

Records Retention and Management Policy



The Gosforth Federated Academies Ltd 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
- Managing pupil records
- Managing staff records
- Managing records of business operations
- Retention schedule

1. Scope of the policy

- 1.1 This policy applies to all records created, received or maintained by staff of the trust in the course of carrying out its functions.
- 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 electronically.

2. Responsibilities

- 2.1 The trust 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 Chief Operating Officer.
- 2.2 The Chief Operating Officer is responsible for records management in the trust and 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. The COO will also monitor compliance with this policy by surveying at least annually to check if records are stored securely and can be accessed appropriately.
- 2.3 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 trust's records management guidelines.

3. Relationships with existing policies

3.1 This policy has been drawn up within the context of the Trust's other policies and plans, including:

- Accessibility Plan;
- Admissions Policy;
- Business continuity and critical incident management plans;
- Data Protection Policy;
- Freedom of Information Policy;
- Human Resources policies;
- SEND Policy

4. Managing Pupil Records

4.1 The pupil record should be seen as the core record charting an individual pupil's progress through the education system. The pupil record should accompany the pupil to every school they attend and should contain information that is accurate, objective and easy to access.

4.2 Recording information

4.2.1 Pupils have a right of access to their educational record under the General Data Protection Regulation. This right exists until the point that the record is destroyed. Therefore, it is important to remember that all information should be accurately recorded, objective in nature and expressed in a professional manner.

4.3 Opening a file

4.3.1 These guidelines apply to information created and stored in both physical and electronic format.

4.3.2 The pupil record starts its life when a file is opened for each new pupil as they begin school. This is the file which will follow the pupil for the rest of his/her school career. If pre-printed file covers are not being used then the following information should appear on the front of the paper file:

- Surname
- Forename
- DOB
- Unique Pupil Number

4.3.3 The file cover should also contain a note of the date when the file was opened and the date when the file is closed if it is felt to be appropriate. Inside the front cover the following information should be easily accessible:

- The name of the pupil's doctor
- Emergency contact details

- Gender
- Preferred name
- Position in family
- Ethnic origin
- Language of home (if other than English)
- Religion
- Any allergies or other medical conditions
- Names of adults who hold parental responsibility with home address and telephone number (and any additional relevant carers and their relationship to the child)
- Name of the school, admission number and the date of admission and the date of leaving.
- Any other agency involvement e.g. speech and language therapist, paediatrician

4.3.4 It is essential that these files, which contain personal information, are managed against the Trust's information security and business continuity policies.

4.4 Items which should be included on the pupil record

- Admission form (application form)
- Privacy Notice [if these are issued annually only the most recent need be on the file]
- Photography Consents
- Years Record
- Annual Written Report to Parents
- National Curriculum and Religious Education Locally Agreed Syllabus Record Sheets
- Any information relating to a major incident involving the child (either an accident or other incident)
- Any reports written about the child
- Any information about a statement and support offered in relation to the statement
- Any relevant medical information (should be stored in the file in a sealed envelope clearly marked as such)
- Child protection reports/disclosures (should be stored in the file in a sealed envelope clearly marked as such)
- Any information relating to exclusions (fixed or permanent)
- Any correspondence with parents or outside agencies relating to major issues
- Details of any complaints made by the parents or the pupil

4.4.1 The following records should be stored separately to the pupil record as they are subject to shorter retention periods and if they are placed on the file then it will involve a lot of unnecessary weeding of the files before they are transferred to another school.

