

Kings' Forest Primary School

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Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) Part 1: EIA Screening

Policies, Procedures or Practices	Records Retention	Date	April 2018
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Groups that may be affected:

Are there any concerns that the policy could have a different impact on any of the following groups? (please tick the relevant boxes)	Existing or potential adverse impact	Existing or potential for positive impact
Age (young people, the elderly: issues surrounding protection and welfare, recruitment, training, pay, promotion)	N/A	
Disability (physical and mental disability, learning difficulties; issues surrounding access to buildings, curriculum and communication).	N/A	
Gender Reassignment (transsexual)	N/A	
Marriage and civil partnership	N/A	
Pregnancy and maternity	N/A	
Racial Groups (consider: language, culture, ethnicity including gypsy/traveller groups and asylum seekers	N/A	
Religion or belief (practices of worship, religious or cultural observance, including non-belief)	N/A	
Gender (male, female)	N/A	
Sexual orientation (gay, lesbian, bisexual; actual or perceived)	N/A	

Any adverse impacts are explored in a Full Impact Assessment.



Kings' Forest Primary School 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 school, 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.

1. SCOPE OF THE POLICY

This policy applies to all records 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. This should be done in liaison with the LA Records Service.

2. RESPONSIBILITIES

The school has a corporate responsibility to maintain its records and record keeping systems in accordance with the regulatory environment. The person with overall responsibility for this policy is the Head Teacher.

The person responsible for records management in the school 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 policy by surveying at least annually to check if records are stored securely and can be accessed appropriately.

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.

3. RELATIONSHIP WITH EXISTING POLICIES

This policy has been drawn up within the context of:

- Freedom of Information policy;
- Data Protection policy;
- and with other legislation or regulations (including audit, equal opportunities and ethics) affecting the school.



1. 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 G	1.1 Governing Body							
	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	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 PERMANENT	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		PERMANENT				
	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 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.



1.1 Go	1.1 Governing Body						
	Basic file description	Data Protection Issues	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at the end of the administrative life of the record		
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)	No	Education (Governor's Annual Reports) (England) (Amendment) Regulations	Date of report + 10 years	SECURE DISPOSAL		



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	(Amendment) Regulations 2002		2002 SI 2002 No 1171		
	Regulations 2002		110 1171		
1.1.11	Proposals concerning	No		Date proposal accepted or	SECURE DISPOSAL
	the change of status of			declined + 3 years	
	a maintained school				
	including Specialist				
	Status Schools and				
	Academies				

Please note that all information about the retention of records concerning the recruitment of Head Teachers can be found in the Human Resources section below.

1.2 He	1.2 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		
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		



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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
1.2.8	Subject Access Requests	Yes	Date of the response to the request +7 years	SECURE DISPOSAL



1.3 Ad	missions Process				F 1710 V 354000.
	Basic file description	Data Protection 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	Every entry in the admission register must be preserved	REVIEW. Schools may wish to consider keeping the



			for maintained schools, academies, independent schools and local authorities October 2014	for a period of three years after the date on which the entry was made ³	admission register permanently as often schools receive enquiries from past pupils to confirm the dates they attended
			0010001 2014		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

³ School attendance: Departmental advice for maintained schools, academies, independent schools and local authorities October 2014 p6



1.3 Ad	missions Process				
	Basic file description	Data Protection 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 Op	1.4 Operational Administration					
	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	Records relating to the creation and publication of the school brochure or prospectus	No		Current year + 3 years	STANDARD DISPOSAL	
1.4.2	Records relating to the creation and distribution of circulars to staff, parents or pupils	No		Current year + 1 year	STANDARD DISPOSAL	
1.4.3	Newsletters and other items with a short operational use	No		Current year + 1 year	STANDARD DISPOSAL	



1.4.4	Visitors' Books, Signing in Sheets and e-data for swipe card	Yes	Current year + 6 years then REVIEW	SECURE DISPOSAL
1.4.5	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 Rec	2.1 Recruitment							
	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 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	The school does not have to keep copies of DBS certificates. If the school does so the copy must NOT				



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			2015 (Statutory Guidance from Dept. of Education) Sections 73, 74	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	

⁴ Employers are required to take a "clear copy" of the documents which they are shown as part of this process

