

DATA RETENTION SCHEDULE

	Basic File description	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period (Operational)	Action at end of the administrative life of the record	Personal Information
1.1 Management of Main Board of Trustee Directors					
1.1.1	Records relating to the appointment of trustees		1 year after leaving role	SECURE DISPOSAL	
1.1.2	Scheme of delegation and terms of reference for committees		Until supersede or whist relevant	STANDARD DISPOSAL	
1.1.3	Meetings Schedule		Current and previous year	STANDARD DISPOSAL	
1.1.4	Agendas – principal copy		The agenda should be stored with the principal set of the minutes on Gov Hub	STANDARD DISPOSAL	Potential
1.1.5	Minutes – principal set (signed)		Lifetime of the Trust	STANDARD DISPOSAL	Potential
1.1.6	Register of Attendance		Previous year on website, others kept on Gov Hub	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
1.1.7	All records relating to the conversion of schools to Academy status		Life of the organisation	Consult local archives before disposal	
1.1.8	Records relating to complaints made to and investigated by the Board of trustees		Major complaints: current year +6 years. If negligence involved, then current year + 15 years. If child protection or safeguarding issues are involved, then current year + 40 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
1.1.9	Correspondence sent and received		General correspondence should be retained for current year + 3 years		Potential
1.1.10	Policy documents created and administered by the Board of trustees		Until superseded (Unless policies relating to safeguarding, child protection or other pupil related issues such as the IICSA has issued its recommendations)		
1.2 Local Committee Management					
1.2.1	Records relating to the appointment of a clerk/ governance professional		Date on which clerk/ governance professional appointment ceases +6 years (unless safeguarding concerns, then +10 or until		

			pensionable age, whichever is longer		
1.2.2	Records relating to the term of office of serving LC members, including evidence of appointment		Date appointment ceases +6 years (unless safeguarding concerns, then +10 or until pensionable age, whichever is longer		Yes
1.2.3	Records relating to LC declaration against disqualification criteria		Date appointment ceases +6 years (unless safeguarding concerns, then +10 or until pensionable age, whichever is longer	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
1.2.4	Register of business interests		Date appointment ceases +6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
1.2.5	Records relating to the training required and received by LC members		Date appointment ceases +6 years (unless safeguarding concerns, then +10 or until pensionable age, whichever is longer	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
1.2.6	Records relating to the induction programme for LC members		Date appointment ceases +6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
1.2.7	Records relating to DBS checks carried out on clerk and LC members		Date appointment ceases +6 years (unless safeguarding concerns, then +10 or until pensionable age, whichever is longer	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
1.2.8	LC personnel files		Date appointment ceases +6 years (unless safeguarding concerns, then +10 or until pensionable age, whichever is longer	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes

2.1 Head Teacher and Senior Management Team

2.1.1	Logbooks of activity in the school maintained by the Head Teacher		Date of last entry in the book + minimum of 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Potential
2.1.2	Minutes of Senior Management meetings		Date of the meeting + 3 years, then review annually	SECURE DISPOSAL	Potential
2.1.3	Reports created by the Head Teacher or the Management Team		Date of the report + a minimum of 3 years, then review annually	SECURE DISPOSAL	Potential
2.1.4	Correspondence		Current year + 3 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Potential
2.1.5	Professional development plans		These should be held on the individual's personnel record. If not, then	SECURE DISPOSAL	Potential

			termination of employment + 6 years		
2.1.6	School development plans		Life of the plan + 3 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	
2.2 Operational Administration					
2.2.1	General file series which do not fit under any other category		Current year + 5 years, then review	SECURE DISPOSAL	Potential
2.2.2	Records relating to the creation and publication of the school brochure or prospectus		Current academic year + 1 year	The school could preserve a copy for their archive, otherwise SECURE DISPOSAL	Potential
2.2.3	Records relating to the creation and distribution of circulars to staff, parents or pupils		Current academic year + 1 year	SECURE DISPOSAL	Potential
2.2.4	School privacy notice which is sent to parents as part of GDPR compliance		Until superseded + 6 years	STANDARD DISPOSAL	No
2.2.5	Consents relating to school activities as part of GDPR compliance (for example consent to be sent circulars or mailings)		Consent will last whilst the pupil attends the school, it can therefore be destroyed when the pupil leaves	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
2.2.6	Newsletters and other items with a short operational use		Current academic year + 1 year	SECURE DISPOSAL	Potential
2.2.7	Visitor management systems (including electronic systems, visitors' books and signing in sheets)		Last entry in the visitor's book + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
2.2.8	Walking bus registers		Date of register + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
2.3 Human Resources					
2.3.1	Records leading to appointment of staff or LC member		Unsuccessful attempts. Date of appointment plus 6 months. Successful appointments, end of appointment + 6 years (unless safeguarding concerns, then +10 or until pensionable age, whichever is longer)	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
2.3.2	Pre-employment vetting information – DBS Checks – successful candidates	KCSIE	Although DBS certificates can be kept for 6 months, our Trust do not recommend the practice	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes

2.3.3	Pre-employment vetting information – Evidence proving the right to work in the UK – successful candidates	Employers Guide to Right to Work Checks 2021	Termination of employment + not less than 2 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
2.3.4	Staff personnel file including appraisals		Termination of employment + 6 years, unless the member of staff is part of any case which falls under the reference of IICSA or safeguarding concerns, then +10 or until pensionable age, whichever is longer	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
2.3.5	Records related to the formulation of HR Policies and an Employee Handbook		Permanent	SECURE DISPOSAL Unless legal action is pending	
2.3.6	List of all members of staff and employees and dates of employment		6 years after termination of employment	SECURE DISPOSAL Unless legal action is pending	
2.3.7	Employee offer letters, confirmation of employment letters, written particulars of employment, contracts of employment		6 years after termination of employment (unless safeguarding concerns, then +10 or until pensionable age, whichever is longer)	SECURE DISPOSAL Unless legal action is pending	
2.3.8	Sickness absence monitoring		Current year + 6 years applies	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
2.3.9	Staff training – where the training leads to continuing professional development		Length of time required by the professional body	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
2.3.10	Staff training		This should be retained on the personnel file. Safeguarding and H&S training to be retained for 40 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
2.3.11	Records relating to any allegation of a child protection nature against a member of staff	KCSIE; UK GDPR/ DPA 2018 Article 10	Until the persons normal retirement age or 10 years from the date of the allegation (whichever is the longer) Note: allegations that are found to be false, malicious, unsubstantiated or unfounded should be removed from personnel files	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes

2.3.12	Oral warning	Employment Relations Act 1998	Date of warning + 6 months	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
	Written warning – level 1	Employment Relations Act 1998	Date of warning + 6 months	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
	Written warning – level 2	Employment Relations Act 1998	Date of warning + 12 months	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
	Final warning	Employment Relations Act 1998	Date of warning + 18 months	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
	Case not found		Dispose at the conclusion of the case	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
2.3.13	Grievances	Employment Relations Act 1998; Limitation Act 1980	6 years date after last action	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
2.3.14	Job Descriptions and Terms & Conditions	Employment Relations Act 1998; Limitation Act 1980	6 years date after last action	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes

Payroll and Pensions

2.3.15	Absence and annual leave records		Current Year + 3 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
2.3.16	Car mileage output	Taxes Management Act 1970; Income and Corporation Taxes 1988	Current Year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
2.3.17	Tax Forms		Current Year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
2.3.18	Maternity payment		Current Year + 3 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
2.3.19	National Insurance – schedule of payments	Taxes Management Act 1970; Income and Corporation Taxes 1988	Current Year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
2.3.20	Payroll – gross/ net weekly or monthly	Taxes Management Act 1970; Income and Corporation Taxes 1988	Current Year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
2.3.21	Payroll Reports	Taxes Management Act 1970;	Current Year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes

		Income and Corporation Taxes 1988			
2.3.22	Payslips - copies	Taxes Management Act 1970; Income and Corporation Taxes 1988	Current Year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
2.3.23	Pension payroll	Taxes Management Act 1970; Income and Corporation Taxes 1988	Current Year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
2.3.24	Personal bank details		Until superseded + 3 years, If employment cease, then end of employment + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
2.3.25	Sickness records		Current Year + 3 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
2.3.26	Time sheets/ clock cards/ flexitime	National minimum wage (amendment) regulations 2021	3 years beginning with the day upon which the pay references	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
2.3.27	Superannuation adjustments	Taxes Management Act 1970	Current Year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
2.4 Health and Safety					
2.4.1	Health and Safety policy statements		Life of policy + 3 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	
2.4.2	Health and Safety and Fire risk assessments and inspections		Life of risk assessment 3 years provided that a copy of the risk assessment is stored with the accident report if an incident has occurred	SECURE DISPOSAL	
2.4.3	Accident reporting records including RIDDOR	Health & Safety at work Act 1974 and supporting Regulations, Limitation Act 1980	The accident book 3 years after the last entry in the book	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
2.4.4	Control of substances hazardous to health (COSHH) records	Control of substances hazardous to health	Date of incident + 40 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes

