

Every Child Matters Academy Trust

Records Management Policy

The terms Trust and School (and levels within e.g. governors and trustees) are interchangeable and apply to all schools within the Trust

1 Introduction

The Trust recognises the necessity for the efficient management of its records to comply with its legal and regulatory obligations, and to contribute to the effective overall management of its schools.

2 Scope of the Policy

This policy applies to all records that are created, received or maintained by staff of the school in the course of carrying out its functions. Records are defined as all those documents which facilitate the business carried out by the school and which are thereafter retained (for a set period) to provide evidence of its transactions or activities. These records may be created, received or maintained in hard copy or electronically. A small percentage of the school's records will be selected for permanent preservation as part of the institution's archives and for historical research.

3 Responsibilities

The school has a corporate responsibility to maintain its records and record keeping systems in accordance with the regulatory environment. The Trust's Resources Committee has overall responsibility for this policy.

The School Business Manager 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 manner. Individual staff and employees must ensure that records for which they are responsible are accurate, and are maintained and disposed of in accordance with the school's records management guidelines.

4 Recording Systems

Information created by the school must be managed against the same standards regardless of the media in which it is stored.

4.1 Maintenance of Record Keeping Systems

- It is important that filing information is properly resourced and is carried out on a regular basis.
- It is equally important that the files are weeded of extraneous information where appropriate on a regular basis.
- Removing information from a file once a freedom of information request has been made will be a criminal offence (unless it is part of normal processing).
- Applying retention periods is straightforward provided files are closed on a regular basis.
- Once a file has been closed, it should be moved out of the current filing system and stored either in a record room in the school or in another appropriate place until it has reached the end of the retention period.

- Information security is very important especially when dealing with personal information or sensitive policy information. There are a number of basic rules:
 - all personal information should be kept in lockable filing cabinets which are kept locked when the room is unattended;
 - personal information held on computer systems should be adequately password protected. Information should never be left up on a screen if the computer is unattended;
 - files containing personal or sensitive information should not be left out on desks overnight;
 - sensitive personal information should not be sent by email unless encrypted;
 - if files need to be taken off the premises they should be secured in the boot of a car or in lockable containers;
 - teachers may access their files both at home and when away from school on an encrypted laptop using forticlient.
 - all computer information should be backed up regularly and the backup should be stored off the site; and
 - information contained in email, fax should be filed into the appropriate electronic or manual filing system once it has been dealt with.

4 The Safe Disposal of Information Using the Retention Schedule

Files should be disposed of in line with the attached retention schedule (see appendix). This is a process which should be undertaken on an annual basis during the month of July. All paper copies should be passed to the school office for logging and secure disposal. Other files can be bundled up and put in a skip or disposed of to the waste paper merchant. Loose papers should not be put in skips unless the skip has a lid.

Electronic data should be archived on electronic media and 'deleted' appropriately at the end of the retention period. It is the responsibility of individual members of staff to delete files from their laptops/ipads.

5 Monitoring and Review

This policy has been reviewed and approved by the Trust's Resources Committee.

Appendix

RETENTION PROTOCOLS FOR SCHOOLS

This retention schedule contains the retention periods for the different records 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 the Data Protection Act 1998 and the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Managing records using these retention protocols will be deemed to be “normal processing” under this legislation.

If records are to be kept for longer or shorter periods than laid out in this document the reasons for this need to be documented.

INTRODUCTION

1. The purpose of the retention schedule

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, schools are required to maintain a retention schedule listing the records, which the school creates in the course of its business. The retention schedule lays down the length of time which the record needs to be retained and the action which should be taken when it has no further administrative use.

School 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 all information, regardless of the media in which they are stored.

2. Benefits of a Retention Schedule

2.1. Managing records against the retention schedule is deemed to be “normal processing” under the Data Protection Act 1998 and the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Provided members of staff are managing records using the retention schedule they cannot be found guilty of unauthorised tampering with files once a freedom of information request or a data subject access request has been made.

2.2. Members of staff can be confident about destroying information at the appropriate time.

2.3. Information that is subject to Freedom of Information and Data Protection legislation will be available when required.

