

Chumleigh Academy Trust Data Retention Schedule

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Chulmleigh Academy Trust (CAT) recognises that by efficiently managing its records, it will be able to comply with its legal and regulatory obligations and to contribute to the effective overall management of the institution. Records provide evidence for protecting the legal rights and interests of the Academy, and provide evidence for demonstrating performance and accountability.

This document provides the policy framework through which this effective management can be achieved and audited. It covers:

- **Scope**
- **Responsibilities**
- **Relationships with existing policies**

Please be aware that this schedule applies to all types of record, be they paper or digital.

1. **Scope of the schedule**

- 1.1 This schedule applies to all records created, received or maintained by staff of the Trust in the course of carrying out its functions. Also by agents, contractors, consultants or third parties acting on behalf of the academy.
- 1.2 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 or activities. These records may be created, received or maintained in hard copy or electronic format e.g. paper documents, scanned documents, emails which document business activities and decisions, audio and video recordings (including video conferencing), text messages, notes of telephone or Skype conversations, Word and Excel documents, and presentations.

2. **Responsibilities**

- 2.1 The governing body of an Academy has a statutory responsibility to maintain its records and record keeping systems in accordance with the regulatory environment specific to the Academy. The responsibility is delegated to the Executive Head teacher.
- 2.2 The person responsible for day to day operational records management in the Academy 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. They will also monitor compliance with this schedule by surveying at least annually to check if records are stored securely and can be accessed appropriately.
- 2.3 The Academy will manage and document its record disposal process in line with the Records Retention Schedule. This will ensure that it can meet FOI requests and respond to Subject Access Requests.
- 2.4 Individual staff and employees must ensure, with respect to records for which they are responsible, that they: -

- 2.4.1 Manage the Academy's records consistently, in accordance with the Academy's policies and procedures
- 2.4.2 Properly document their actions and decisions
- 2.4.3 Hold personal information securely
- 2.4.4 Only share personal information appropriately and do not disclose it to any unauthorised third party
- 2.4.5 Dispose of records securely, in accordance with the Academy's Records Retention Schedule

3. Relationship with existing policies

This schedule has been drawn up within the context of:

- Freedom of Information Policy
- Data Protection Policy
- Information Governance Policy and other legislation and regulations (including audit, equal opportunities and ethics) affecting the Academy.

Safe disposal of records which have reached the end of their administrative life

1. Disposal of records that have reached the end of the minimum period allocated
The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), in force since 25 May 2018, requires CAT to retain personal data for **no longer than necessary for the purposes for which it is processed**. To comply with this requirement a retention schedule (below) has been drawn up which specifies the length of time that records are to be kept. Records are to be regularly reviewed to ensure compliance with this schedule so that it can be determined if the records are to be destroyed or kept. Whatever decisions are made they need to be documented as part of the records management policy within the Trust.
2. Safe destruction of records
All records containing personal information, or sensitive policy information should be made either unreadable or impossible to reconstruct.
 - Paper records should be shredded using a cross-cutting shredder
 - CDs / DVDs / Floppy Disks should be cut into pieces
 - Audio / Video Tapes and Fax Rolls should be dismantled and shredded
 - Hard Disks should be dismantled and sanded

Any other records should be bundled up and disposed of to a waste paper merchant or disposed of in other appropriate ways.

CAT will maintain a list of all records which have been destroyed and who authorised their destruction. This record will include the following:

- File reference (or other unique identifier)
- File title (or brief descriptions)
- Number of files and date range
- Name of the authorising officer
- Date action taken

1. Governance, Funding and Financial Management of the Academy Trust

The Academy is governed by the Academy Trust, a company limited by Guarantees.