		Regulations 2002			
2.4.5	Asbestos monitoring	Control of Asbestos at work regulations 2012 SI 1012 No 632 Regulation 19	Last action + 40 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Potential
2.4.6	Process of monitoring of areas where employees and persons are likely to have come into contact with radiation. Maintenance records or controls, safety features and PPE	The ionising Radiation Regulations 2017 SI 2017 No 1075 Regulation 11 As amended by SI 2018 No 390 PPE (Enforcement) Regulations 2018	2 years from the date on which the examination was made and that the record includes the condition of the equipment at the time of examination. To keep the records and maintained (or a copy of these records) until the person to whom the record relates has or would have attained the age of 75 years, but in any event for at least 30 years from when the record was made		
2.5 Financial Management					
2.5.1	Employers Liability Insurance (RPAC) certificate		Closure of the school + 40 years (May be kept electronically)	SECURE DISPOSAL	
2.5.2	Inventories of furniture and equipment		Current Year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	
2.5.3	Burglary, theft and vandalism report forms		Current Year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	
2.5.4	Annual accounts		Current Year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	
2.5.5	Loans and grants managed by the Trust		Date of last payment on the loan + 12 years, then review	SECURE DISPOSAL	
2.5.6	All official records relating to the creation and management of annual budgets		Life of the budget + 3 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	
2.5.7	Invoices, receipts, order books and requisitions, delivery notices, collections		Current financial year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	
2.5.8	All records relating to the management of contracts under seal	Limitation Act 1980	Last payment on the contract + 12 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	

2.5.9	All records relating to the management of contracts under signature	Limitation Act 1980	Last payment on the contract + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	
2.5.10	School Fund cheque book, paying in book, ledger		Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	
2.5.11	Free school meals registers (where the register is used for the basis of funding)		Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
2.5.12	School meals summaries		Current year + 3 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes

2.6 Property Management

2.6.1	Title deeds of properties belonging to the school		The Diocese should hold these		
2.6.2	Plans of property belonging to the school		The Diocese should hold these		
2.6.3	Leases of property leased by or to the school		Expiry of lease + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	
2.6.4	Records relating to the letting of school premises		Current financial year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	
2.6.5	All records relating to the maintenance of the school carried out by contractors		These should be retained whilst the building belongs to the school and should be passed on to any new owners if the building is leased or sold	SECURE DISPOSAL	
2.6.6	All statutory records relating to the maintenance of the school carried out by school employees		These should be retained whilst the building belongs to the school and should be passed on to any new owners if the building is leased or sold	SECURE DISPOSAL	

3.1 Admissions Process

3.1.1	All records relating to the creation and implementation of the School Admission Policy	School Admissions Code 2021	Life of the policy + 3 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	
3.1.2	Admissions – if the admission is successful	School Admissions Code 2021	Date of admission + 1 year	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
3.1.3	Admissions – if the appeals is unsuccessful	School Admissions Code 2021	Resolution of case + 1 year	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
3.1.4	Register of admissions	School Admissions Code 2021	Every entry in the admission register must be preserved for a period of 3 years after the date on which the entry was made	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes

3.1.5	Proofs of address supplied by parents as part of the admission process	School Admissions Code 2021	Current year + 1 year	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
3.2 Admissions Process					
Please note that any record containing pupil information may be subject to the requirements of the IICSA. Schools should implement any instruction which has been received from IICSA. The instructions from IICSA will override any guidance given in this retention schedule					
3.2.1	Pupil's Educational Record required by the Education (Pupil Information) (England) Regulations 2005	Education (Pupil Information) (England) Regulations 2005 SI 2005 No. 1437 As amended by SI 2018 No 688			Yes
3.2.2	Primary		Retain whilst the child remains at the primary school	The file should follow the pupil when he/she leaves the primary school. This will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To another Primary school To a Secondary school To a pupil referral unit 	
3.2.3	Secondary	Limitation Act 1980 (Section 2)	Date of birth of the pupil + 25 years	REVIEW	Yes
3.2.4	Examination Results		This information should be added to the pupil file	All uncollected certificates should be returned to the examination board after reasonable attempts to contact the pupil have failed	Yes
3.2.5	Child protection information held on pupil file	KCSIE 2025 Working together to safeguard children	If any records relating to child protection issues are placed on the pupil file, it should be scanned and saved to CPOMS and then retained for the same period of time as other child protection files.	SECURE DISPOSAL These records MUST be shredded	Yes

