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1. Introduction

LIFE Academies Trust 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 Trust, and provide evidence for demonstrating performance and accountability. This document provides the policy framework through which this effective management can be achieved and audited.

2. Scope of the Policy

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

Records are defined as all those documents that 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.

3. Responsibilities

The Academy 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 Data Protection Officer.

Leaders responsible for records management within the Trust will give guidance for good records management practice to their teams, following the principles in this policy, and will promote compliance with this policy so that information will be retrieved easily, appropriately and in a timely way.

The Data Protection Officer will monitor compliance with this policy by surveying at least annually to check if records are stored securely and can be accessed appropriately.

Individual staff and employees must ensure that records for which they are responsible are accurate, and are maintained and disposed of in accordance with the Trust's retention guidelines.

4. Information Security & Business Continuity

In order to protect the data and records the following security measures will be implemented.

The Storage & Security of Digital Data

Backup System: The Trust will undertake regular backups of all information held electronically to enable restoration of the data in the event of an environmental or data corruption incident. Data is backed up on a daily basis (Monday to Friday) to both a local and cloud destination - each of these backups is retained for a period of 7 days before being overwritten. Additionally, a full image of each server is backed up on a daily basis (Monday to Sunday) to a local destination and on a weekly basis to a cloud destination.

The Trust tests that data can be restored from a backup on a regular basis. All backups are tested/validated as part of the backup process and checked weekly. Restoration testing is carried out during school holiday periods.

Controlling the Storage of Digital Data

Personal information is not to be stored on the hard drive of any laptop or PC unless the device is running encryption software.

The Trust's Bring Your Own Device policy outlines how data can be accessed and stored on personal devices.

Password Control

The Trust will ensure that data is subject to a robust password protection regime. Complexity requirements are used wherever possible to enforce a minimum 10 character password length, a mixture of upper case, lower case, numbers and symbols and to prevent reuse of old passwords.

Password sharing is prohibited and consecutive login limits are used where available to protect against this practice.

Staff are required to lock their PCs when they are leaving their PC logged in and unattended to prevent unauthorised use.

Location of Server Equipment

The Trust will ensure that the server environment is managed to prevent access by unauthorised people. Servers are physically located in locked locations, access to which is restricted to the Technical Support Department.

5. The Storage & Security of Hard Copy Data

Storage of Physical Records

The Trust recommends that all physical records are stored in filing cabinets, drawers or cupboards. Sensitive physical records should be kept in a lockable storage area. This is to prevent unauthorised access but also to protect against the risk of fire and flooding.

Unauthorised Access, Theft or Loss

Staff are encouraged not to take personal data on staff or students out of the Trust unless there is no alternative. Records held within the Trust should be in lockable cabinets.

Clear Desk Policy

In order to avoid unauthorised access to physical records which contain sensitive or personal information and will protect physical records from fire and/or flood damage, the Trust operates a clear desk policy. This involves the removal of the physical records to a cupboard or drawer (lockable where appropriate). It does not mean that the desk has to be cleared of all contents.

6. Disclosure / Confidentiality

Staff are made aware of the importance of ensuring that personal information is only disclosed to people who are entitled to receive it and that consideration has been given to the General Data Protection Regulations. This is outlined in Staff Handbooks.

If a school receives a request for information from a third party, then the process outlined in the Third Party Requests for Information Policy should be followed.

7. Safe Disposal of Records

The General Data Protection Regulations give individuals the 'Right to Erasure' which means that records should not be kept for any longer than is necessary in relation to the purpose for which it was originally collected/processed (see section 9 - Retention Guidelines).

All records containing personal information or sensitive policy information should be made either unreadable or unreconstructable.

- Paper records should be shredded using a cross-cutting shredder
- CDs/DVDs (optical media)/Floppy Discs should be cut into pieces
- Audio/Video Tapes and Fax Rolls should be dismantled and shredded
- Hard disk/solid state drives should be securely erased or dismantled and physically destroyed

If an external provider is used, all records must be shredded on site in the presence of an employee. The disposal company must provide a Certificate of Destruction.

8. Security Breach

In the event of an incident involving the loss of information or records held by the Trust, the Data Breach Policy should be followed.

9. Retention Guidelines

This retention schedule is based upon the schedule provided by the Information and Records Management Society (v5 01.02.16).