- Absence notes

- Parental consent forms for trips/outings [in the event of a major incident all the parental consent forms should be retained with the incident report not in the pupil record]
- Correspondence with parents about minor issues
- Accident forms (these should be stored separately and retained on the school premises until their statutory retention period is reached. A copy could be placed on the pupil file in the event of a major incident)

4.5 Transferring the pupil record between schools

- 4.5.1 The pupil record should not be weeded before transfer between schools unless any records with a short retention period have been placed in the file. It is important to remember that the information which may seem unnecessary to the person weeding the file may be a vital piece of information required at a later stage.
- 4.5.2 Schools do not need to keep copies of any records in the pupil record except if there is an ongoing legal action when the pupil leaves the school. Custody of and responsibility for the records passes to the school the pupil transfers to.
- 4.5.3 Files should not be sent by post unless absolutely necessary. If files are sent by post, they should be sent by registered post with an accompanying list of the files. The new school should sign a copy of the list to say that they have received the files and return that to the old school. Where appropriate, records can be delivered by hand with signed confirmation for tracking and auditing purposes.
- 4.5.4 Electronic documents that relate to the pupil file also need to be transferred, or if duplicated in a master paper file, destroyed.

4.6 Responsibility for the pupil record once the pupil leaves the school

- 4.6.1 The school which the pupil attended until statutory school leaving age is responsible for retaining the pupil record until the pupil reaches the age of 25 years.

4.7 Safe destruction of the pupil record

- 4.7.1 The pupil record should be disposed of in accordance with safe disposal of records guidelines.
- 4.7.2 All records containing personal or sensitive information should be made either unreadable or unable to be reconstructed.
- Paper records should be shredded using a cross-cutting shredder
 - CDs/DVDs should be cut into pieces
 - Audio and video tapes should be dismantled and shredded
 - Hard disks should be dismantled and sanded

4.8 Transfer of a pupil record outside the EU area

4.8.1 If the Trust is requested to transfer a pupil file outside the EEA because a pupil has moved into that area, the Local Authority will be contacted for further advice.

5. Storage of pupil records

5.1 All pupil records should be kept securely at all times. Paper records, for example, should be kept in lockable storage areas with restricted access, and the contents should be secure within the file. Equally, electronic records should have appropriate security.

5.2 Access arrangements for pupil records should ensure that confidentiality is maintained whilst equally enabling information to be shared lawfully and appropriately, and to be accessible for those authorised to see it.

6. Managing staff records

6.1 There is a substantial and complex amount of EU and UK legislation which has an impact upon the retention of personnel and other related records. So, the principles applied to pupil data equally apply to personal information held and stored about the Trust's workforce.

6.2 In general, the Trust holds information about staff that relates to:

- Recruitment and selection
- Employment records
- Pay and pensions
- Monitoring at work, including performance management
- Information about workers health

6.3 The definitive staff file will be retained by the Human Resources Department. This will facilitate disposal and will safeguard sensitive information.

6.4 Employee records held in electronic databases will be retained for the same periods as that for the equivalent paper records.

7. Managing records of business operations

7.1 Information about the business operations are also included in this policy since a substantial amount of records are generated to support the running of the Trust.

7.2 Documents should be retained and stored securely in line with data protection principles. More detailed guidance is provided in the retention schedule below.

8. Retention guidelines

- 8.1 Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, schools are required to maintain a retention schedule listing the record series which the school creates in the course of its business.
- 8.2 To comply with GDPR the Trust is committed to ensure that records shall be 'adequate, relevant and limited to what is necessary in relation to the purposes for which they are processed'
- 8.3 Article 5 (e) of the GDPR states that personal data shall be kept for no longer than is necessary for the purposes for which it is being processed. There are some circumstances where personal data may be stored for longer periods (e.g. archiving purposes in the public interest, scientific or historical research purposes).
- 8.4 The GDPR also states that the period for which the personal data is stored should be limited to a strict minimum and that time limits should be established by the data controller for deletion of the records (referred to as erasure in the GDPR) or for a periodic review.
- 8.5 The records retention schedule that follows outlines the Trust's specific policy and procedures for holding personal data and to ensure that it is securely disposed of when no longer needed, to reduce the risk that it will become inaccurate, out of date or irrelevant.