3.2.6	Child protection information held in separate files	KCSIE 2025 Working together to safeguard children	DOB of the child + 25 years (secondary) Infant, Junior and primary settings to pass the information on to the next setting within 5 working days of the child leaving	SECURE DISPOSAL These records MUST be shredded	Yes
3.2.7	Attendance Registers	School attendance: Departmental advice for maintained schools, Academies, independent schools and local authorities October 2014	Every entry in the attendance register must be preserved for a period of 3 years after the date on which the entry was made	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
3.2.8	Correspondence relating to any absence (authorised or unauthorised)	Education Act 1996 Section 7	Current academic year + 2 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Potential
3.2.9	Special Educational Needs files, reviews and Education, Health and Care Plans, including advice and information provided to parents regarding educational needs and accessibility strategy	Children and Family's Act 2014; Special Educational Needs and Disability Act 2001 Section 14	Date of birth of the pupil +31 years (Education, Health and Care Plan is valid until the individual reaches the age of 25 years – the retention period adds an additional 6 years from the end of the plan in line with the Limitation Act)	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes

4.1 Statistics and Management Information

4.1.1	Curriculum Returns		Current Year + 3 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	No
4.1.2	Examination Results (School's copy)		Current Year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
4.1.3	SATs results		The SATs results should be recorded on the pupil's file and will therefore be retained until the pupil reaches the age of 25 years. The school may wish to keep a composite record of all of the whole year's SATs results. These could be kept for current year + 6 years to allow suitable comparison	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes

4.1.4	Examination Papers		The examination papers should be kept until any appeals/ validation process is complete	SECURE DISPOSAL	
4.1.5	Published Admission Number (PAN) Reports		Current Year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
4.1.6	Value Added and Contextual Data		Current Year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
4.1.7	Self-evaluation Forms			SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
4.1.8	Internal moderation		Academic year + 1 Academic year	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
4.1.9	External moderation		Until superseded	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
4.1.10	Implementation of Curriculum (schemes of work, timetable, mark books, pupil work)		Where possible, the 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	Yes
4.1.11	Parental consent forms for school trips where there has been no major incident		Although the consent forms could be retained for DOB + 22 years, the school may wish to complete a risk assessment to assess whether the forms are likely to be required and could make a decision to dispose of the consent forms at the end of the trip (or at the end of the academic year)	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
4.1.12	Parental permission slips for school trips – where there has been a major incident	Limitation Act 1980 (Section 2)	Date of birth of the pupil involved in the incident + 25 years. The permission slips for all the pupils on the trip need to be retained to show that the rules had been followed for all pupils	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes

4.2 School Support Organisations

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

5.1.1	Secondary Transfer Sheets (Primary)		Current year + 2 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
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5.1.2	Attendance returns		Current year + 1 year	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
5.1.3	School census returns		Current year + 5 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	
5.1.4	Circulars and other information sent from the Local Authority		Operational Use	SECURE DISPOSAL	
5.1.5	OFSTED reports and papers where a physical copy is held		Life of the report then review	SECURE DISPOSAL	
5.1.6	Returns made to central government		Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	
5.1.7	Circulars and other information sent from central government		Operational Use	SECURE DISPOSAL	

6.1 Complaints and Litigation

6.1.1	Any data relating to a complaint, issue or potential complaint or issue relating to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Any pupil - The school - Any act of omission of any member of staff or other employee or any contractor engaged by the school: - Anything which happened in or around any premises occupied by the school 		During the period which the complaint or issue is investigated until final disposition of the matter and thereafter for a period of 6 years. Check with GST Data protection Officer (DPO) before destroying data	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
6.1.2	Records relating to pending, threatened or reasonably anticipated litigation, government investigation, or complaint or other claim		During the period which the litigation, investigation, complaint or claim is contemplated, pending or threatened and until final disposition of the matter and thereafter for a period of 6 years. Check with GST Data protection Officer (DPO) before destroying data	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes