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| BENTLEY NEW VILLAGE PRIMARY SCHOOL |
| Records Management Policy |
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OUR SCHOOL VISION

Together, we will create a calm and welcoming learning environment and work together to secure success for all. We will strive to create a safe, caring, supportive and inclusive school.

Our school will equip its pupils with the skills that society and the local community demand and so we will value the skills and learning that children need in order to look after themselves, their families, their health, their mental well-being and their bodies. We will strive to teach the whole child and create life-long learners and pro-active citizens.

ETHOS

We believe that:

1. All children can learn. All staff and children are able to recognise the value of learning.
2. *All staff*, working at New Village, will have consistently high expectations of children’s learning potential, attitudes and behaviour and take corporate responsibility for ensuring these in, and around, school.
3. Learning takes place in *all areas* of our school and through the *entire*learning day - inside and outside of the classroom.
4. Children should be taught how to learn; learning how to be an outstanding learner.
5. Consistently challenging, dynamic, engaging and empowering teaching leads to outstanding learning, resulting in a school where *every* child’s potential is realised.
6. *All staff* will value *every child’s contribution* to the school and strive to create a learning environment that brings out the full potential in all.
7. Rigorous, continuous monitoring, thorough and informed evaluation and accurate analysis of *all the elements* of teaching, is essential in ensuring high-level teaching and learning.
8. Learning at New Village will produce and enhance a learning skills-set that will be lifelong; we will actively promote this for every child and for all staff.
9. New Village School will demonstrate its commitment to quality teaching and learning through its dedication to *continuous professional development* for all staff; recognising and exploiting all opportunities to enhance its workforce and the learning environment.
10. All children will be encouraged to develop as individuals.  Their creativity, talents, differences and uniqueness.

OUR SCHOOL VALUES

Determination – Resilience – Tolerance – Cooperation – Creativity – Curiosity

Our mission statement, **“What Challenges us, Changes us”**

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Introduction and Scope

Bentley New Village Primary School recognises records management as a core corporate function that supports the effective management of the organisation. A records management programme improves accountability, transparency, continuity, decision-making, and compliance with relevant legislation and regulations.

This policy provides a framework for ensuring that we comply with the requirements of the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR), Data Protection Act 2018, and information access legislation, including the Freedom of Information Act and other associated guidance and codes of practice.

This policy applies to our entire workforce. This includes employees, governors or trustees, contractors, agents and representatives, volunteers and temporary staff working for or on our behalf. Individuals found to knowingly or recklessly infringe this policy may face disciplinary action.

The Records Management Policy applies to all records created, received or maintained by us while carrying out our functions, whether in paper or electronic format. It should be read alongside the other policies within our information governance policy framework.

Roles and Responsibilities

Overall responsibility for ensuring that we meet the statutory requirements of any legislation lies with the Board of Governors or Trustees. The following roles will have day-to-day responsibility for records management compliance and providing the necessary assurance to the Board.

Senior Information Risk Owner (SIRO)

The SIRO is responsible for overseeing the implementation of this policy and ensuring that effective records management practices are in place across the organisation. The SIRO is also responsible for operational management and will ensure that staff are appropriately trained in records management, supported by the SPOC and IAOs. In our organisation, this role lies with the Headteacher.

Single Point of Contact (SPOC)

The SPOC will support the SIRO in day-to-day operational management. This includes providing guidance on effective records management practices and promoting compliance with this policy so that information can be retrieved easily, appropriately, and in a timely way. In our organisation, this role lies with the School Business Manager.

Information Asset Owner (IAO)

The IAO is responsible for the security and maintenance of a particular record during its lifecycle. IAOs need to understand how information is created, amended, or added over time, who has access to the records, and why. They are also responsible for the appropriate disposal of information when it is no longer required. A record of IAOs is included in our Information Asset Register.

All staff

All staff, including governors or trustees, contractors, agents and representatives, volunteers, and temporary staff working for or on our behalf, will be responsible for managing records consistently in accordance with this policy. Complete and accurate records must be held that adequately document their work.

Records Management

A record is ‘information created, received, and maintained as evidence and an asset by an organisation in pursuit of legal obligations or in the transaction of business.’ Records are retained for a period determined by legal, regulatory, and functional requirements.

A programme will be developed to manage our records throughout their lifecycle. This will include using methods such as version control, naming conventions, and file plans to ensure that records can be easily searched and accessed in the event of an information request.

