of the record	Personal Information
3.1.1	All records relating to the creation and implementation of the School Admissions Policy	School Admissions Code Statutory guidance for admission authorities, governing bodies, local authorities, schools adjudicators and admission appeals panels December 2014	Life of the policy + 3 years then review	SECURE DISPOSAL	

3.1.2	Admissions – if the admission is successful	School Admissions Code Statutory guidance for admission authorities, governing bodies, local authorities, schools adjudicators and admission appeals panels December 2014	Date of admission + 1 year	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
3.1.3	Admissions – if the appeal is unsuccessful	School Admissions Code Statutory guidance for admission authorities, governing bodies, local authorities, schools adjudicators and admission appeals panels December 2014	Resolution of case + 1 year	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
3.1.4	Register of Admissions	School Admissions Code Statutory guidance for admission authorities, governing bodies, local authorities, schools adjudicators and admission appeals panels December 2014	Every entry in the admission register must be preserved for a period of three years after the date on which the entry was made	REVIEW Schools may wish to consider keeping the admission register permanently as an archive record as often schools receive enquiries from past pupils to confirm the dates they attended the school or to transfer these records to the appropriate County Archives Service	

	Basic file description	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at end of the administrative life of the record	Personal Information
3.1.5	Admissions – Secondary Schools – Casual		Current year + 1 year	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes

3.1.6	Proofs of address supplied by parents as part of the admissions process	School Admissions Code Statutory guidance for admission authorities, governing bodies, local authorities, schools adjudicators and admission appeals panels December 2014	Current year + 1 year	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
3.1.7	Supplementary information form including additional information such as religion, medical conditions etc.				Yes
3.1.7.1	For successful admissions		This information should be added to the pupil file	SECURE DISPOSAL	
3.1.7.2	For unsuccessful admissions		Until appeals process completed (GDPR)	SECURE DISPOSAL	

3.2 Pupil's Educational Record

	Basic file description	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at end of the administrative life of the record	Personal Information
<p>Please note that any record containing pupil information may be subject to the requirements of the IICSA. Schools should implement any instruction which has been received from IICSA. The instructions from IICSA will override any guidance given in this Retention Schedule. If any school is unsure about what records should be retained, they should seek the advice of their own local authority or take independent legal advice.</p>					
3.2.1	Pupil's Educational Record required by The Education (Pupil Information) (England) Regulations 2005	The Education (Pupil Information) (England) Regulations 2005 SI 2005 No. 1437 As amended by SI 2018 No 688			Yes

3.2.1.1	Primary		Retain whilst the child remains at the primary school	The file should follow the pupil when he/she leaves the primary school. This will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To another primary school • To a secondary school • To a pupil referral unit 	
3.2.1.2	Secondary	Limitation Act 1980 (Section 2)	Date of birth of the pupil + 25 years	REVIEW	
3.2.2	Examination Results – pupil copies				Yes
3.2.2.1	Public		This information should be added to the pupil file	All uncollected certificates should be returned to the examination board after reasonable attempts to contact the pupil have failed	
3.2.2.2	Internal		This information should be added to the pupil file		

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3.2.3	Child protection information held on pupil file	“Keeping children safe in education Statutory guidance for schools and colleges 2018”; “Working together to safeguard children. A guide to inter-agency working to safeguard and promote the welfare of children 2018”	If any records relating to child protection issues are placed on the pupil file, it should be in a sealed envelope and then retained for the same period of time as the pupil file. Note: These records will be subject to any instruction given by IICSA	SECURE DISPOSAL These records must be shredded	Yes
3.2.4	Child protection information held in separate files	“Keeping children safe in education Statutory guidance for schools and colleges 2018”; “Working together to safeguard children. A guide to inter-agency working to safeguard and promote the welfare of children 2018”	DOB of the child + 25 years then review This retention period was agreed in consultation with the Safeguarding Children Group on the understanding that the principal copy of this information will be found on the Local Authority Social Services record Note: These records will be subject to any instruction given by IICSA	SECURE DISPOSAL These records must be shredded	Yes

3.3 Attendance

	Basic file description	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at end of the administrative life of the record	Personal Information
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3.3.1	Attendance Registers	School attendance: Departmental advice for maintained schools, Academies, independent schools and local authorities October 2014	Every entry in the attendance register must be preserved for a period of 3 years after the date on which the entry was made.	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
3.3.2	Correspondence relating to any absence (authorised or unauthorised)	Education Act 1996 Section 7	Current academic year + 2 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Potential

3.3 Attendance

	Basic file description	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at end of the administrative life of the record	Personal Information
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3.4.1	Special Educational Needs files, reviews and Education, Health and Care Plan, including advice and information provided to parents regarding educational needs and accessibility strategy	Children and Family's Act 2014; Special Educational Needs and Disability Act 2001 Section 14	Date of birth of the pupil + 31 years [Education, Health and Care Plan is valid until the individual reaches the age of 25 years – the retention period adds an additional 6 years from the end of the plan in line with the Limitation Act]	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
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4 Curriculum and Extra Curricular Activities

This section contains retention periods connected to the processes involved in managing the curriculum and extra-curricular activities.