2.4. The school is not maintaining and storing information unnecessarily.

3. What to do with records once they have reached the end of their administrative life

3.1. Where records have been identified for destruction they should be disposed of in an appropriate way. All records containing personal information or sensitive policy information should be shredded before disposal.

The Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires all schools to maintain a list of records which have been destroyed and who authorised their destruction. In this regard, following authorisation, the admin team must be advised in order that they can record at least:

- File reference (or other unique identifier)
- File title (or brief description)
- Number of files
- The name of authorising officer

3.2. Where records have been identified as being worthy of permanent preservation, arrangements should be made to transfer the records to the Archives and Local Studies Department. Contact by telephone 01226 773950 or email archives@barnsley.gov.uk

3.3. Where lengthy retention periods have been allocated to records, members of staff may wish to consider converting paper records to other media such as microform or digital media. The lifespan of the media and the ability to migrate data where necessary should always be considered.

The below retention schedule covers all documentation held in school. However, documentation specifically relating to Personal Data under the General Data Protection Regulations are colour shaded to indicate who has primary responsibility for its management but these may be delegated to others as required.

Key:

Shade	Responsibility
	School Business Manager
	Headteacher
	SLT
	Line Managers who have responsibility for undertaking performance Management Reviews
	Admin Team (overviewed by SBM or Headteacher)
	Local Governing Body (with referral to Board of Trustees as required)
	Safeguarding Team
	SENCO
	Teaching Staff

Management of the School

This section contains retention periods connected to the general management of the school. This covers the work of the governing Body, the Headteacher and the senior management team, the admissions process and operational administration.

1.1 Governing Body				
Basic file description	Data Prot Issues	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at the end of the administrative life of the record

1.1.1	Agendas for Governing Body meetings	There may be data protection issues if the meeting is dealing with confidential issues relating to staff		One copy should be retained with the master set of minutes. All other copies can be disposed of	SECURE DISPOSAL ¹
1.1.2	Minutes of Governing Body meetings	There may be data protection issues if the meeting is dealing with confidential issues relating to staff			
	Principal Set (signed)			PERMANENT	If the school is unable to store these then they should be offered to the County Archives Service
	Inspection Copies ²			Date of meeting + 3 years	If these minutes contain any sensitive, personal information they must be shredded.
1.1.3	Reports presented to the Governing Body	There may be data protection issues if the report deals with confidential issues relating to staff		Reports should be kept for a minimum of 6 years. However, if the minutes refer directly to individual reports then the reports should be kept permanently	SECURE DISPOSAL or retain with the signed set of the minutes
1.1.4	Meeting papers relating to the annual parents' meeting held under section 33 of the Education Act 2002	No	Education Act 2002, Section 33	Date of the meeting + a minimum of 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL
1.1.5	Instruments of Government including Articles of Association	No		PERMANENT	These should be retained in the school whilst the school is open and then offered to County Archives Service when the school closes.
1.1.6	Trusts and Endowments managed by the Governing Body	No		PERMANENT	These should be retained in the school whilst the school is open and then offered to County Archives Service when the school closes.

1.1.7	Action plans created and administered by the Governing Body	No		Life of the action plan + 3 years	SECURE DISPOSAL
1.1.8	Policy documents created and administered by the Governing Body	No		Life of the policy + 3 years	SECURE DISPOSAL
1.1.9	Records relating to complaints dealt with by the Governing Body	Yes		Date of the resolution of the complaint + a minimum of 6 years then review for further retention in case of contentious disputes	SECURE DISPOSAL
1.1.10	Annual Reports created under the requirements of the Education (Governor's Annual Reports) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2002	No	Education (Governor's Annual Reports) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 SI No 1171	Date of report + 10 years	SECURE DISPOSAL
1.1.11	Proposals concerning the change of status of a maintained school including Specialist Status Schools and Academies	No		Date proposal accepted or declined + 3 years	SECURE DISPOSAL

1 In this context SECURE DISPOSAL should be taken to mean disposal using confidential waste bins, or if the school has the facility, shredding using a cross cut shredder.