1.1 Governance of the Academy Trust

	Basic file description	Data Protection Issues	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at the end of the administrative life of the record
1.1.1	Governance Statement	No		Life of governance statement + 6 years	Secure disposal
1.1.2	Articles of Association	No		Life of the Academy	
1.1.3	Memorandum of Association	No		This can be disposed of once the Academy has been incorporated	Secure Disposal
1.1.4	Memorandum of Understanding of Shared Governance among Schools	No	Companies Act 2006 section 355	Life of the Memorandum of Understanding + 6 years	Secure Disposal
1.15	Constitution	No		Life of the Academy	
1.1.6	Special Resolutions to amend the Constitution	No		Life of the Academy	
1.1.7	Written Scheme of Delegation	No	Companies Act 2006 section 355	Life of Written Scheme of Delegation + 10years	Secure Disposal
1.1.8	Directors- Appointment	No		Life of appointment + 6 years	Secure Disposal
1.19	Directors - Disqualification	No	Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986	Date of Disqualification + 15 Years	Secure Disposal
1.1.10	Directors – Termination of office	No		Date of Termination + 6 years.	Secure Disposal
1.1.11	Annual Report – Trustees report	No	Companies Act 2006 section 355	Date of report + 10 years	Secure Disposal
1.1.12	Annual Report and Accounts	No	Companies Act 2006 section 355	Date of report + 10 years	Secure Disposal

1.1.13	Annual Return	No	Companies Act 2006 section 355	Date of report + 10 years	Secure Disposal
1.1.14	Appointment of Trustees and Governors and Directors	Yes		Life of appointment + 6 years	Secure Disposal
1.1.15	Statement of Trustees responsibilities	No		Life of appointment + 6 years	Secure Disposal
1.1.16	Appointments and removal of members	No		Life of appointment + 6 years	Secure Disposal
1.1.17	Strategic Review	No		Life of appointment + 6 years	Secure Disposal

1.2 Board of Directors, Members Meetings and Governing Body					
	Basic file description	Data Protection Issues	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at the end of the administrative life of the record
	Board of Directors				
1.2.1	Board meeting minutes	Could be if the minutes refer to living individuals	Companies Act 2006 Section 248	Minutes must be kept at least 10 years from the date of the meeting	Offer to archives
1.2.2	Board Decisions	Could be if the minutes refer to living individuals			Offer to archives
1.2.3	Board meeting: Annual schedule of business	No		Current year	Secure Disposal
1.2.4	Board meeting: Procedures for conduct of meeting	No	Limitations Act 1980 (Section 2)	Data procedures superseded + 6 years	Offer to archives
	Committees				

1.2.5	Minutes relating to any committees set up by the Board of Directors	Could be if the minutes refer to living individuals		Date of the meeting + a minimum of 10 years	Offer to archives
	General Members' Meeting				
1.2.6	Records relating to the management of General Members' meetings	Could be if the minutes refer to living individuals	Companies Act 2006 section 248	Minutes must be kept at least 10 years from the date of the meeting	Offer to archives
1.2.7	Records relating to the management of the Annual General Meeting	Could be if the minutes refer to living individuals	Companies Act 2006 section 248	Minutes must be kept at least 10 years from the date of the meeting	Offer to archives
	Governors				
1.2.8	Agendas for Governing body meetings			One copy should be retained with the master set of minutes. All other copies can be disposed of	Secure disposal
1.2.9	Minutes of papers considered at meetings of the Governing Body and its committees	May be data protection issues if the meeting is dealing with confidential issues related to staff			
	Principal set (signed)			Life of Academy	
	Inspection copies			Date of meeting + 3 years	Secure disposal

1.2.10	Reports presented to the Governing body	May be data protection issues if the meeting is dealing with confidential issues related 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 for the life of the Academy	Secure disposal or retain with the signed set of minutes
1.2.11	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
1.2.12	Trusts and Endowments managed by the Governing body	No		Permanent	
1.2.13	Record relating to complaints dealt with by the Governing body	Yes		Date of the resolution of complaint + a minimum of 6 years then review for further retention in case of contentious disputes	Secure disposal
1.2.14	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 2002SI 2002 No. 1171	Date of report + 10 years	Secure disposal
Statutory Registers					
1.2.15	Register of Directors		Companies Act 2006	Life of the Academy + 6 years	Secure disposal
1.2.16	Register of Directors interests (this is not a statutory register)			Life of the Academy + 6 years	Secure disposal
1.2.17	Register of Director's residential addresses		Companies Act 2006	Life of the Academy + 6 years	Secure disposal
1.2.18	Register of gifts, hospitality and entertainment		Companies Act 2006	Life of the Academy + 6 years	Secure disposal
1.2.19	Register of members		Companies Act 2006	Life of the Academy + 6 years	Secure disposal

