

Pele Trust Retention Guidelines – September 2026

1 Board of Directors and Academy Committee/Governing Body

This section contains retention periods connected to the work and responsibilities of the Board and Academy Committee/ Governing Body. Note that Academy Committee and Governing Body are interchangeable terms, as are Academy Committee Member and Governor.

1.1 Management of Board of Directors/Academy Committee/Governing Body					
	Basic file description	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at end of the administrative life of the record	Personal Information
1.1.1	Instruments of government		For the life of the school	Consult archives before disposal	
1.1.2	Trusts and endowments		For the life of the school	Consult archives before disposal	
1.1.3	Records relating to the election of parent and staff governors not appointed to the committee		Date of election + 6 months	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
1.1.4	Records relating to the appointment of co-opted governors		Provided that the decision has been recorded in the minutes, the records relating to the appointment can be destroyed once the co-opted governor has finished their term of office (except where there have been allegations concerning children). In this case retain for 25 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes

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1.1.5	Records relating to the election of Directors and Academy Committee chair and vice chair		Once the decision has been recorded in minutes, the records relating to the election can be destroyed	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
1.1.6	Scheme of delegation and terms of reference for Boards and committees		Until superseded or whilst relevant [Schools may wish to retain these records for reference purposes in case decisions need to be justified]	These could be offered to the archives if appropriate	
1.1.7	Meetings schedule		Current year	STANDARD DISPOSAL	
1.1.8	Agendas - principal copy		Where possible the agenda should be stored with the principal set of the minutes	Consult archives before disposal	Potential
1.1.9	Minutes - principal set (signed)		Although generally kept for the life of the organisation, the Trust is only required to make these available for 10 years from the date of the meeting	Consult archives before disposal	Potential

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1.1.10	Reports made to meetings which are referred to in the minutes		Although generally kept for the life of the organisation, the Trust is only required to make these available for 10 years from the date of the meeting	Consult archives before disposal	Potential
1.1.11	Register of attendance at Full board or governing board meetings		Date of last meeting in the book + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
1.1.12	Papers relating to the management of the annual parents' meeting		Date of meeting + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
1.1.13	Agendas - additional copies		Date of meeting	STANDARD DISPOSAL	
1.1.14	Records relating to Governor Monitoring Visits		Date of the visit + 3 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
1.1.15	Annual Reports required by the DoE		Date of report + 10 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	
1.1.16	All records relating to the conversion of schools to Academy status		For the life of the organisation	Consult archives before disposal	

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1.1.17	Records relating to complaints made to and investigated by the Board, governing body or head teacher		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
1.1.18	Correspondence sent and received by Directors, governing body or head teacher		General correspondence should be retained for current year + 3 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Potential
1.1.19	Action plans created and administered by the Directors or governing body		Until superseded or whilst relevant	SECURE DISPOSAL	
1.1.20	Policy documents created and administered by Directors or governing body		Until superseded [The school should consider keeping all policies relating to safeguarding, child protection or other pupil related issues such as exclusion until the IICSA has issued its recommendations.]		

1.2 Director and Academy Committee Member/Governor Management					
	Basic file description	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at end of the administrative life of the record	Personal Information
1.2.1	Records relating to the appointment of a clerk to the Board or governing body		Date on which clerk appointment ceases + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
1.2.2	Records relating to the terms of office of serving Directors and governors including evidence of appointment		Date appointment ceases + 6 years		Yes
1.2.3	Records relating to governor declaration against disqualification criteria		Date appointment ceases + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
1.2.4	Register of business interests		Date appointment ceases + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
1.2.5	Director/Academy Committee Code of Conduct		This is expected to be a dynamic document; one copy of each version should be kept for the life of the organisation		
1.2.6	Records relating to the training required and received by Directors and Governors		End of term + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes

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1.2.7	Records relating to the induction programme for new Directors/governors		End of term + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
1.2.8	Records relating to DBS checks carried out on clerk and members of the Board and governing body		Date of DBS check + 6 months	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
1.2.9	Director/Governor personnel files		End of term + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes

2 Management of the School

This section contains retention periods connected to the processes involved in managing the school, including Human Resources, Financial Management, Payroll and Property Management.