2 These are the copies which the clerk to the Governor may wish to retain so that requestors can view all the appropriate information without the clerk needing to print off and collate redacted copies of the minutes each time a request is made.

1.2 Head Teacher and Senior Management Team

Basic file description	Data Prot Issues	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at the end of the administrative life of the record
1.2.1 Log books of activity in the school maintained by the Head Teacher	There may be data protection issues if the log book refers to individual pupils or members of staff		Date of last entry in the book + a minimum of 6 years then review	These could be of permanent historical value and should be offered to the County Archives Service if appropriate
1.2.2 Minutes of Senior Management Team meetings and the meetings of other internal administrative bodies	There may be data protection issues if the minutes refers to individual pupils or members of staff		Date of the meeting + 3 years then review	SECURE DISPOSAL
1.2.3 Reports created by the Head Teacher or the Management Team	There may be data protection issues if the report refers to individual pupils or members of staff		Date of the report + a minimum of 3 years then review	SECURE DISPOSAL
1.2.4 Records created by head teachers, deputy head teachers, heads of year and other members of staff with administrative responsibilities	There may be data protection issues if the records refer to individual pupils or members of staff		Current academic year + 6 years then review	SECURE DISPOSAL
1.2.5 Correspondence created by head teachers, deputy head teachers, heads of year and other members of staff with administrative responsibilities	There may be data protection issues if the correspondence refers to individual pupils or members of staff		Date of correspondence + 3 years then review	SECURE DISPOSAL
1.2.6 Professional Development Plans	Yes		Life of the plan + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL
1.2.7 School Development Plans	No		Life of the plan + 3 years	SECURE DISPOSAL

1.3 Admissions Process

Basic file description	Data Prot Issues	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at the end of the administrative life of the record
1.3.1 All records relating to the creation and implementation of the School Admissions' Policy	No	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
1.3.2 Admissions – if the admission is successful	Yes	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
1.3.3 Admissions – if the appeal is unsuccessful	Yes	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
1.3.4 Register of Admissions	Yes	School attendance: Departmental advice for maintained schools, academies, independent schools and local authorities October 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. ³	REVIEW Schools may wish to consider keeping the admission register permanently as often schools receive enquiries from past pupils to confirm the dates they attended the school.
1.3.5 Admissions – Secondary Schools – Casual	Yes		Current year + 1 year	SECURE DISPOSAL
1.3.6 Proofs of address supplied by parents as part of the admissions process	Yes	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

1.3 Admissions Process				
Basic file description	Data Prot Issues	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at the end of the administrative life of the record
1.3.7 Supplementary Information form including additional information such as religion, medical conditions etc	Yes			
For successful admissions			This information should be added to the pupil file	SECURE DISPOSAL
For unsuccessful admissions			Until appeals process completed	SECURE DISPOSAL

1.4 Operational Administration				
Basic file description	Data Prot Issues	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at the end of the administrative life of the record
1.4.1 General file series	No		Current year + 5 years then REVIEW	SECURE DISPOSAL
1.4.2 Records relating to the creation and publication of the school brochure or prospectus	No		Current year + 3 years	STANDARD DISPOSAL
1.4.3 Records relating to the creation and distribution of circulars to staff, parents or pupils	No		Current year + 1 year	STANDARD DISPOSAL
1.4.4 Newsletters and other items with a short operational use	No		Current year + 1 year	STANDARD DISPOSAL
1.4.5 Visitors' Books and Signing in Sheets	Yes		Current year + 6 years then REVIEW	SECURE DISPOSAL
1.4.6 Records relating to the creation and management of Parent Teacher Associations and/or Old Pupils Associations	No		Current year + 6 years then REVIEW	SECURE DISPOSAL

2. Human Resources

This section deals with all matters of Human Resources management within the school.