We will ensure that our records are authentic, reliable, useable and have integrity to fulfil and retain their evidentiary value. Regular reviews of the records management programme will be conducted to ensure compliance and check that records are stored securely and can be accessed appropriately.

Pupil Records

We are required to maintain records for each pupil. This record is the core evidence of an individual’s progress through the education system and will accompany them throughout their school career.

Pupil records are held electronically within our management information system (MIS) whenever possible. Information not forming part of the core record may be held outside the MIS in either electronic or paper format. This includes information with shorter retention periods, such as attendance registers, consent forms, medical forms, accident forms, absence notes, and pupil work.

Records relating to pupils involved with child protection or safeguarding are held securely in a designated system accessible to the Designated Safeguarding Lead and designated staff members. These records are stored separately from the core pupil record to ensure confidentiality and restricted accessibility. They may be retained for longer than the core pupil file.

We will ensure that the information in the pupil file is accurate, objectively recorded, expressed in a professional manner, and kept up to date.

Pupil records will be transferred electronically to any new setting the pupil attends. Once securely transferred, we will not keep copies of the pupil record unless there is ongoing legal action. The setting the pupil attends until the statutory school leaving age is responsible for retaining the pupil record until the pupil reaches the age of 25.

Staff Records

Records relating to our workforce will be held securely electronically, wherever possible, or in paper format. Appropriate security measures are in place to ensure confidentiality and restricted access.

Information related to child protection allegations against staff will be held separately from the core employee record to ensure confidentiality and restricted accessibility. This information may be held for longer than the core employee file.

Information Asset Register (IAR)

In accordance with Article 30 of UK GDPR, we will have an Information Asset Register (IAR) that maintains a record of our processing activities. The IAR will document what records we hold, where they are stored, who has access to the information, and the retention periods in place. It will be reviewed, at least annually, to ensure it remains accurate.

Email Management

We will have a process in place to ensure that emails are managed in accordance with this policy and our retention schedule. Emails discussing business or reflecting significant actions or decisions concerning our pupils or staff will not be stored in personal email inboxes. These emails must be filed into an appropriate electronic filing system, and the original email deleted.

Where possible, emails are automatically deleted in accordance with our retention schedule. Where this is not possible, staff review personal email inboxes manually to ensure any unnecessary emails are deleted.

Security and Access

All records, especially those containing personal data, will be stored securely to maintain confidentiality while keeping the information accessible to those authorised to see it. Electronic records will have appropriate security and access controls, and systems will have robust audit functionality wherever possible.

Paper records will be stored in secure, lockable storage areas with restricted access to key roles.

When sharing or transferring records containing personal information, we will ensure appropriate transmission security controls are in place and align with our Information Security Policy.

Information Requests and Data Subject Rights

Requests for information under Data Protection, Freedom of Information, Environmental Information, or other legislation will be handled in line with our Data Protection Policy.

Retention and Disposal

Retention is the period a record is kept after it stops being actively used but before it is destroyed. It is a vital part of records management as it allows organisations to retain records only for as long as needed and discourages records being held for long periods ‘just in case’.

Legal, regulatory, or functional requirements determine the retention period for particular types of records. We have implemented a Retention Schedule (Appendix One) that outlines our specified retention periods. This schedule will be reviewed at least annually to ensure accuracy.

We will ensure that any records containing personal or confidential information are disposed of appropriately and securely in line with our retention schedule.

Records held in databases or electronic management systems, with the functionality to automatically destroy records after a specified period, will be used wherever possible. A review of the records will be carried out before destruction, where practical.

Where automatic disposal is not in place, for example, for paper records, we will conduct a manual review annually to ensure they are destroyed in line with retention guidelines.

The disposal of all information is documented to ensure that we maintain a record of when it has been deleted and by whom. This allows us to evidence that a record no longer exists or has been transferred to another setting in the event of an information request being received.

Archiving

A small percentage of our records may be selected for permanent preservation. This is maintained as a resource to help inspire and equip current staff and pupils to understand and appreciate issues of identity, belonging, and shared heritage; to prompt memories of school life among many generations; and to serve as a research resource for all interested in the history of the school and the community it serves.

Records containing personal information will only be selected for archive with appropriate safeguards in place to protect the rights and freedoms of individuals. This will include anonymisation or pseudonymisation wherever possible.

Where we retain records for archiving purposes on-site, we will ensure that we have an archiving policy in place setting out how this operates.