This retention schedule contains recommended retention periods for the different records created and maintained by Academies/Settings within the Trust in the course of their business. The schedule refers to all information regardless of the media in which it is stored.

Some of the retention periods are governed by statute. Others are guidelines following best practice. Every effort has been made to ensure that these retention periods are compliant with the requirements of the Data Protection Act (DPA).

Managing record series using these retention guidelines will be deemed to be 'normal processing' under the legislation mentioned above. If records are to be kept for longer or shorter periods than laid out in this document the reasons for this need to be documented.

This schedule should be reviewed on an annual basis.

Section 1: Management of the Trust

1.1 Governing Body					
	Record Type	Data Protection Issues	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period	Action at the end of the records life
1.1.1	Agendas for Governing Body	There may be data protection issues if the meeting is dealing with confidential issues relating to staff		One copy should be retained with the master set of minutes. All other copies can be disposed of.	SECURE DISPOSAL
1.1.2	Minutes of Governing Body Meetings	There may be data protection issues if the meeting is dealing with confidential issues relating to staff			
	Principal Set (signed)			PERMANENT	If the school is unable to store these then they should be offered to the County Archives Service.
	Inspection Copies			Date of meeting + 3 years	If the minutes contain any sensitive, personal information they must be shredded
1.1.3	Reports presented to the Governing Body	There may be data protection issues if the report is dealing with confidential issues relating to staff		Reports should be kept for a minimum of 6 years. However, if the minutes refer directly to individual reports then the reports should be kept permanently.	SECURE DISPOSAL or retain with the signed set of minutes
1.1.4	Meeting papers relating to annual parents' meeting held under section 33 of the Education Act 2002	No	Education Act 2002, Section 33	Date of the meeting + a minimum of 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL

1.2 Senior Leadership Team					
	Record Type	Data Protection Issues	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period	Action at the end of the records life
1.2.1	Log books of activity in the school maintained by the Academy Principal/Head of Setting	There may be data protection issues if the log book refers to individual members of staff		Date of last entry in the book + a minimum of 6 years then review	These could be of permanent historical value and should be offered to the County Archives Service if appropriate.
1.2.2	Minutes of Senior Management Team meetings and the meetings of other internal administrative bodies	There may be data protection issues if the minutes refers to individual pupils or members of staff		Date of the meeting + 3 years then review	SECURE DISPOSAL
1.2.3	Reports created by the Academy Principal/Head of Setting or the Management Team	There may be data protection issues if the report refers to individual pupils or members of staff		Date of the report + 3 years then review	SECURE DISPOSAL
1.2.4	Records created by Academy Principals/Head of Setting, deputy's, head teachers, heads of year and other members of staff with administrative responsibilities	There may be data protection issues if the report refers to individual pupils or members of staff		Current academic year + 6 years then review	SECURE DISPOSAL
1.2.5	Correspondence created by Academy Principals/Head of Settings, deputies, heads of year and other members of staff with administrative responsibilities	There may be data protection issues if the report refers to individual pupils or members of staff		Date of correspondence + 3 years then review	SECURE DISPOSAL
1.2.6	Professional Development Plans	Yes		Life of the plan + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL
1.2.7	School Development Plans	No		Life of the plan + 3 years	SECURE DISPOSAL

1.3 Admissions					
	Record Type	Data Protection Issues	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period	Action at the end of the records life
1.3.1	All records relating to the creation and implementation of the School Admissions Policy	No	School Admissions Code Statutory guidance for admission authorities, governing bodies, local authorities, school adjudicators and admission appeals panels December 2014	Life of the policy + 3 years then review	SECURE DISPOSAL
1.3.2	Admissions – if the admission is successful	Yes	School Admissions Code Statutory guidance for admission authorities, governing bodies, local authorities, school adjudicators and admission appeals panels December 2014	Date of admission + 1 year	SECURE DISPOSAL
1.3.3	Admissions – if the appeal is unsuccessful	Yes	School Admissions Code Statutory guidance for admission authorities, governing bodies, local authorities, school adjudicators and admission appeals panels December 2014	Resolution of case + 1 year	SECURE DISPOSAL
1.3.4	Register of Admissions	Yes	School attendance: Departmental advice for maintained schools,	Every entry in the admission register must be preserved for a period of three years	REVIEW Schools may wish to consider keeping the admission register