9. Records Retention schedule

The Records Retention Schedule is divided into eight sections:

1. Management of the Trust
2. Human Resources
3. Financial Management
4. Property Management
5. Pupil Management
6. Curriculum Management
7. Extra-curricular Activities
8. Central Government and Local Authority



RECORDS RETENTION SCHEDULE

1. Management of the Trust

1.1 Governing Body					
	Record description	DP issues	Statutory provisions	Retention Period	Action at the end of the administrative life of the record
1.1.1	Agenda for Governing Body meetings	Potential data protection issues in relation to pupils and staff		One copy should be kept with the master set of minutes	SECURE DISPOSAL ¹
1.1.2	Minutes of Governing Body meetings	Potential data protection issues in relation to pupils and staff			
	Principal set (signed)			PERMANENT	Archive
	Inspection copies ²			Date of meeting + 3 years	Minutes containing sensitive or personal information should be shredded.
1.1.3	Reports presented to the Governing Body	Potential data protection issues in relation to pupils and staff		Reports should be kept for a minimum of 6 years. If minutes refer directly to individual reports these should be kept permanently	SECURE DISPOSAL or retain with the signed set of minutes
1.1.4	Meeting papers relating to the annual parents' meeting	No	Education Act 2002, Section 33	Date of meeting + a minimum of 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL

¹ SECURE DISPOSAL should be taken to mean using confidential waste bins, or shredding using a cross cut shredder.

² Copies that the Clerk to the Governing Body may wish to retain so that requestors can view all appropriate information without the need to redact copies each time a request is received.

1.1 Governing Body

	Record description	DP issues	Statutory provisions	Retention Period	Action at the end of the administrative life of the record
1.1.5	Instruments of Government including Articles of Association	No		PERMANENT	Retained in school then archived ³ if the trust closes
1.1.6	Trusts and Endowments managed by the Governing Body	No		PERMANENT	Retained in school then archived if the trust 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	Education (Governor's Annual Reports) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2002	No	Education (Governor's Annual Reports) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 SI 2002 No 1171	Date of report + 10 years	SECURE DISPOSAL

³ Archive to local authority Archive Services

1.1.11	Proposals concerning the change of status of the trust	No		Date proposal accepted or declined + 3 years	SECURE DISPOSAL
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1.2 Executive and Principals

	Record description	DP issues	Statutory provisions	Retention Period	Action at the end of the administrative life of the record
1.2.1	Minutes of senior management team meetings	Potential data protection issues in relation to pupils and staff		Date of meeting + 3 years then review	SECURE DISPOSAL
1.2.2	Reports created by the Executive team or Principals	Potential data protection issues in relation to pupils and staff		Date of the report + a minimum of 3 years then review	SECURE DISPOSAL
1.2.3	Records created by the Executive and Principals, and other trust leaders with management responsibilities	Potential data protection issues in relation to pupils and staff		Current academic year + 6 years then review	SECURE DISPOSAL
1.2.4	Correspondence created by the Executive and Principals and other academy leaders with management responsibilities	Potential data protection issues in relation to pupils and staff		Date of correspondence + 3 years then review	SECURE DISPOSAL

1.2.5	Professional Development Plans	Yes		Life of the plan + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL
1.2.6	Trust Development Plans	No		Life of the plan + 3 years	SECURE DISPOSAL

1.3 Operational administration

	Record description	DP issues	Statutory provisions	Retention Period	Action at the end of the administrative life of the record
1.3.1	School brochures and prospectus	No		Current year + 3 years	STANDARD DISPOSAL
1.3.2	Circulars and newsletters to staff, parents or pupils	No		Current year + 1 year	STANDARD DISPOSAL
1.3.3	Visitors' books and signing in records	Yes		Current year + 6 years the review	SECURE DISPOSAL
1.3.4	Records relating to management of Parent Forums/Associations	No		Current year + 6 years the review	SECURE DISPOSAL