Appendix 1 - Retention Schedule

1. Governing Body

This section contains retention periods connected to the work and responsibilities of the governing body.

For further information about governing body records please see: “The constitution of governing bodies of maintained schools - Statutory guidance for governing bodies of maintained schools and local authorities in England August 2017”.

| **Ref.** | **Basic file description** | **Statutory Provisions** | **Retention Period [Operational]** | **Action at end of the administrative life of the record** | **Personal Information** |
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| **1.1 Management of Governing Body** | | | | | |
| 1.1.1 | Instruments of government |  | For the life of the school | Consult local archives before disposal |  |
| 1.1.2 | Trusts and endowments |  | For the life of the school | Consult local archives before disposal |  |
| 1.1.3 | Records relating to the election of parent and staff governors not appointed by the governors |  | 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 |
| 1.1.5 | Records relating to the election of chair and vice chair |  | Once the decision has been recorded in the minutes, the records relating to the election can be destroyed | SECURE DISPOSAL | Yes |
| 1.1.6 | Scheme of delegation and terms of reference for 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 local archives before disposal | Potential |
| 1.1.9 | Minutes - principal set (signed) |  | Although generally kept for the life of the organisation, the Local Authority is only required to make these avail- able for 10 years from the date of the meeting | Consult local archives before disposal | Potential |
| 1.1.10 | Reports made to the governors’ meeting which are referred to in the minutes |  | Although generally kept for the life of the organisation, the Local Authority is only required to make these available for 10 years from the date of the meeting | Consult local archives before disposal | Potential |
| 1.1.11 | Register of attendance at Full 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 re- quired 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 local archives before disposal |  |
| 1.1.17 | Records relating to complaints made to and investigated by the 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 the 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 governing body |  | Until superseded or whilst relevant | SECURE DISPOSAL |  |
| 1.1.20 | Policy documents created and ad- ministered by the 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 Governor Management** | | | | | |
| 1.2.1 | Records relating to the appointment of a clerk to the 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 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 | Governors 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 Governors |  | Date Governor steps down + 6 years | SECURE DISPOSAL | Yes |
| 1.2.7 | Records relating to the induction programme for new governors |  | Date appointment ceases + 6 years | SECURE DISPOSAL | Yes |
| 1.2.8 | Records relating to DBS checks carried out on clerk and members of the governing body |  | Date of DBS check + 6 months | SECURE DISPOSAL | Yes |
| 1.2.9 | Governor personnel files |  | Date appointment ceases + 6 years | SECURE DISPOSAL | Yes |

1. 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.