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			academies, independent schools and local authorities October 2014	after the date on which the entry was made	permanently as often schools receive enquiries from past pupils to confirm the dates they attended the school.
1.3.5	Admissions – Secondary Schools – Casual	Yes		Current year + 1 year	SECURE DISPOSAL
1.3.6	Proofs of address supplied by parents as part of the admissions process	Yes	School Admissions Code Statutory guidance for admission authorities, governing bodies, local authorities, school adjudicators and admission appeals panels December 2014	Current year + 1 year	SECURE DISPOSAL
1.3.7	Supplementary Information form including additional information such as religion, medical conditions etc.	Yes			
	For successful admissions			The information should be added to the pupil file	SECURE DISPOSAL
	For unsuccessful admissions			Until appeals process completed	SECURE DISPOSAL

1.4 Operational Administration

	Record Type	Data Protection Issues	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period	Action at the end of the records life
1.4.1	General file series	No		Current year + 5 years then REVIEW	SECURE DISPOSAL
1.4.2	Records relating to the creation and publication of	No		Current year + 3 years	SECURE DISPOSAL

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	the school brochure or prospectus				
1.4.3	Records relating to the creation and distribution of circulars to staff, parents or pupils	No		Current year + 1 year	SECURE DISPOSAL
1.4.4	Newsletters and other items with a short operational use	No		Current year + 1 year	SECURE DISPOSAL
1.4.5	Visitors' Books and Signing in Sheets	Yes		Current year + 6 years then REVIEW	SECURE DISPOSAL
1.4.6	Records relating to the creation and management of Parent Teacher Associations and/or Old Pupils Associations	No		Current year + 6 years then REVIEW	SECURE DISPOSAL

Section 2: HR Management

2.1 Recruitment					
	Record Type	Data Protection Issues	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period	Action at the end of the records life
2.1.1	All records leading up to the appointment of a new Academy Principal	Yes		Date of appointment + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL
2.1.2	All records leading up to the appointment of a new member of staff – unsuccessful candidates	Yes		Date of appointment of successful candidate + 6 months	SECURE DISPOSAL
2.1.3	All records leading up to the appointment of a new member of staff – successful candidate	Yes		All the relevant information should be added to the staff personal file (see below) and all other information retained for 6 months	SECURE DISPOSAL
2.1.4	Pre-employment vetting information – DBS checks	No	DBS Update Service Employer Guide June 2014: Keeping Children Safe in Education. July 2015 (Statutory Guidance from Dept. of Education) Sections 73, 74	The school does not have to keep copies of DBS certificates. If the school does so the copy must NOT be retained for more than 6 months	
2.1.5	Proofs of identity collected as part of the process of checking “portable” enhanced DBS disclosure	Yes		Where possible these should be checked and a note kept of what has been checked. If it is felt necessary to keep copy documentation then this should be placed on the member of staff’s personal file	

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2.1.6	Pre-employment vetting information – Evidence proving the right to work in the United Kingdom	Yes	An Employer’s guide to right to work checks [Home Office May 2015]	Where possible these documents should be added to the Staff Personal File [see below], but if they are kept separately the Home Office requires that the documents are kept for termination of Employment plus two years	
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2.2 Operational Staff Management

	Record Type	Data Protection Issues	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period	Action at the end of the records life
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 & Grievance Process

	Record Type	Data Protection Issues	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period	Action at the end of the records life
2.3.1	Allegation of a child protection nature against a member of staff including where the allegation is unfounded	Yes	“Keeping children safe in education Statutory guidance for schools and colleges March 2015”; “Working together to safeguard children. A guide to inter-agency working to safeguard and promote the welfare of children March 2015”	Until the person’s normal retirement age or 10 years from the date of the allegation whichever is the longer then REVIEW. Note allegations that are found to be malicious should be removed from personnel	SECURE DISPOSAL These records must be shredded