1.2.20	Register of Secretaries		Companies Act 2006	Life of the Academy + 6 years	Secure disposal
1.2.21	Register of Trustees interests			Life of the Academy + 6 years	Secure disposal
1.2.22	Declaration of Interests Statement (Governors) (this is not a statutory register)			Life of the Academy + 6 years	Secure disposal

1.3 Funding and Finance

	Basic file description	Data Protection Issues	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at the end of the administrative life of the record
	Strategic Finance				
1.3.1	Statement of financial activities for the year	No		Current financial year + 6 years	Secure disposal
1.3.2	Financial Planning	No		Current financial year + 6 years	Secure disposal
1.3.3	Value for money statement	No		Current financial year + 6 years	Secure disposal
1.3.4	Records relating to the management of VAT	No		Current financial year + 6 years	Secure disposal
1.3.5	Whole of government accounts returns	No		Current financial year + 6 years	Secure disposal
1.3.6	Borrowing powers	No		Current financial year + 6 years	Secure disposal
1.3.7	Budget Plan	No		Current financial year + 6 years	Secure disposal
1.3.8	Charging and remissions policy	No		Date policy superseded + 3 years	Secure disposal
	Audit Arrangements				
1.3.9	Audit Committee and appointment of responsible officers	No		Life of the Academy	Secure disposal

1.3.10	Independent Auditor's report on regularity	No		Financial year report relates to + 6 years	Secure disposal
1.3.11	Independent Auditor's report on financial statements	No		Financial year report relates to + 6 years	Secure disposal
	Funding Agreements				
1.3.12	Funding agreement with secretary of State and supplemental funding agreements	No		Date of last payment of funding + 6 years	Secure disposal
1.3.13	Funding agreements – termination of the funding agreements			Date of last payment of funding + 6 years	Secure disposal
1.3.14	Funding Records – Capital Grant	No		Date of last payment of funding + 6 years	Secure disposal
1.3.15	Funding Records – Earmarked Annual Grant (EAG)	No		Date of last payment of funding + 6 years	Secure disposal
1.3.16	Funding Records – General Annual Grant	No		Date of last payment of funding + 6 years	Secure disposal
1.3.17	Per pupil funding records	No		Date of last payment of funding + 6 years	Secure disposal
1.3.18	Exclusions agreements	No		Date of last payment of funding + 6 years	Secure disposal
1.3.19	Funding records	No		Date of last payment of funding + 6 years	Secure disposal
1.3.20	Gift Aid and Tax Relief	No		Date of last payment of funding + 6 years	Secure disposal
1.3.21	Record relating to loans	No		Date of last payment on loan + 6 years if the loan is under £10,000 +12 years if the loan is over £10,000	Secure disposal
	Payroll and Pensions				

1.3.22	Maternity pay records	Yes	Statutory Maternity Pay (General Regulations 1986 (SI1986/1960) revised 1999 (SI1999/567)	Current year + 3 years	Secure disposal
1.3.23	Record held under Retirement Benefits Schemes (Information Powers) Regulations 1995	Yes	Regulation 15 retirement Benefits Schemes (Information Powers) Regulations 2005 SI 1995/3103)	From the end of the year in which the accounts were signed for a minimum of 6 years	Secure disposal
1.3.24	Management of the Teacher's Pension Scheme	Yes		Date of the last payment on the pension + 6 years	Secure disposal
1.3.25	Records relating to Pension registration	Yes		Date of the last payment on the pension + 6 years	Secure disposal
1.3.26	Payroll records	Yes		Date payroll run + 6 years	Secure disposal
	Risk Management and Insurance				
1.3.27	Insurance policies	No		Date the policy expires + 6 years	Secure disposal
1.3.28	Record relating to settlement of insurance claims	No		Date claim settled + 6 years	Secure disposal
1.3.29	Employers liability insurance certificate	No		Closure of the school + 40 years	Secure disposal
	Endowment Funds and Investments	No			
1.3.30	Investment policies	No		Life of the investment + 6 years	Secure disposal
1.3.31	Management of endowment Funds	No		Life of the fund + 6 years	Secure disposal
	Accounts and Statements	No			
1.3.32	Annual Accounts	No		Current year + 6 years	Standard disposal
1.3.33	Loans and Grants managed by the school	No		Date of last payment of the loan + 12 years then review	Secure disposal