2.1 Head Teacher and Senior Management Team					
	Basic file description	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at end of the administrative life of the record	Personal Information
2.1.1	Log books of activity in the school maintained by the Head Teacher		Date of last entry in the book + minimum of 6 years, then review	These could be of permanent historical value and should be offered to the County Archives Service if appropriate	Potential
2.1.2	Minutes of Senior Management Team meetings and the meetings of other internal administrative bodies		Date of the meeting + 3 years then review annually, or as required if not destroyed	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 or as required if not destroyed	SECURE DISPOSAL	Potential
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	Basic file description	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at end of the administrative life of the record	Personal Information
2.1.4	Records created by head teachers, deputy head teachers, heads of year and other members of staff with administrative responsibilities which do not fall under any other category		Current academic year + 6 years then review annually, or as required if not destroyed	SECURE DISPOSAL	Potential
2.1.5	Correspondence created by head teachers, deputy head teachers, heads of year and other members of staff with administrative responsibilities		Current year + 3 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Potential
2.1.6	Professional development plans		These should be held on the individual's personnel record. If not then termination of employment + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Potential
2.1.7	School development plans		Life of the plan + 3 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	

2.2 Operational Administration					
	Basic file description	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at end of the administrative life of the record	Personal Information
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 + 3 years	The school could preserve a copy for their archive otherwise STANDARD DISPOSAL	
2.2.3	Records relating to the creation and distribution of circulars to staff, parents or pupils		Current academic year + 1 year	STANDARD DISPOSAL	
2.2.4	School Privacy Notice which is sent to parents as part of GDPR compliance		Until superseded + 6 years		
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 [Schools may decide to archive one copy]	STANDARD DISPOSAL	
2.2.7	Visitor management systems (including electronic systems, visitors books and signing-in sheets)		Last entry in the visitors book + 6 years (in case of claims by parents or pupils about various actions).	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
2.2.8	Walking bus registers		Date of register + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes

2.3 Human Resources					
	Basic file description	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at end of the administrative life of the record	Personal Information
Recruitment					
2.3.1	All records leading up to the appointment of a headteacher		Unsuccessful attempts. Date of appointment plus 6 months. Add to personnel file and retain until end of appointment + 6 years, except in cases of negligence or claims of child abuse then at least 15 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
2.3.2	All records leading up to the appointment of a member of staff/governor – unsuccessful candidates		Date of appointment of successful candidate + 6 months	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
2.3.3	Pre-employment vetting information – DBS Checks – successful candidates	DBS Update Service Employer Guide Keeping Children Safe in Education (Statutory Guidance from DoE)	Application forms, references and other documents – for the duration of the employee's employment + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes

	Basic file description	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at end of the administrative life of the record	Personal Information
Recruitment					
2.3.4	Forms of proof of identity collected as part of the process of checking “portable” enhanced DBS disclosure		Where possible this process should be carried out using the on-line system. If it is necessary to take a copy of documentation then it should be retained on the staff personal file.	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
2.3.5	Pre-employment vetting information – Evidence proving the right to work in the United Kingdom – successful candidates	An Employer’s Guide to Right to Work Checks [Home Office]	Where possible these documents should be added to the staff personnel file [see below], 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	Yes
Operational Staff Management					
2.3.6	Staff personnel file	Limitation Act 1980 (Section 2)	Termination of Employment + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes

2.3.7	Annual appraisal/assessment records		Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
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Operational Staff Management					
2.3.8	Sickness absence monitoring		Sickness records are categorised as sensitive data. There is a legal obligation under statutory sickness pay to keep records for sickness monitoring. Sickness records should be kept separate from accident records. Where sickness pay is not paid then current year + 3 years, if sickness pay is made then it becomes a financial record and 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 – except where dealing with children, e.g. first aid or health and safety		This should be retained on the personnel file [see 2.3.1 above]	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes

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Operational Staff Management					
2.3.11	Staff training – where the training relates to children (e.g. safeguarding or other child related training)		Date of the training + 40 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
Disciplinary and Grievance Processes					
Where schools are in any doubt as to which categories disciplinary records fall under, then HR or legal advice should be sought from the Trust.					
2.3.12	Records relating to any allegation of a child protection nature against a member of staff	Keeping children safe in education Statutory guidance for schools and colleges Working together to safeguard children.	Until at least the person's normal retirement Note: allegations that are found to be malicious or false should be removed from persons record	SECURE DISPOSAL These records must be shredded	Yes
2.3.13	Disciplinary proceedings				Yes

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Disciplinary and Grievance Processes

Note:

The ACAS code of practice on disciplinary and grievance procedures recommends that the employee should be told how long a disciplinary warning will remain current. However, this does not mean that the data itself should be destroyed at the end of the set period.

Any disciplinary proceedings data will be a record of an important event in the course of the employer's relationship with the employee. Should the same employee be accused of similar misconduct five years down the line, and then defend themselves saying "I would never do something like that", reference to the earlier proceedings may show that the comment should not be given credence. Alternatively, if the employee were to be dismissed for some later offence and then claim at tribunal that they had "fifteen years of unblemished service", the record of the disciplinary proceedings would be effective evidence to counter this claim.

Be careful not to confuse the expiry of a warning for disciplinary purposes with a requirement to destroy all reference to its existence in the personnel file.

See the Pele Trust Disciplinary Policy for warning expiry dates.

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Payroll and Pensions (Pele Trust outsources the management of payroll to Northumberland County Council)					
2.3.14	Absence record		Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
2.3.15	Batches	Taxes Management Act 1970 Income and Corporation Taxes 1988	Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
2.3.16	Bonus sheets	Taxes Management Act 1970 Income and Corporation Taxes 1988	Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
2.3.17	Car allowance claims	Taxes Management Act 1970 Income and Corporation Taxes 1988	Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
2.3.18	Car loans	Taxes Management Act 1970 Income and Corporation Taxes 1988	Completion of loan + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
2.3.19	Car mileage output	Taxes Management Act 1970 Income and Corporation Taxes 1988	Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
2.3.20	Elements		Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
2.3.21	Income tax form P60		Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes

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Payroll and Pensions					
2.3.22	Insurance	Taxes Management Act 1970 Income and Corporation Taxes 1988	Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
2.3.23	Maternity payment		Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
2.3.24	Members allowance register	Taxes Management Act 1970 Income and Corporation Taxes 1988	Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
2.3.25	National Insurance – schedule of payments	Taxes Management Act 1970 Income and Corporation Taxes 1988	Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
2.3.26	Overtime	Taxes Management Act 1970 Income and Corporation Taxes 1988	Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
2.3.27	Part time fee claims	Taxes Management Act 1970 Income and Corporation Taxes 1988	Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
2.3.29	Payroll awards		Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes

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Payroll and Pensions					
2.3.30	Payroll – gross/net weekly or monthly	Taxes Management Act 1970 Income and Corporation Taxes 1988	Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
2.3.31	Payroll reports	Taxes Management Act 1970 Income and Corporation Taxes 1988	Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
2.3.32	Payslips – copies	Taxes Management Act 1970 Income and Corporation Taxes 1988	Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
2.3.33	Pension payroll	Taxes Management Act 1970 Income and Corporation Taxes 1988	Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
2.3.34	Personal bank details	If employment ceases then end of employment + 6 years	Until superseded + 3 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
2.3.35	Sickness records		Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
2.3.36	Staff returns		Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes

2.3.37	Superannuation adjustments	Taxes Managemen t Act 1970 Income and Corporation Taxes 1988	Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
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Payroll and Pensions					
	Superannuation reports	Taxes Management Act 1970 Income and Corporation Taxes 1988	Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
2.3.38	Tax forms P6/P11/P11D/P35/P45/P46/P48	The minimum requirement - as stated in Inland Revenue Booklet 490 - is for at least 3 years after the end of the tax year to which they apply. Originals must be retained in paper/ electronic format. It is a corporate decision to retain for current year + 6 years. Employees should retain records for 22 months after current tax year	Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
2.3.39	Time sheets/flexitime		Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes

2.4 Health and Safety

	Basic file description	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at end of the administrative life of the record	Personal Information
2.4.1	Health and safety policy statements		Life of policy + 3 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	
2.4.2	Health and safety risk assessments		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 relating to individuals who are over 18 years of age at the time of the incident	Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations	The Accident Book – 3 years after last entry in the book Completed pages must be kept secure with restricted access. Data Protection Act 2018 and GDPR	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes

2.4 Health and Safety					
	Basic file description	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at end of the administrative life of the record	Personal Information
2.4.4	Accident reporting records relating to individuals who are under 18 years of age at the time of the incident	Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations 1979 Regulation	The Accident Book - 3 years after last entry in the book Completed pages must be kept secure with restricted access. Data Protection Act 2018 and GDPR	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
2.4.5	Records relating to any reportable death, injury, disease or dangerous occurrence (RIDDOR). For more information see http://www.hse.gov.uk/RIDDOR/	Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations	Date of incident + 3 years provided that all records relating to the incident are held on personnel file [see 2.4.2 above]	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes

	Basic file description	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at end of the administrative life of the record	Personal Information
2.4.6	Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH)	Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations	Date of incident + 40 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	
2.4.7	Process of monitoring areas where employees and persons are likely to have come into contact with asbestos	Control of Asbestos at Work Regulations	Last action + 40 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	
2.4.8	Process of monitoring areas where employees and persons are likely to have come into contact with radiation. Maintenance records or controls, safety features and PPE ----- Dose assessment and recording	The Ionising Radiation Regulations Personal Protective Equipment (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 the examination. ----- To keep the records made 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	SECURE DISPOSAL	
2.4.9	Fire Precautions log books		Current year + 3 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	

2.4 Health and Safety					
	Basic file description	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at end of the administrative life of the record	Personal Information
2.4.10	Health and safety file to show current state of building, including all alterations (wiring, plumbing, building works, etc.), to be passed on in the case of change of ownership		Pass to new owner on sale or transfer of building		
2.5 Financial Management					
	Basic file description	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at end of the administrative life of the record	Personal Information
Risk Management and Insurance					
2.5.1	Employer's Liability Insurance Certificate		Closure of the school + 40 years [May be kept electronically]	SECURE DISPOSAL To be passed to the Trust if the school closes	
Asset Management					
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	
Accounts and Statements (including budget management)					
2.5.4	Annual accounts		Current year + 6 years	STANDARD DIS- POSAL	

2.5.5	Loans and grants managed by the school		Date of last payment on the loan + 12 years then review	SECURE DISPOSAL	
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Accounts and Statements (including budget management)

2.5.6	All records relating to the creation and management of budgets, including the annual budget statement and back-ground papers		Life of the budget + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	
2.5.7	Invoices, receipts, order books and requisitions, delivery notices		Current financial year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	
2.5.8	Records relating to the collection and banking of monies		Current financial year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	
2.5.9	Records relating to the identification and collection of debt		Final payment of debt + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	

Pupil Finance

2.5.10	Student Grant applications		Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
2.5.11	Pupil Premium Fund records		Date pupil leaves the provision + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes

Contract Management

2.5.12	All records relating to the management of contracts under seal	Limitation Act 1980	Last payment on the contract + 12 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	
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2.5.13	All records relating to the management of contracts under signature	Limitation Act 1980	Last payment on the contract + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	
2.5.14	Records relating to the monitoring of contracts		Life of contract + 6 or 12 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	