4.1 Statistics and Management Information					
	Basic file description	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at end of the administrative life of the record	Personal Information
4.1.1	Curriculum returns		Current year + 3 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	No
4.1.2	Examination Results (school's copy)		Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
4.1.2.1	SATS records				Yes
4.1.2.2	Results		The SATS results should be recorded on the pupil's educational file and will therefore be retained until the pupil reaches the age of 25 years. The school may wish to keep a composite record of all of the whole year's SATs results. These could be kept for current year + 6 years to allow suitable comparison	SECURE DISPOSAL	
4.1.2.3	Examination Papers		The examination papers should be kept until any appeals/validation process is complete	SECURE DISPOSAL	
4.1.3	Published Admission Number (PAN) Reports		Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes

4.1 Statistics and Management Information					
	Basic file description	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at end of the administrative life of the record	Personal Information
4.1.4	Value Added and Contextual Data		Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes

4.1.5	Self-Evaluation Forms			SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
4.1.5.1	Internal moderation		Academic year plus 1 academic year	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
4.1.5.2	External moderation		Until superseded	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes

4.2 Implementation of Curriculum

	Basic file description	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at end of the administrative life of the record	Personal Information
4.2.1	Schemes of work		Current year + 1 year	It may be appropriate to review these records at the end of each year and allocate a further retention period or SECURE DISPOSAL	
4.2.2	Timetable		Current year + 1 year		
4.2.3	Class record books		Current year + 1 year		
4.2.4	Mark books		Current year + 1 year		
4.2.5	Record of homework set		Current year + 1 year		
4.2.6	Pupil's work		Where possible, the pupil's work should be returned to the pupil at the end of the academic year. If this is not the school's policy then current year + 1 year	SECURE DISPOSAL	

For information relating to records concerning the running of educational visits outside the classroom please see the guidance provided by <https://oeapng.info/>

4.3 School Trips

	Basic file description	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at end of the administrative life of the record	Personal Information
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4.3.1	Parental consent forms for school trips where there has been no major incident		Although the consent forms could be retained for Date of birth + 22 years, the school may wish to complete a risk assessment to assess whether the forms are likely to be required and could make a decision to dispose of the consent forms at the end of the trip (or at the end of the academic year). This is a pragmatic approach and if in doubt the school should seek legal advice	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
4.3.2	Parental permission slips for school trips – where there has been a major incident	Limitation Act 1980 (Section 2)	Date of birth of the pupil involved in the incident + 25 years The permission slips for all the pupils on the trip need to be retained to show that the rules had been followed for all pupils	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes

4.4 School Support Organisations

	Basic file description	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at end of the administrative life of the record	Personal Information
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Family Liaison Officers and Home School Liaison Assistants

4.4.1	Day books		Current year + 2 years then review	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
4.4.2	Reports for outside agencies - where the report has been included on the case file created by the outside agency		Whilst child is attending school and then destroy	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
4.4.3	Referral forms		While the referral is current	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
4.4.4	Contact data sheets		Current year then review, if contact is no longer active then destroy	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
4.4.5	Contact database entries		Current year then review, if contact is no longer active then destroy	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
4.4.6	Group registers		Current year + 2 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes

Parent Teacher Associations and Old Pupils Associations

4.4.7	Records relating to the creation and management of Parent Teacher Associations and/or Old Pupils Associations		Current year + 6 years then review	SECURE DISPOSAL	
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5 Central Government and Local Authority

This section covers records created in the course of interaction between the school and local authority

5.1 Local Authority					
	Basic file description	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at end of the administrative life of the record	Personal Information

5.1.1	Secondary Transfer Sheets (primary)		Current year + 2 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
5.1.2	Attendance returns		Current year + 1 year	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
5.1.3	School census returns		Current year + 5 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	
5.1.4	Circulars and other information sent from the local authority		Operational use	SECURE DISPOSAL	

5.2 Central Government

	Basic file description	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at end of the administrative life of the record	Personal Information
5.2.1	OFSTED reports and papers where a physical copy is held		Life of the report then review	SECURE DISPOSAL	
5.2.2	Returns made to central government		Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	
5.2.3	Circulars and other information sent from central government		Operational use	SECURE DISPOSAL	