2.2 Op	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	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 MQ	nagement of Disciplinary and Grievance Processes Rasic file description Data Statutory Provisions Potentian Period (Operational) Action at the end							
	Basic file description	Data Protection 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	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 ⁵ 5+ 6 months	SECURE DISPOSAL			
	written warning – level 1			Date of warning + 6 months	[If warnings are placed on			
	written warning – level 2			Date of warning + 12 months	personal files then they must be			
	final warning			Date of warning + 18 months	weeded from the file]			
1	case not found			If the incident is child protection related then see above otherwise dispose of at the conclusion of the case	SECURE DISPOSAL			

5 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



2.4 He	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 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	Current year + 40 years	SECURE DISPOSAL		



			had not been made.		Primaru
			Regulation 18 (2)		
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 Pay	roll and Pensions				•
	Basic file description	Data Protection 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 (S11986/1960), revised 1999 (S11999/567)	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	3.1 Risk Management and Insurance							
	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	Employer's Liability Insurance Certificate	No		Closure of the school + 40 years	SECURE DISPOSAL			

3.2 Ass	3.2 Asset Management							
	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	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			



	Basic file description	Data Protection 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 Cor	3.4 Contract Management							
	Basic file description	Data Protection 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 Protection 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 Sch	3.6 School Meals Management						
	Basic file description	Data Protection 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 Pro	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 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 Mo	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		

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 Pu	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 file should follow the pupil when he/she leaves the primary school. This will include:				



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		the primary	to another primary school
		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. 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
Secondary	Limitation	Date of Birth of	SECURE DISPOSAL
	Act 1980	the pupil + 25	
	(Section 2)	years	



5.1 Pu	pil's Educational Record				Primary school
	Basic file description	Data Protection Issues	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at the end of the administrative life of the record
5.1.2	Examination Results – Pupil Copies				
	Public	Yes		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	
5.1.3	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 interagency 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 then retained for the same period of time as the pupil file.	SECURE DISPOSAL – these records MUST be shredded
5.1.4	Child protection information held in separate files	Yes	"Keeping children safe in education Statutory guidance for schools and colleges March	DOB of the child + 25 years then review. This retention period was agreed in	SECURE DISPOSAL – these records MUST be shredded



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	2015"; "Working	consultation	
	together to	with the	
	safeguard children.	Safeguarding	
	A guide to inter-	Children Group	
	agency working to	on the	
	safeguard and	understanding	
	promote the	that the	
	welfare of children	principal copy	
	March 2015"	of this	
		information will	
		be found on the	
		Local Authority	
		Social Services	
		record	

Retention periods relating to allegations made against adults can be found in the Human Resources section of this retention schedule

5.2 Atte	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	Education Act 1996	Current academic year + 2	SECURE DISPOSAL
	relating to authorized	Section 7	years	
	absence			

	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	Date of birth of the	SECURE DISPOSAL unless the
			Needs and Disability	pupil + 25 years [This	document is subject to a legal hold
			Act 2001 Section 14	would normally be	
				retained on the	
				pupil file]	

6. Curriculum Management

	Basic file description	Data Protection Issues	Statutory Provisions	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 Examination Papers	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 The examination papers should be kept until any appeals/validation process is	SECURE DISPOSAL 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



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6.1.5	Self-Evaluation Forms	Yes	Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	l
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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		
6.2.2	Timetable	No		Current year + 1 year	It may be appropriate to review these records at the end of each year and	
6.2.3	Class Record Books	No		Current year + 1 year		
6.2.4	Mark Books	No		Current year + 1 year	allocate a further retention period or	
6.2.5	Record of homework set	No		Current year + 1 year	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 year	SECURE DISPOSAL	



7. Extra-Curricular Activities

	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 this period of time.



7.1.4	Parental permission slips	Yes	Limitation Act 1980 (Section 2)	DOB of the pupil	
	for school trips – where			involved in the	
	there has been a major			incident + 25	
	incident			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 Ed	7.2 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	
7.2.1	Day Books	Yes		Current year + 2 years then review		
7.2.2	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		
7.2.3	Referral forms	Yes		While the referral is current		
7.2.4	Contact data sheets	Yes		Current year then review, if contact is no		



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			longer active
			then destroy
7.2.5	Contact database	Yes	Current year
	entries		then review, if
			contact is no
			longer active
			then destroy
7.2.6	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 Loc	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	
8.1.4	Circulars and other information sent from the Local Authority	No		Operational use	SECURE DISPOSAL	



8.2 Cer	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	

Lisa – See the red text below, may need to alter some of the dates kept in the table above.

The retention periods in the tables provided are based on current best practice guidelines. It is the school's responsibility to check each of the suggested retention periods and ensure that each data item is only kept long enough to satisfy statutory or contractual requirements and short enough to satisfy Principle 5(1)(e) of the GDPR.

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