2.5 Financial Management					
	Basic file description	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at end of the administrative life of the record	Personal Information
School Fund					
2.5.15	School Fund - Cheque books		Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	
2.5.16	School Fund - Paying in books		Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	
2.5.17	School Fund – Ledger		Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	
2.5.18	School Fund – Invoices		Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	
2.5.19	School Fund – Receipts		Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	
2.5.20	School Fund - Bank statements		Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	
2.5.21	School Fund – Journey Books		Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	
School Meals Management					
2.5.22	Free school meals registers (where the register is used as a basis for funding)		Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
2.5.23	School meals registers		Current year + 3 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
2.5.24	School meals summary sheets		Current year + 3 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes

2.6 Property Management

	Basic file description	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at end of the administrative life of the record	Personal Information
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Property Management

2.6.1	Title deeds of properties belonging to the school		These should follow the property unless the property has been registered with the Land Registry		
2.6.2	Plans of property belonging to the school		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. See 2.4.10		
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	

Maintenance

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. See 2.4.10	SECURE DISPOSAL	
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2.6.6	All records relating to the maintenance of the school carried out by school employees, including maintenance log books		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. See 2.4.10	SECURE DISPOSAL	
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3 Pupil Management

This section contains retention periods connected to the processes involved in managing a pupil's journey through school, including the admissions process.

3.1 Admissions Process					
	Basic file description	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at end of the administrative life of the record	Personal Information
3.1.1	All records relating to the creation and implementation of the School Admissions Policy	School Admissions Code Statutory guidance for admission authorities, governing bodies, authorities, schools adjudicators and admission appeals panels	Life of the policy + 3 years then review	SECURE DISPOSAL	
3.1.2	Admissions – if the admission is successful	School Admissions Code Statutory guidance for admission authorities, governing bodies, authorities, schools adjudicators and admission appeals panels	Date of admission + 1 year	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
3.1.3	Admissions – if the appeal is unsuccessful	School Admissions Code Statutory guidance for admission authorities, governing bodies, authorities, schools adjudicators and admission appeals panels	Resolution of case + 1 year	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes

3.1.4	Register of Admissions	School Admissions Code Statutory guidance for admission authorities, governing bodies, authorities, schools adjudicators and admission appeals panels	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 an archive record as often schools receive enquiries from past pupils to confirm the dates they attended the school or to transfer these records to the appropriate County Archives Service	
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	Basic file description	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at end of the administrative life of the record	Personal Information
3.1.5	Admissions — Secondary Schools – Casual		Current year + 1 year	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
3.1.6	Proofs of address supplied by parents as part of the admissions process	School Admissions Code Statutory guidance for admission authorities, governing bodies, authorities, schools adjudicators and admission appeals panels	Current year + 1 year	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
3.1.7	Supplementary information form including additional information such as religion, medical conditions etc.				Yes
3.1.7.1	For successful admissions		This information should be added to the pupil file	SECURE DISPOSAL	
3.1.7.2	For unsuccessful admissions		Until appeals process completed (GDPR)	SECURE DISPOSAL	

3.2 Pupil's Educational Record					
	Basic file description	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at end of the administrative life of the record	Personal Information
3.2.1	Pupil's Educational Record required by The Education (Pupil Information) (England) Regulations 2005	The Education (Pupil Information) (England) Regulations			Yes
3.2.1.1	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: • To another primary school • To a secondary school • To a pupil referral unit	
3.2.1.2	Secondary	Limitation Act 1980 (Section 2)	Date of birth of the pupil + 25 years	REVIEW	
3.2.2	Examination Results — pupil copies				Yes
3.2.2.1	Public		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	
3.2.2.2	Internal		This information should be added to the pupil file		

	Basic file description	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at end of the administrative life of the record	Personal Information
3.2.3	Child protection information held in separate files	“keeping children safe in education Statutory guidance for schools and colleges; Working together to safeguard children. A guide to inter-agency working to safeguard and promote the welfare of children	DOB 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 Social Services record	SECURE DISPOSAL These records must be shredded	Yes