1.3.34	Student grant applications	Yes		Current year + 3 years	Secure disposal
1.3.35	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
1.3.36	Invoices, receipts, order books and requisitions, delivery notices	No		Current financial year + 6 years	Secure disposal
1.3.37	Records relating to the collection and banking of monies	No		Current financial year + 6 years	Secure disposal
1.3.38	Record relating to the identification and collection of debt	No			Secure disposal
	Contract management				
1.3.39	All records relating to the management of contracts under seal	No	Limitation Act 1980	Current financial year + 6 years	Secure disposal
1.3.40	All records relating to the management of contracts under signature	No	Limitation Act 1980	Last payment on the contract + 6 years	Secure disposal
1.3.41	Records relating to the monitoring of contracts	No		Current year + 2 years	Secure disposal
	Asset Management				
1.3.42	Inventories of furniture and equipment	No		Current year + 6 years	Secure disposal
1.3.43	Burglary, theft and vandalism report forms	No		Current year + 6 years	Secure disposal
1.3.44	Records relating to the leasing of shared facilities such as sports centres	No		Current year + 6 years	Secure disposal
1.3.45	Land and building valuations	No		Date valuation superseded + 6 years	Secure disposal
1.3.46	Disposal of assets	No		Date asset disposed of + 6 years	Secure disposal
1.3.47	Community school leases for land	No		Date lease expires + 6 years	Secure disposal

1.3.48	Commercial Transfer arrangements	No		Date of transfer + 6 years	Secure disposal
1.3.49	Transfer of land to the Academy Trust	No		Life of land ownership then transfer to new owner	Secure disposal
1.3.50	Transfers of Freehold land	No		Life of land ownership then transfer to new owner	Secure disposal
	School Fund				
1.3.51	School fund - Cheque books	No		Current year + 6 years	Secure disposal
1.3.52	School fund – paying in books	No		Current year + 6 years	Secure disposal
1.3.53	School fund – ledger	No		Current year + 6 years	Secure disposal
1.3.54	School fund – Invoices	No		Current year + 6 years	Secure disposal
1.3.55	School fund – Receipts	No		Current year + 6 years	Secure disposal
1.3.56	School fund – Bank statements	No		Current year + 6 years	Secure disposal
1.3.57	School fund – journey books	No		Current year + 6 years	Secure disposal
	School Meals				
1.3.58	Free school meals register	Yes		Current year + 6 years	Secure disposal
1.3.59	School meals register	Yes		Current year + 3 years	Secure disposal
1.3.60	School meals summary sheets	No		Current year + 3 years	Secure disposal

1.4 Policies, Frameworks and Overarching Requirements					
	Basic file description	Data Protection Issues	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at the end of the administrative life of the record
1.4.1	Data protection policy + data protection notification	No		Date policy superseded + 6 years	Secure disposal
1.4.2	Freedom of Information policy	No		Date policy superseded + 6 years	Secure disposal
1.4.3	Information security breach policy	No		Date policy superseded + 6 years	Secure disposal
1.4.4	Special education needs policy	No		Date policy superseded + 6 years	Secure disposal
1.4.5	Complaints policy	No		Date policy superseded + 6 years	Secure disposal
1.4.6	Risk and Control Framework	No		Life of framework + 6 years	Secure disposal
1.4.7	Rules and Bylaws	No		Date rules and bylaws superseded + 6 years	Secure disposal
1.4.8	Home School agreements	No		Date agreement revised + 6 years	Secure disposal
1.4.9	Equality information and objectives (public sector equality duty) Statement for publications	No		Date of statement + 6 years	Secure disposal