2.1 Recruitment					
	Basic file description	Data Prot Issues	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at the end of the administrative life of the record
2.1.1	All records leading up to the appointment of a new headteacher	Yes		Date of appointment + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL
2.1.2	All records leading up to the appointment of a new member of staff – unsuccessful candidates	Yes		Date of appointment of successful candidate + 6 months	SECURE DISPOSAL
2.1.3	All records leading up to the appointment of a new member of staff – successful candidate	Yes		All the relevant information should be added to the staff personal file (see below) and all other information retained for 6 months	SECURE DISPOSAL
2.1.4	Pre-employment vetting information – DBS Checks	No	DBS Update Service Employer Guide June 2014: Keeping children safe in education. July 2015 (Statutory Guidance from Dept. of Education) Sections 73, 74	The school does not have to keep copies of DBS certificates. If the school does so the copy must NOT be retained for more than 6 months	
2.1.5	Proofs of identity collected as part of the process of checking “portable” enhanced DBS disclosure	Yes		Where possible these should be checked and a note kept of what was seen and what has been checked. If it is felt necessary to keep copy documentation then this should be placed on the member of staff’s personal file	
2.1.6	Pre-employment vetting information – Evidence proving the right to work in the United Kingdom ⁴	Yes	An employer’s guide to right to work checks [Home Office May 2015]	Where possible these documents should be added to the Staff Personal File [see below], but if they are kept separately then the Home Office requires that the documents are kept for termination of Employment plus not less than two years	

2.2 Operational Staff Management				
Basic file description	Data Prot	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at the end of the life of the record
2.2.1 Staff Personal File	Yes	Limitation Act 1980 (Section 2)	Termination of Employment + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL
2.2.2 Timesheets	Yes		Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL
2.2.3 Annual appraisal/ assessment records	Yes		Current year + 5 years	SECURE DISPOSAL

2.3 Management of Disciplinary and Grievance Processes				
Basic file description	Data Prot Issues	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at the end of the administrative life of the record
2.3.1 Allegation of a child protection nature against a member of staff including where the allegation is unfounded ⁵	Yes	“Keeping children safe in education Statutory guidance for schools and colleges March 2015”; “Working together to safeguard children. A guide to inter-agency working to safeguard and promote the welfare of children March 2015”	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	SECURE DISPOSAL These records must be shredded
2.3.2 Disciplinary Proceedings	Yes			
oral warning			Date of warning ⁶ + 6 months	
written warning – level 1			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 2			Date of warning + 12 months	
final warning			Date of warning + 18 months	
case not found			If the incident is child protection related then see above otherwise dispose of at the conclusion of the case	SECURE DISPOSAL

2.4 Health and Safety				
Basic file description	Data Prot Issues	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at the end of the administrative life of the record
2.4.1 Health and Safety Policy Statements	No		Life of policy + 3 years	SECURE DISPOSAL
2.4.2 Health and Safety Risk Assessments	No		Life of risk assessment + 3 years	SECURE DISPOSAL
2.4.3 Records relating to accident/ injury at work	Yes		Date of incident + 12 years In the case of serious accidents a further retention period will need to be applied	SECURE DISPOSAL
2.4.4 Accident Reporting	Yes	Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations 1979 Regulation 25. Social Security Administration Act 1992 Section 8. Limitation Act 1980		
Adults			Date of the incident + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL
Children			DOB of the child + 25 years	SECURE DISPOSAL
2.4.5 Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH)	No	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)	Current year + 40 years	SECURE DISPOSAL
2.4.6 Process of monitoring of areas where employees and persons are likely to have become in contact with asbestos	No	Control of Asbestos at Work Regulations 2012 SI 1012 No 632 Regulation 19	Last action + 40 years	SECURE DISPOSAL
2.4.7 Process of monitoring of areas where employees and persons are likely to have become in contact with radiation	No		Last action + 50 years	SECURE DISPOSAL
2.4.8 Fire Precautions log books	No		Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL

2.5 Payroll and Pensions				
Basic file description	Data Prot Issues	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at the end of the administrative life of the record
2.5.1 Maternity pay records	Yes	Statutory Maternity Pay (General) Regulations 1986 (SI1986/1960), revised 1999 (SI1999/567)	Current year + 3 years	SECURE DISPOSAL
2.5.2 Records held under Retirement Benefits Schemes (Information Powers) Regulations 1995	Yes		Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL

3. Financial Management of the School

This section deals with all aspects of the financial management of the school including the administration of school meals.