| **Ref.** | **Basic file description** | **Statutory Provisions** | **Retention Period [Operational]** | **Action at end of the administrative life of the record** | **Personal Information** |
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| **2.1 Headteacher and Senior Management Team** | | | | | |
| 2.1.1 | Log books of activity in the school maintained by the Head Teacher |  | Date of last entry in the book + mini- mum 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 |
| 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** | | | | | |
| 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** | | | | | |
| 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 June 2014; Keeping Children Safe in Edu- cation.2018 (Statutory Guidance from DoE) Sections 73, 74 | Application forms, references and other documents – for the duration of the employee’s employment + 6 years | SECURE DISPOSAL | Yes |
| 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, May 2015] | 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 |
| 2.3.6 | Staff personnel file | Limitation Act 1980 (Section 2) | Termination of Employment + 6 years, unless the member of staff is part of any case which falls under the terms of reference of IICSA. If this is the case then the file will need to be retained until IICSA enquiries are complete | SECURE DISPOSAL | Yes |
| 2.3.7 | Annual appraisal/assessment records |  | Current year + 6 years | SECURE DISPOSAL | Yes |
| 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.  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 |
| 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 [This retention period reflects that the IICSA may wish to see training records as part of an investigation] | SECURE DISPOSAL | Yes |
| 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 September 2018”; “Working together to safeguard children. A guide to inter-agency working to safeguard and promote the welfare of children  2018” | Until the person’s normal retirement age or 10 years from the date of the allegation (whichever is the longer) then REVIEW. Note: allegations that are found to be malicious should be removed from personnel files. If found they are to be kept on the file and a copy provided to the person concerned UNLESS the member of staff is part of any case which falls under the terms of reference of IICSA. If this is the case then the file will need to be retained until IICSA enquiries are complete | SECURE DISPOSAL These records must be shredded | Yes |
| 2.3.13 | Disciplinary proceedings |  |  |  | Yes |
| 2.3.13.1 | Oral warning |  | Date of warning + 6 months | SECURE DISPOSAL  [If warnings are placed on personal files then they must be weeded from the file |  |
| 2.3.13.2 | Written warning – level 1 |  | Date of warning + 6 months |  |  |
| 2.3.13.3 | Written warning – level 2 |  | Date of warning + 12 months |  |  |
| 2.3.13.4 | Final warning |  | Date of warning + 18 months |  |  |
| 2.3.13.5 | Case not found |  | If the incident is related to child protection then see above, otherwise dispose of at the conclusion of the case | SECURE DISPOSAL |  |
| 2.3.14 | Absence record |  | Current year + 3 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 + 3 years | SECURE DISPOSAL | Yes |
| 2.3.17 | Car allowance claims | Taxes Management Act 1970 Income and Corporation Taxes 1988 | Current year + 3 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 + 2 years | SECURE DISPOSAL | Yes |
| 2.3.21 | Income tax form P60 |  | Current year + 6 years | SECURE DISPOSAL | Yes |
| 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 + 3 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 + 3 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 |
| 2.3.28 | Pay packet receipt by employee |  | Current year + 2 years | SECURE DISPOSAL | Yes |
| 2.3.29 | Payroll awards |  | Current year + 6 years | SECURE DISPOSAL | Yes |
| 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 + 3 years | SECURE DISPOSAL | Yes |
| 2.3.36 | Staff returns |  | Current year + 3 years | SECURE DISPOSAL | Yes |
| 2.3.37 | Superannuation adjustments | 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/clock cards/flexitime |  | Current year + 3 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 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 1979 Regulation 25. Social Security Administration Act 1992 Section 8. Limitation Act 1980  Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations 1979. SI 1979 No 628  Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations SI 1987 No 1968 Revokes all but Part 1 of SI 1979 No 628  Social Security Administration Act 1992 Section 8.  Social Security (Claims and Payments) Amendment (No 30 Regulations 1993 SI 1993 No 2113  Allows the information to be kept electronically | The Accident Book – BI 510 - 3 years after last entry in the book  This includes the new format to be used from 1/1/04  This means that, if it takes 5 years to complete, the book must be retained for a further 3 years from the last entry  Completed pages must be kept secure with restricted access. Data Protection Act 2018 and GDPR | SECURE DISPOSAL |  |
| 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 25. Social Security Administration Act 1992 Section 8. Limitation Act 1980  Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations 1979. SI 1979 No 628  Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations SI 1987 No 1968 Revokes all but Part 1 of SI 1979 No 628  Social Security Administration Act 1992 Section 8.  Social Security (Claims and Payments) Amendment (No 30 Regulations 1993 SI 1993 No 2113  Allows the information to be kept electronically | The Accident Book – BI 510 - 3 years after last entry in the book  This includes the new format to be used from 1/1/04  This means that, if it takes 5 years to complete, the book must be retained for a further 3 years from the last entry  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.](http://www.hse.gov/) uk/RIDDOR/ | Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 2013 SI 2013 No 1471 Regulation 12(2) | 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 |
| 2.4.6 | Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH) | Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 2002. SI 2002 No 2677 Regulation 11; Records kept un- der the 1994 and 1999 Regulations to be kept as if the 2002 Regulations had not been made. Regulation 18 (2) | Date of incident + 40 years | SECURE DISPOSAL |  |
| 2.4.7 | Process of monitoring of areas where employees and persons are likely to have come into con- tact with asbestos | Control of Asbestos at Work Regulations 2012 SI 1012 No 632 Regulation 19 | Last action + 40 years | SECURE DISPOSAL |  |
| 2.4.8 | 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  ----------------------------- Dose assessment and recording | The Ionising Radiation Regulations 2017. SI 2017 No 1075 Regulation 11  As amended by SI 2018 No 390 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 logbooks |  | Current year + 3 years | SECURE DISPOSAL |  |
| 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** | | | | | |
| 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 Local Authority if the school closes |  |
| 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 | STANDARD DISPOSAL |  |
| 2.5.5 | Loans and grants managed by the school |  | Date of last payment on the loan + 12 years then review | SECURE DISPOSAL |  |
| 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 + 3 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 |  |
| 2.5.10 | Student Grant applications |  | Current year + 3 years | SECURE DISPOSAL | Yes |
| 2.5.11 | Pupil Premium Fund records |  | Date pupil leaves the provision + 6 years | SECURE DISPOSAL | Yes |
| 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 |  |
| 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 |  |
| 2.5.15 | 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 |  |
| 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** | | | | | |
| 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 |  |
| 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 |  |
| 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 |  |