2. Human Resources

2.1 Recruitment					
	Record description	DP issues	Statutory provisions	Retention Period	Action at the end of the administrative life of the record
2.1.1	All records in relation to the appointment of a new Executive leader or Principal	Yes		Date of appointment + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL
2.1.2	All records in relation to the appointment of new staff members – unsuccessful	Yes		Date of appointment of successful candidate + 6 months	SECURE DISPOSAL
2.1.3	All records in relation to the appointment of new staff members – successful candidates	Yes		All the relevant information should be added to the staff personal file (see below)	SECURE DISPOSAL
2.1.4	Pre-employment vetting information – DBS checks	Yes	<p>DBS update service: employer guide, March 2016</p> <p>Keeping children safe in education, September 2016 (statutory guidance from DfE) Sections 71-74</p>	The Academy does not have to keep copies of DBS certificates. If the Academy does so the copy must NOT be retained for more than 6 months	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 has been checked. If it is felt necessary to keep copy documentation then this should be placed on the members of staff's personal file	
2.1.6	Pre-employment vetting information – evidence proving the right to work in the UK	Yes	An employer's guide to right to work checks (Home Office, August 2017)	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 plus not less than two years	

2.2 Operational staff management

	Record description	DP issues	Statutory provisions	Retention Period	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 Management of disciplinary and grievance processes

	Record description	DP issues	Statutory provisions	Retention Period	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, September 2016. Working together to safeguard children, March 2015	Until the person's normal retirement age of 10 years from the date of the allegation, whichever is the longer then REVIEW. Allegations that are found to be malicious should be removed from personnel files.	SECURE DISPOSAL. These records must be shredded

2.3.2	Disciplinary proceedings:	Yes			
	Oral warning			Date of warning + 6 months	SECURE DISPOSAL ⁴
	Written warning – level 1			Date of warning + 6 months	SECURE DISPOSAL
	Written warning – level 2			Date of warning + 12 months	SECURE DISPOSAL
	Final warning			Date of warning + 18 months	SECURE DISPOSAL
	Case not found			Dispose of at conclusion of the case ⁵	SECURE DISPOSAL

2.4 Health and safety

	Record description	DP issues	Statutory provisions	Retention Period	Action at the end of the administrative life of the record
2.4.1	Health and Safety Policy Statements	No	Health and Safety at Work Act 1974. Health and Safety Executive	Life of policy + 3 years	SECURE DISPOSAL
2.4.2	Health and safety risk assessments	No		Life of risk assessment	SECURE DISPOSAL
2.4.3	Records relating to accidents or injuries 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

⁴ If warnings are placed on personal files then they must be weeded from the file

⁵ If the incident is child protection related then refer to 2.3.1

2.4.4	Accident reporting:	Yes	Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations 1987. Social Security Administration Act 1992. 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	Current year + 40 years	SECURE DISPOSAL
2.4.6	Process of monitoring of areas where employees and persons are likely to have come in contact with asbestos	No	Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012	Last action + 40 years	SECURE DISPOSAL
2.4.7	Process of monitoring of areas where employees and persons are likely to have come in contact with radiation	No		Last action + 50 years	SECURE DISPOSAL
2.4.8	Fire precautions log books	No		Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL

2.5 Payroll and pensions

	Record description	DP issues	Statutory provisions	Retention Period	Action at the end of the administrative life of the record
2.5.1	Maternity pay records	Yes	Statutory Maternity Pay Regulations 2005	Current year + 3 years	SECURE DISPOSAL
2.5.2	Records held under Retirement Benefits (Information Powers) Regulations 1995	Yes		Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL

3. Financial Management

3.1 Risk management and insurance

	Record description	DP issues	Statutory provisions	Retention Period	Action at the end of the administrative life of the record
3.1.1	Employer's Liability Insurance Certificate	No		Closure of the academy + 40 years	SECURE DISPOSAL

3.2 Asset management

	Record description	DP issues	Statutory provisions	Retention Period	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

3.3 Accounts and statements including budget management

	Record description	DP issues	Statutory provisions	Retention Period	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 notes	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	SECURE DISPOSAL

3.4 Contract management

	Record description	DP issues	Statutory provisions	Retention Period	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 Trust fund(s)