3.1 Risk Management and Insurance				
Basic file description	Data Prot Issues	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at the end of the administrative life of the record
3.1.1 Employer's Liability Insurance Certificate	No		Closure of the school + 40 years	SECURE DISPOSAL

3.2 Asset Management				
Basic file description	Data Prot Issues	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at the end of the administrative life of the record
3.2.1 Inventories of furniture and equipment	No		Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL
3.2.2 Burglary, theft and vandalism report forms	No		Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL

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6 Where the warning relates to child protection issues see above. If the disciplinary proceedings relate to a child protection matter please contact your Safeguarding Children Officer for further advice

3.3 Accounts and Statements including Budget Management

	Basic file description	Data Prot Issues	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at the end of the administrative life of the record
3.3.1	Annual Accounts	No		Current year + 6 years	STANDARD DISPOSAL
3.3.2	Loans and grants managed by the school	No		Date of last payment on the loan + 12 years then REVIEW	SECURE DISPOSAL
3.3.3	Student Grant applications	Yes		Current year + 3 years	SECURE DISPOSAL
3.3.4	All records relating to the creation and management of budgets including the Annual Budget statement and background papers	No		Life of the budget + 3 years	SECURE DISPOSAL
3.3.5	Invoices, receipts, order books and requisitions, delivery notices	No		Current financial year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL
3.3.6	Records relating to the collection and banking of monies	No		Current financial year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL
3.3.7	Records relating to the identification and collection of debt	No		Current financial year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL

3.4 Contract Management

	Basic file description	Data Prot Issues	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at the end of the administrative life of the record
3.4.1	All records relating to the management of contracts under seal	No	Limitation Act 1980	Last payment on the contract + 12 years	SECURE DISPOSAL
3.4.2	All records relating to the management of contracts under signature	No	Limitation Act 1980	Last payment on the contract + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL
3.4.3	Records relating to the monitoring of contracts	No		Current year + 2 years	SECURE DISPOSAL

3.5 School Fund				
Basic file description	Data Prot Issues	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at the end of the administrative life of the record
3.5.1 School Fund - Cheque books	No		Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL
3.5.2 School Fund - Paying in books	No		Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL
3.5.3 School Fund – Ledger	No		Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL
3.5.4 School Fund – Invoices	No		Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL
3.5.5 School Fund – Receipts	No		Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL
3.5.6 School Fund - Bank statements	No		Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL
3.5.7 School Fund – Journey Books	No		Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL

3.6 School Meals Management				
Basic file description	Data Prot Issues	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at the end of the administrative life of the record
3.6.1 Free School Meals Registers	Yes		Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL
3.6.2 School Meals Registers	Yes		Current year + 3 years	SECURE DISPOSAL
3.6.3 School Meals Summary Sheets	No		Current year + 3 years	SECURE DISPOSAL

4. Property Management

This section covers the management of buildings and property.

4.1 Property Management				
Basic file description	Data Prot Issues	Statutory Provision s	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at the end of the administrative life of the record
4.1.1 Title deeds of properties belonging to the school	No		PERMANENT These should follow the property unless the property has been registered with the Land Registry	
4.1.2 Plans of property belong to the school	No		These should be retained whilst the building belongs to the school and should be passed onto any new owners if the building is leased or sold.	
4.1.3 Leases of property leased by or to the school	No		Expiry of lease + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL
4.1.4 Records relating to the letting of school premises	No		Current financial year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL
4.2 Maintenance				
Basic file description	Data Prot Issues	Statutory Provision s	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at the end of the administrative life of the record
4.2.1 All records relating to the maintenance of the school carried out by contractors	No		Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL
4.2.2 All records relating to the maintenance of the school carried out by school employees including maintenance log books	No		Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL

5. Pupil Management

This section includes all records which are created during the time a pupil spends at the school. For information about accident reporting see under Health and Safety above.