1. Pupil Management

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

| **Ref.** | **Basic file description** | **Statutory Provisions** | **Retention Period [Operational]** | **Action at end of the administrative life of the record** | **Personal Information** |
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| **3.1 Admissions Process** | | | | | |
| 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, local authorities, schools adjudicators and admission appeals panels December 2014 | Life of the policy + 3 years then review | SECURE DISPOSAL |  |
| 3.1.2 | Admissions – if the admission is successful | School Admissions Code Statutory guidance for admission authorities, governing bodies, local authorities, schools adjudicators and admission appeals panels December 2014 | Date of admission + 1 year | SECURE DISPOSAL | Yes |
| 3.1.3 | Admissions – if the appeal is unsuccessful | School Admissions Code Statutory guidance for admission authorities, governing bodies, local authorities, schools adjudicators and admission appeals panels December 2014 | Resolution of case + 1 year | SECURE DISPOSAL | Yes |
| 3.1.4 | Register of Admissions | School Admissions Code Statutory guidance for admission authorities, governing bodies, local authorities, schools adjudicators and admission appeals panels December 2014 | Every entry in the admission register must be preserved for a period of three years after the date on which the entry was made | REVIEW  Schools may wish to consider keeping the admission register permanently as 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 Archives Service |  |
| 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, local authorities, schools adjudicators and admission appeals panels December 2014 | 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** 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. If any school is unsure about what records should be retained, they should seek the advice of their own local authority or take independent legal advice. | | | | | |
| 3.2.1 | Pupil’s Educational Record required by The Education (Pupil Information) (England) Regulations 2005 | The Education (Pupil Information) (England) Regulations 2005 SI 2005 No. 1437 As amended by SI 2018 No 688 |  |  | 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 |  |  |
| 3.2.3 | Child protection information held on pupil file | “Keeping children safe in education Statutory guidance for schools and colleges 2018”; “Working together to safeguard children. A guide to inter-agency working to safeguard and promote the welfare of children 2018” | If any records relating to child protection issues are placed on the pupil file, it should be in a sealed envelope and then retained for the same period of time as the pupil file. Note: These records will be subject to any instruction given by IICSA | SECURE DISPOSAL These records must be shredded | Yes |
| 3.2.4 | Child protection information held in separate files | “Keeping children safe in education Statutory guidance for schools and colleges 2018”; “Working together to safeguard children. A guide to inter-agency working to safeguard and promote the welfare of children 2018” | 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 Local Authority Social Services record. Note: These records will be subject to any instruction given by IICSA | SECURE DISPOSAL These records must be shredded | Yes |
| **3.3 Attendance** | | | | | |
| 3.3.1 | 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 |
| 3.3.2 | Correspondence relating to any absence (authorised or unauthorised) | Education Act 1996 Section 7 | Current academic year + 2 years | SECURE DISPOSAL | Potential |
| **3.4 SEN & EHCP Records** | | | | | |
| 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 |

1. Curriculum and Extra-Curricular Activities

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

| **Ref.** | **Basic file description** | **Statutory Provisions** | **Retention Period [Operational]** | **Action at end of the administrative life of the record** | **Personal Information** |
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| **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 |
| 4.1.2.1 | 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 |
| 4.1.4 | 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 the Curriculum** | | | | | |
| 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 homework 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 |  |
| **4.3 School Trips** | | | | | |
| 4.3.1 | Parental consent forms for school trips where there has been no major incident |  | Although the consent forms could be retained for Date of birth + 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). This is a pragmatic approach and if in doubt the school should seek legal advice | 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 to show that the rules had been followed for all pupils | SECURE DISPOSAL | Yes |
| **4.4 School Support Organisations** | | | | | |
| 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 |
| 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 |  |

1. Central Government and Local Authority

This section covers records created in the course of interaction between the school, local authority and central Government.

| **Ref.** | **Basic file description** | **Statutory Provisions** | **Retention Period [Operational]** | **Action at end of the administrative life of the record** | **Personal Information** |
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| **5.1 Local Authority** | | | | | |
| 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 local authority |  | Operational use | SECURE DISPOSAL |  |
| **5.2 Central Government** | | | | | |
| 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 |  |