	Record description	DP issues	Statutory provisions	Retention Period	Action at the end of the administrative life of the record
3.5.1	Trust fund(s) – cheque books, paying in books, ledger, invoices, receipts, bank statements, etc.	No		Current year +6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL

3.6 School meals management

	Record description	DP issues	Statutory provisions	Retention Period	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

4.1 Property management					
	Record description	DP issues	Statutory provisions	Retention Period	Action at the end of the administrative life of the record
4.1.1	Title deeds of properties belong 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 belonging to the school	No		These should be retained whilst the building belongs to the school and should be passed onto 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 lettings of school premises	No		Current financial year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL

4.2 Maintenance

	Record description	DP issues	Statutory provisions	Retention Period	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 academy employees including maintenance logs	No		Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL

5. Pupil Management

5.1 Admissions process

	Record description	DP issues	Statutory provisions	Retention Period	Action at the end of the administrative life of the record
5.1.1	All records relating to the creation of the Trust's Admissions Policies	No	School Admissions Code ⁶ (DfE), December 2014	Life of the policy + 3 years then review	SECURE DISPOSAL
5.1.2	Admissions – if the admission is successful	Yes	School Admissions Code (DfE), December 2014	Date of admission + 1 year	SECURE DISPOSAL
5.1.3	Admissions – if the appeal is unsuccessful	Yes	School Admissions Code (DfE), December 2014	Resolution of case + 1 year	SECURE DISPOSAL
5.1.4	Register of admissions	Yes	School Attendance (DfE), December 2016	Every entry in the admission register must be preserved for a period of three years after the date on which the entry was made ⁷	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 school
5.1.5	Admissions - secondary schools (casual)	Yes		Current year + 1 year	SECURE DISPOSAL

⁶ School Admissions Code: Statutory guidance for admission authorities, governing bodies, local authorities, schools adjudicators and admission appeals panels

⁷ School attendance: Guidance for maintained schools, academies, independent schools and local authorities. December 2016, p6

5.1.6	Proofs of address supplied by parents as part of the admissions process	Yes	School Admissions Code (DfE), December 2014	Current year + 1 year	SECURE DISPOSAL
5.1.7	Supplementary information forms 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

5.2 Pupil's education record

	Record description	DP issues	Statutory provisions	Retention Period	Action at the end of the administrative life of the record
5.2.1	Pupil's educational record:	Yes	The Education (Pupil Information) (England) Regulations 2005		

	Primary			Retain while the child remains at the primary school	<p>The file should follow the pupil when he/she leaves the primary school. This will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To another primary school • To a secondary school • To a pupil referral unit • If the pupil dies whilst at primary school the file should be returned to the local authority to be retained for statutory retention. <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>
	Secondary		Limitation Act 1980 (Section 2)	Date of birth of the pupil + 25 years	SECURE DISPOSAL
5.2.2	Examination results – pupil copies (public and internal)	Yes		This information should be added to the pupil file	All uncollected certificates should be returned to the examination board
5.2.3	Child protection information held on pupil file	Yes	Keeping children safe in education, September 2016.	If any records relating to child protection issues are placed on the pupil file, it should be in a sealed	SECURE DISPOSAL – these records MUST be shredded

			Working together to safeguard children, March 2015	envelope and then retained for the same period of time as the pupil file.	
5.2.4	Child protection information held in separate files	Yes	Keeping children safe in education, September 2016. Working together to safeguard children, March 2015	DOB of the child + 25 years then review. Copy information should also be found on the local authority social services record.	SECURE DISPOSAL – these records MUST be shredded

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

5.3 Attendance

	Record description	DP issues	Statutory provisions	Retention Period	Action at the end of the administrative life of the record
5.3.1	Attendance registers	Yes	School Attendance (DfE), December 2016	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
5.3.2	Correspondence relating to authorised absence	Yes		Current academic year + 2 years	SECURE DISPOSAL

5.4 Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)