5.1 Pupil's Educational Record				
Basic file description	Data Prot Issues	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at the end of the administrative life of the record
5.1.1 Pupil's Educational Record required by The Education (Pupil Information) (England) Regulations 2005	Yes	The Education (Pupil Information) (England) Regulations 2005 SI 2005 No. 1437		
Primary			Retain whilst the child remains at the primary school	<p>The file should follow the pupil when he/she leaves the primary school. This will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to another primary school • to a secondary school • to a pupil referral unit • If the pupil dies whilst at primary school the file should be returned to the Local Authority to be retained for the statutory retention period. <p>If the pupil transfers to an independent school, transfers to home schooling or leaves the country the file should be returned to the Local Authority to be retained for the statutory retention period. Primary Schools do not ordinarily have sufficient storage space to store records for pupils who have not transferred in the normal way. It makes more sense to transfer the record to the Local Authority as it is more likely that the pupil will request the record from the Local Authority</p>
Secondary		Limitation Act 1980 (Section 2)	Date of Birth of the pupil + 25 years	SECURE DISPOSAL
5.1.2 Examination Results – Pupil Copies	Yes			
Public			This information should be added to the pupil file	All uncollected certificates should be returned to the examination board.
Internal			This information should be added to the pupil file	

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5.1.3	Child Protection / Safeguarding information held on pupil file	Yes	<p>"Keeping children safe in education Statutory guidance for schools and colleges March 2015";</p> <p>"Working together to safeguard children. A guide to inter-agency working to safeguard and promote the welfare of children March 2015"</p>	<p>If any records relating to SECURE DISPOSAL – these records MUST be shredded 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.</p>
5.1.4	Child protection information held in separate files	Yes	<p>"Keeping children safe in education Statutory guidance for schools and colleges March 2015";</p> <p>"Working together to safeguard children. A guide to inter-agency working to safeguard and promote the welfare of children March 2015"</p>	<p>DOB of the child + 25 years then review SECURE DISPOSAL – these records MUST be shredded</p> <p>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</p>

5.2 Attendance					
Basic file description	Data Prot Issues	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at the end of the administrative life of the record	
5.2.1 Attendance Registers	Yes	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 three years after the date on which the entry was made.	SECURE DISPOSAL	
5.2.2 Correspondence relating to authorised / unauthorised absence		Education Act 1996 Section 7	Current academic year + 2 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	

5.3 Special Educational Needs					
Basic file description	Data Prot Issues	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at the end of the administrative life of the record	
5.3.1 Special Educational Needs files, reviews and Individual Education Plans	Yes	Limitation Act 1980 (Section 2)	Date of Birth of the pupil + 25 years	REVIEW NOTE: This retention period is the minimum retention period that any pupil file should be kept. Some authorities choose to keep SEN files for a longer period of time to defend themselves in a “failure to provide a sufficient education” case. There is an element of business risk analysis involved in any decision to keep the records longer than the minimum retention period and this should be documented.	
5.3.2 Statement maintained under section 234 of the Education Act 1990 and any amendments made to the statement	Yes	Education Act 1996 Special Educational Needs and Disability Act 2001 Section 1	Date of birth of the pupil + 25 years [This would normally be retained on the pupil file]	SECURE DISPOSAL unless the document is subject to a legal hold	
5.3.3 Advice and information provided to parents regarding educational needs	Yes	Special Educational Needs and Disability Act 2001 Section 2	Date of birth of the pupil + 25 years [This would normally be retained on the pupil file]	SECURE DISPOSAL unless the document is subject to a legal hold	
5.3.4 Accessibility Strategy	Yes	Special Educational Needs and Disability Act 2001 Section 14	Date of birth of the pupil + 25 years [This would normally be retained on the pupil file]	SECURE DISPOSAL unless the document is subject to a legal hold	

6. Curriculum Management

6.1 Statistics and Management Information					
	Basic file description	Data Prot Issues	Statutory Provision s	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at the end of the administrative life of the record
6.1.1	Curriculum returns	No		Current year + 3 years	SECURE DISPOSAL
6.1.2	Examination Results (Schools Copy)	Yes		Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL
	SATS records – Results	Yes		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 the whole year SATs results. These could be kept for current year + 6 years to allow suitable comparison	SECURE DISPOSAL
	Examination Papers			The examination papers should be kept until any appeals/validation process is complete	SECURE DISPOSAL
6.1.3	Published Admission Number (PAN) Reports	Yes		Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL
6.1.4	Value Added and Contextual Data	Yes		Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL
6.1.5	Self Evaluation Forms	Yes		Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL

6.2 Implementation of Curriculum

	Basic file description	Data Prot Issues	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at the end of the administrative life of the record
6.2.1	Schemes of Work	No		Current year + 1 year	
6.2.2	Timetable	No		Current year + 1 year	
6.2.3	Class Record Books	No		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
6.2.4	Mark Books	No		Current year + 1 year	
6.2.5	Record of homework set	No		Current year + 1 year	
6.2.6	Pupils' Work	No		Where possible pupils' 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

7. Extra Curricular Activities

7.1 Educational Visits outside the Classroom					
	Basic file description	Data Prot Issues	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at the end of the administrative life of the record
7.1.1	Records created by schools to obtain approval to run an Educational Visit outside the Classroom – Primary Schools	No	Outdoor Education Advisers' Panel National Guidance website http://oeapng.info specifically Section 3 - "Legal Framework and Employer Systems" and Section 4 - "Good Practice".	Date of visit + 14 years	SECURE DISPOSAL
7.1.2	Records created by schools to obtain approval to run an Educational Visit outside the Classroom – Secondary Schools	No	Outdoor Education Advisers' Panel National Guidance website http://oeapng.info specifically Section 3 - "Legal Framework and Employer Systems" and Section 4 - "Good Practice".	Date of visit + 10 years	SECURE DISPOSAL
7.1.3	Parental consent forms for school trips where there has been no major incident	Yes		Conclusion of the trip	Although the consent forms could be retained for DOB + 22 years, the requirement for them being needed is low and most schools do not have the storage capacity to retain every single consent form issued by the school for this period of time.
7.1.4	Parental permission slips for school trips – where there has been a major incident	Yes	Limitation Act 1980 (Section 2)	DOB 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	

7.2 Walking Bus					
	Basic file description	Data Prot Issues	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at the end of the administrative life of the record
7.2.1	Walking Bus Registers	Yes		Date of register + 3 years This takes into account the fact that if there is an incident requiring an accident report the register will be submitted with the accident report and kept for the period of time required for accident reporting	SECURE DISPOSAL [If these records are retained electronically any back up copies should be destroyed at the same time]

7.3 Family Liaison Officers and Home School Liaison Assistants					
	Basic file description	Data Prot Issues	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at the end of the administrative life of the record
7.3.1	Day Books		Yes	Current year + 2 years then review	
7.3.2	Reports for outside agencies - where the report has been included on the case file created by the outside agency		Yes	Whilst child is attending school and then destroy	
7.3.3	Referral forms		Yes	While the referral is current	
7.3.4	Contact data sheets		Yes	Current year then review, if contact is no longer active then destroy	
7.3.5	Contact database entries		Yes	Current year then review, if contact is no longer active then destroy	
7.3.6	Group Registers		Yes	Current year + 2 years	

8. Central Government and Local Authority

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

8.1 Local Authority					
	Basic file description	Data Prot Issues	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at the end of the administrative life of the record
8.1.1	Secondary Transfer Sheets (Primary)	Yes		Current year + 2 years	SECURE DISPOSAL
8.1.2	Attendance Returns	Yes		Current year + 1 year	SECURE DISPOSAL
8.1.3	School Census Returns	No		Current year + 5 years	SECURE DISPOSAL
8.1.4	Circulars and other information sent from the Local Authority	No		Operational use	SECURE DISPOSAL
8.2 Central Government					
	Basic file description	Data Prot Issues	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at the end of the administrative life of the record
8.2.1	OFSTED reports and papers	No		Life of the report then REVIEW	SECURE DISPOSAL
8.2.2	Returns made to central government	No		Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL
8.2.3	Circulars and other information sent from central government	No		Operational use	SECURE DISPOSAL