2. Human Resources

2.1 Recruitments					
	Basic file description	Data Protection Issues	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at the end of the administrative life of the record
2.1.1	All records leading to the appointment of a new Headteacher	Yes		Date of appointment + 6 years	Secure disposal
2.1.2	All records leading to the appointment of a new member of staff – unsuccessful candidates	Yes		Date of appointment of successful candidate + 6 years	Secure disposal
2.1.3	All records leading to the appointment of a new member of staff – successful candidates	Yes		All relevant information should be added to the staff personal file and all other information retained for 6 months	Secure disposal
2.1.4	Pre-employment checking – DBS checks	Yes	DBS Update Service Employer Guide June 2014	The organisation should take a copy of the DBS certificate when it is shown to them by the individual and should be added to the Staff personal File	Secure disposal
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 had been checked. If it is felt necessary to keep copies of documents, then this should be added to the Staff Personal File	Secure disposal
2.1.6	Pre-employment vetting information – evidence proving the right to work in the UK	Yes	An Employers guide to right to work checks (Home Office May 2015)	Where possible these documents should be added to the Staff personal file, 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

2.1.7	Records relating to the employment of overseas teachers	Yes		Where possible these documents should be added to the Staff personal file, 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
2.1.8	Records relating to the TUPE process	Yes		Date last member of staff transfers or leaves the organisation + 6 years	Secure disposal

2.2 Operational Staff Management

	Basic file description	Data Protection Issues	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at the end of the administrative life of the record
2.2.1	Staff Personal File, including employment contract and staff training records	Yes	Limitations 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 records	Yes		Current year + 5years	Secure disposal
2.2.4	Records relating to the agreement of pay and conditions	No		Date pay and conditions superseded + 6 years	Secure disposal
2.2.5	Training needs analysis	Yes		Current year + 1 year	Secure disposal

2.3 Management of Disciplinary and Grievance Processes

	Basic file description	Data Protection Issues	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at the end of the administrative life of the
2.3.1	Allegation which is child protection in nature against a member of staff, including where the allegation is unfounded	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 longer. REVIEW	It is recommended that all records relating to child abuse are retained until the Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse is completed. Secure disposal. These records must be shredded
2.3.2	Disciplinary Proceedings	Yes			
	Oral warning			Date of warning + 6 months	Secure disposal. If warnings are placed on personal file then they must be weeded from the file
	Written warning Level 1			Date of warning + 6 months	Secure disposal. If warnings are placed on personal file then they must be weeded from the file
	Written warning Level 2			Date of warning + 12 months	Secure disposal. If warnings are placed on personal file then they must be weeded
	Final warning			Date of warning + 18 months	Secure disposal. If warnings are placed on personal file then they must be weeded
	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 Protection Issues	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at the end of the administrative life of the
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	The official Accident Book must be retained for 3 years after the last entry in the book. The book may be in paper or electronic format. The incident reporting form may be retained as below	
	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	Current year + 10 years then Review	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 logbooks	No		Current year + 6 years	Secure disposal
2.4.9	Fire risk assessments	No	Fire Service Order 2005	Life of the risk assessment + 6 years	Secure disposal
2.4.10	Incident reports	Yes		Current year + 20 years	Secure disposal

3. Management of the Academy

3.1 Admissions Process					
	Basic file description	Data Protection Issues	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at the end of the administrative life of the record
3.1.1	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
3.1.2	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
3.1.3	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

3.1.4	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.	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.
3.1.5	Admissions – Secondary Schools – Casual	Yes		Current year + 1 year	Secure disposal
3.1.6	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
3.1.7	Supplementary Information form including additional information such as religion and medical conditions	Yes			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For successful admissions 			This information should be added to the pupil file	Secure disposal
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For unsuccessful admissions 			Until appeals process completed	Secure disposal

3.2 Head Teacher and Senior Management Team

	Basic file description	Data Protection Issues	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at the end of the administrative life of the record
3.2.1	Logbooks of activity in the school maintained by the Head Teacher	There may be data protection issues if the logbook 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
3.2.2	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
3.2.3	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
3.2.4	Records created by head teachers, deputy head teachers, heads of year	There may be data protection		Current academic year + 6 years then review	Secure disposal

	and other members of staff with administrative responsibilities	issues if the records refer to individual pupils or members of staff			
3.2.5	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
3.2.6	Professional Development Plans	Yes		Life of the plan + 6 years	Secure disposal