3.3 Attendance					
	Basic file description	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at end of the administrative life of the record	Personal Information
3.3.1	Attendance Registers	School attendance: Departmental advice for maintained schools, Academies, independent schools and authorities	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
3.3.2	Correspondence relating to any absence (authorised or unauthorised)	Education Act 1996 Section 7	Current academic year + 2 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Potential

3.3 Attendance					
	Basic file description	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at end of the administrative life of the record	Personal Information
3.4.1	Special Educational Needs files, reviews and Education, Health and Care Plan, 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 Curriculum and Extra Curricular Activities

This section contains retention periods connected to the processes involved in managing the curriculum and extra-curricular activities.

4.1 Statistics and Management Information					
	Basic file description	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at end of the administrative life of the record	Personal 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
4.1.2.1	SATS records				Yes
4.1.2.2	Results		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 of the whole year's SATs results. These could be kept for current year + 6 years to allow suitable comparison	SECURE DISPOSAL	
4.1.2.3	Examination Papers		The examination papers should be kept until any appeals/validation process is complete	SECURE DISPOSAL	
4.1.3	Published Admission Number (PAN) Reports		Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes

4.1 Statistics and Management Information					
	Basic file description	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at end of the administrative life of the record	Personal Information
4.1.4	Value Added and Contextual Data		Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
4.1.5	Self-Evaluation Forms			SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
4.1.5.1	Internal moderation		Academic year plus 1 academic year	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
4.1.5.2	External moderation		Until superseded	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
4.2 Implementation of Curriculum					
	Basic file description	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at end of the administrative life of the record	Personal Information
4.2.1	Schemes of work		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	
4.2.2	Timetable		Current year + 1 year		
4.2.3	Class record books		Current year + 1 year		
4.2.4	Mark books		Current year + 1 year		
4.2.5	Record of home-work set		Current year + 1 year		
4.2.6	Pupil's work		Where possible, the pupil's 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	

For information relating to records concerning the running of educational visits outside the classroom

please see the guidance provided by <https://oeapng.info/>

4.3 School Trips

	Basic file description	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at end of the administrative life of the record	Personal Information
4.3.1	Parental consent forms for school trips where there has been no major incident		Schools to risk assess whether the forms are likely to be required and may make a decision to dispose of the consent forms at the end of the academic year.	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
4.3.2	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	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes

4.4 School Support Organisations					
	Basic file description	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at end of the administrative life of the record	Personal Information
Family Liaison Officers and Home School Liaison Assistants					
4.4.1	Day books		Current year + 2 years then review	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
4.4.2	Reports for outside agencies - where the report has been included on the case file created by the outside agency		Whilst child is attending school and then destroy	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
4.4.3	Referral forms		While the referral is current	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
4.4.4	Contact data sheets		Current year then review, if contact is no longer active then destroy	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
4.4.5	Contact database entries		Current year then review, if contact is no longer active then destroy	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
4.4.6	Group registers		Current year + 2 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
Parent Teacher Associations and Old Pupils Associations					
4.4.7	Records relating to the creation and management of Parent Teacher Associations and/or Old Pupils Associations		Current year + 6 years then review	SECURE DISPOSAL	

5 Central Government and Trust

This section covers records created in the course of interaction between the school and Trust

5.1 Trust					
	Basic file description	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at end of the administrative life of the record	Personal Information
5.1.1	Secondary Transfer Sheets (primary)		Current year + 2 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	Yes
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 Trust		Operational use	SECURE DISPOSAL	
5.2 Central Government					
	Basic file description	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [Operational]	Action at end of the administrative life of the record	Personal Information
5.2.1	OFSTED reports and papers where a physical copy is held		Life of the report then review	SECURE DISPOSAL	
5.2.2	Returns made to central government		Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL	
5.2.3	Circulars and other information sent from central government		Operational use	SECURE DISPOSAL	