	Record description	DP issues	Statutory provisions	Retention Period	Action at the end of the administrative life of the record
5.4.1	Special Educational Needs files, reviews and Individual Education Plans	Yes	Limitation Act 1980 (Section 2)	Date of birth of the pupil + 25 years	SECURE DISPOSAL. This retention period is the minimum retention period that the pupil file should be kept. SEN files can be retained for longer periods to respond to any potential claim against 'failure to provide sufficient education', but any decision to keep records beyond the minimum period should be documented.
5.4.2	SEND statements	Yes	Education Act 1996. Special Educational Needs and Disability Act 2001	Date of birth of the pupil + 25 years	SECURE DISPOSAL unless the document is subject to a legal hold
5.4.3	Advice and information to parents regarding educational needs	Yes	Special Educational Needs and Disability Act 2001	Date of birth of the pupil + 25 years	SECURE DISPOSAL unless the document is subject to a legal hold
5.4.4	Accessibility Strategy	Yes	Special Educational Needs and Disability Act 2001	Date of birth of the pupil + 25 years	SECURE DISPOSAL unless the document is subject to a legal hold

6. Curriculum Management

6.1 Statistics and management information

	Record description	DP issues	Statutory provisions	Retention Period	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	Yes		Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL
6.1.3	SATS records:	Yes			
	Results			Date of birth of the pupil + 25 years	SECURE DISPOSAL
	Examination papers			Retain until appeals/validation process is complete	SECURE DISPOSAL
6.1.4	Published Admission Number (PAN) Reports	Yes		Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL
6.1.5	Value added and contextual data	Yes		Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL
6.1.6	Self-Evaluation Forms (SEF)	Yes		Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL

6.2 Implementation of curriculum

	Record description	DP issues	Statutory provisions	Retention Period	Action at the end of the administrative life of the record
6.2.1	Schemes of work	No		Current year + 1 year	SECURE DISPOSAL
6.2.2	Timetable	No		Current year + 1 year	SECURE DISPOSAL
6.2.3	Class record books	No		Current year + 1 year	SECURE DISPOSAL
6.2.4	Mark books	No		Current year + 1 year	SECURE DISPOSAL
6.2.5	Homework records	No		Current year + 1 year	SECURE DISPOSAL
6.2.6	Pupils' work	No		Current year + 1 year	SECURE DISPOSAL

7. Extra-curricular Activities

7.1 Educational visits outside of the classroom

	Record description	DP issues	Statutory provisions	Retention Period	Action at the end of the administrative life of the record
7.1.1	Records created to obtain approval to run an education visit outside of the classroom – primary schools	No	Outdoor Education Advisers' Panel National Guidance. http://oeapng.info/	Date of visit + 14 years	SECURE DISPOSAL
7.1.2	Records created to obtain approval to run an education visit outside of the classroom – secondary schools	No	Outdoor Education Advisers' Panel National Guidance. http://oeapng.info/	Date of visit + 10 years	SECURE DISPOSAL
7.1.3	Parental consent forms for educational visits where there has been no major incident	Yes		Conclusion of the trip	SECURE DISPOSAL
7.1.4	Parental permission slips for educational visits where there has been a major incident	Yes	Limitation Act 1980 (Section 2)	Date of birth of the pupil involved in the incident + 25 years. The permission slips for all of the pupils on the visit need also to be retained to demonstrate that procedures had been followed for all pupils	SECURE DISPOSAL

8. Central Government and Local Authority

8.1 Local authority

	Record description	DP issues	Statutory provisions	Retention Period	Action at the end of the administrative life of the record
8.1.1	Secondary transfer sheets (Primary)	Yes		Current year + 2 years	SECURE DISPOSAL
8.1.2	Attendance returns	Yes		Current year + 1 year	SECURE DISPOSAL
8.1.3	School census returns	No		Current year + 5 years	SECURE DISPOSAL
8.1.4	Circulars and other information sent from the local authority	No		Operational use	SECURE DISPOSAL

8.2 Central government

	Record description	DP issues	Statutory provisions	Retention Period	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