3.3 Operational Administration					
	Basic file description	Data Protection Issues	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at the end of the administrative life of the
3.3.1	Management of complaints	Yes		Date complaint resolved + 3 years	Secure disposal
3.3.2	Records relating to the management of contracts with external providers	No		Date of last payment on contract + 6 years	Secure disposal
3.3.3	Records relating to the management of software licences	no		Date licence expires + 6 years	
3.3.4	General file series	No		Current year + 5 years then REVIEW	Secure disposal

3.3.5	Records relating to the creation and publication of the school brochure or prospectus	No		Current year + 3 years	Standard disposal
3.3.6	Records relating to the creation and distribution of circulars to staff, parents or pupils	No		Current year + 1 year	Standard disposal
3.3.7	Newsletters and other items with a short operational use	No		Current year + 1 year	Standard disposal
3.3.8	Visitors' Books and Signing in Sheets	Yes		Current year + 6 years then REVIEW	Secure disposal
3.3.9	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

4. Property Management

This section covers the management of buildings and property.

4.1 Property Management					
	Basic file description	Data Protection Issues	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at the end of the administrative life of the
4.1.1	Title deeds of properties belonging to the school	No		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
4.1.5	Business continuity and disaster recovery plans	No		Date the plan superseded + 3 years	Secure disposal

4.2 Maintenance					
	Basic file description	Data Protection Issues	Statutory Provisions	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
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4.3 Fleet Management

	Basic file description	Data Protection Issues	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at the end of the administrative life of the record
4.3.1	The process of acquisition and disposal of vehicles through lease or purchase e.g. contracts/leases, quotes, approvals	No	Limitation Act 1980 (Section 2)	Disposal of the vehicle + 6 years	Secure disposal
4.3.2	The process of managing allocation and maintenance of vehicles e.g. lists of who was driving the vehicles and when, maintenance	No	Limitation Act 1980 (Section 2)	Disposal of the vehicle + 6 years	Secure disposal
4.3.3	Service logs and vehicle logs	No	Limitation Act 1980 (Section 2)	Life of the vehicle, then either to be retained for 6 years by school or to be returned to the lease company	Secure disposal
4.3.4	GPS tracking data related to the vehicles	No	Limitation Act 1980 (Section 2)	Date of journey + 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 Protection 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 <p>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> <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.</p> <p>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	Records relating to the management of exclusions	Yes		Date of Birth of the pupil involved + 25 years	Secure disposal
5.1.3	Management of examination registrations	Yes		The examination board will mandate how long these records will need to be	
5.1.4	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	
5.1.5	Child Protection information held on pupil file	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	If any records relating to child protection issues are placed on the pupil file, it should be in a sealed envelope and the retained for the same period of time as the pupil file	Secure disposal- these records MUST be shredded
	Child Protection information held in separate files	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	Date of birth 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 LA Social Services	Secure disposal- these records MUST be shredded

It is recommended that all records relating to child abuse are retained until the Inquiry on Historical Child Sexual Abuse is completed. This section will be reviewed again to take into account any recommendations the Inquiry might make concerning record retention.

5.2 Attendance					
	Basic file description	Data protection 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 authorized absence		Education act 1996 section 7	Current academic year + 2 years	Secure disposal

5.3 Special Educational Needs

	Basic file description	Data Protection 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 Protection Issues	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at the end of the administrative life of the
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 –	Yes			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Results 			<p>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.</p> <p>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</p>	Secure disposal
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 Protection 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	It may be appropriate to review these records at the end of each year and allocate a further retention period or secure disposal
6.2.2	Timetable	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
6.2.3	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	It may be appropriate to review these records at the end of each year and allocate a further retention period or secure disposal
6.2.5	Record of homework set	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
6.2.6	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	Secure disposal

7. Extracurricular Activities

7.1 Educational Visits outside the Classroom					
	Basic file description	Data Protection 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

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	
7.1.5	Records relating to residential trips	Yes		Date of birth of youngest pupil involved + 25 years	Secure disposal

7.2 Walking Bus					
	Basic file description	Data Protection 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]

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 Protection 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

8.2 Central Government					
	Basic file description	Data Protection 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