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				files. If found they are to be kept on the file and a copy provided to the person concerned	
2.3.3	Disciplinary Proceedings	Yes			
	Oral warning			Date of warning + 6 months	SECURE DISPOSAL [If warnings are placed on personal files then they must be weeded from the file]
	Written warning – level 1			Date of warning + 6 months	
	Written warning – level 2			Date of warning + 12 months	
	Final warning			Date of warning + 18 months	
	Case not found			If the incident is child protection related then see above otherwise dispose of at the conclusion of the case	SECURE DISPOSAL

2.5 Payroll and Pensions

	Record Type	Data Protection Issues	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period	Action at the end of the records life
2.5.1	Maternity pay records	Yes	Statutory Maternity Pay (General) Regulations 1986 (SI1986/1960), revised 1999 (SI1999/567)	Current year + 3 years	SECURE DISPOSAL
2.5.2	Records held under Retirement Benefits Schemes (Information Powers) Regulations 1995	Yes		Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL

2.6 Other Personnel Records					
	Record Type	Data Protection Issues	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period	Action at the end of the records life
2.6.1	Volunteer Personnel Records	Yes		Any relevant papers relating to the engagement of volunteers can be retained (as per 2.1) but only for as long as their engagement with the school lasts.	SECURE DISPOSAL
2.6.2	Governor / Trustee Records	Yes		Any relevant papers relating to the engagement of governors can be retained (as per 2.1) but only for their term of office plus 1 year.	SECURE DISPOSAL
2.6.3	Third party workers, supply staff etc.	Yes		The school should receive written confirmation that all checks have been undertaken, but not copies of the evidence, from the employing organisation. Where copies of such documents are received they must not be retained by the school. The school may retain a copy of the identification documents, but these documents must be destroyed when the individual ceases working at the school.	SECURE DISPOSAL

Section 3: Financial Management

3.1 Risk Management & Insurance

	Record Type	Data Protection Issues	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period	Action at the end of the records life
3.1.1	Employer's Liability Insurance Certificate	No		Closure of the school + 40 years	SECURE DISPOSAL

3.2 Asset Management

	Record Type	Data Protection Issues	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period	Action at the end of the records life
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 & Statements including Budget Management

	Record Type	Data Protection Issues	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period	Action at the end of the records life
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	No		Life of the budget + 3 years	SECURE DISPOSAL

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	Budget statements and background papers				
3.3.5	Invoices, receipts, order books and requisitions, delivery notices	No		Current financial year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL
3.3.6	Records relating to the collection and banking of monies	No		Current financial year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL
3.3.7	Records relating to the identification and collection of debt	No		Current financial year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL

3.4 Contract Management

	Record Type	Data Protection Issues	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period	Action at the end of the records life
3.4.1	All records relating to the management of contracts under seal	No	Limitation Act 1980	Last payment on 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 contract + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL
3.4.3	Records relating to the monitoring of contracts	No		Current year + 2 years	SECURE DISPOSAL

3.5 School Fund

	Record Type	Data Protection Issues	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period	Action at the end of the records life
3.5.1	School fund - Cheque books	No		Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL
3.5.2	School fund - Paying in books	No		Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL

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3.5.3	School fund - Ledger	No		Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL
3.5.4	School fund - Invoices	No		Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL
3.5.5	School fund – Receipts	No		Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL
3.5.6	School fund – Bank statements	No		Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL
3.5.7	School fund – Journey Books	No		Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL

3.6 School Meals Management

	Record Type	Data Protection Issues	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period	Action at the end of the records life
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

Section 4: Property Management

4.1 Health & Safety					
	Record Type	Data Protection Issues	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period	Action at the end of the records life
4.1.1	Health and Safety Policy Statements	No		Life of policy + 3 years	SECURE DISPOSAL
4.1.2	Health and Safety Risk Assessments	No		Life of Risk assessment + 3 years	SECURE DISPOSAL
4.1.3	Records relating to accident/ injury at work	Yes		Date of incident + 12 years. In the case of serious accidents a further retention period will need to be applied	SECURE DISPOSAL
4.1.4	Accident Reporting		Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations 1979 Regulation 25. Social Security Administration Act 1992 Section 8. Limitation Act 1980		
	Adults			Date of the incident + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL
	Children			DOB of the child + 25 years	SECURE DISPOSAL
4.1.5	Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH)	No	Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 2002. SI 2002 No 2677 Regulation 11; Records kept under the 1994 and 1999 Regulations to be kept as if the 2002 Regulations had not been made. Regulation 18(2)	Current year + 40 years	SECURE DISPOSAL

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4.1.6	Process of monitoring of areas where employees and persons are likely to have become in contact with asbestos	No	Control of Asbestos at Work Regulations 2012 SI 1012 No 632 Regulation 19	Last action + 40 years	SECURE DISPOSAL
4.1.7	Process of monitoring of areas where employees and persons are likely to have become in contact with radiation	No		Last action + 50 years	SECURE DISPOSAL
4.1.8	Fire precautions log books			Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL

4.2 Property Management

	Record Type	Data Protection Issues	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period	Action at the end of the records life
4.2.1	Title deeds of properties belonging to the school	No		PERMANENT These should follow the property unless the property has been registered with the Land Registry	
4.2.2	Plans of property belonging to the school	No		These should be retained whilst the building belongs to the school and should be passed onto any new owners if the building is leased or sold	
4.2.3	Leases of property leased by or to the school	No		Expiry of lease + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL
4.2.4	Records relating to the letting of school premises	No		Current financial year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL

4.3 Maintenance					
	Record Type	Data Protection Issues	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period	Action at the end of the records life
4.3.1	All records relating to the maintenance of the school carried out by contractors	No		Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL
4.3.2	All records relating to the maintenance of the school carried out by school employees including maintenance log books	No		Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL

Section 5: Pupil Management

5.1 Pupil's Educational Record

	Record Type	Data Protection Issues	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period	Action at the end of the records life
5.1.1	Pupil's Educational Record required by The Education (Pupil Information) (England) Regulations 2005	Yes	The Education (Pupil Information) (England) Regulations 2005 SI 2005 No. 1437		
	Primary			Retain whilst the child remains at primary school	<p>The files 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 leaves whilst at primary school the file should be returned to the Local Authority for the statutory retention period. <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. Primary Schools do not ordinarily have sufficient storage space to store records for pupils who have not</p>

					transferred in the normal way. It makes more sense to transfer the record to the Local Authority as it is more likely that the pupil will request the record from the Local Authority
	Secondary		Limitation Act 1980 (Section 2)	Date of Birth of the pupil + 25 years	SECURE DISPOSAL
5.1.2	Examination Results – Pupil Copies	Yes			
	Public			This information should be added to the pupil file	All uncollected certificates should be returned to the examination board
	Internal			This information should be added to the pupil file	
5.1.3	Child Protection information held on pupil file	Yes	“Keeping children safe in education Statutory guidance for schools and colleges March 2015”; “Working together to safeguard and promote the welfare of children March 2015	If any records relating to child protection issues are placed on the pupil file, it should be in a sealed envelope and then retained for the same period of time as the pupil file	SECURE DISPOSAL – these records MUST be shredded
5.1.4	Child Protection information held in separate files	Yes	“Keeping children safe in education Statutory guidance for schools and colleges March 2015”; “Working together to safeguard and promote the welfare of children March 2015	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	SECURE DISPOSAL – these records MUST be shredded

5.2 Attendance					
	Record Type	Data Protection Issues	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period	Action at the end of the records life
5.2.1	Attendance Registers	Yes	School attendance: Departmental advice for maintained schools, academies independent schools and local authorities October 2014	Every entry in the attendance register must be preserved for a period of three years after the date on which the entry was made.	SECURE DISPOSAL
5.2.2	Correspondence relating to authorised absence		Education Act 1996 Section 7	Current academic year + 2 years	SECURE DISPOSAL

5.3 Special Educational Needs					
	Record Type	Data Protection Issues	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period	Action at the end of the records life
5.3.1	Special Educational Needs files, reviews and Individual Education Plans	Yes	Limitation Act 1980 (Section 2)	Date of birth of pupil + 25 years	REVIEW NOTE: This retention period is the minimum retention period that any pupil file should be kept. Some authorities choose to keep SEN files for a longer period of time to defend themselves in a "failure to provide a sufficient education" case. There is an element of business risk analysis involved in any decision to keep the records longer than the minimum retention period

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					and this should be documented
5.3.2	Statement maintained under section 234 of the Education Act 1990 and any amendments made to the statement	Yes	Education Act 1996 Special Educational Needs and Disability Act 2001 Section 1	Date of birth of the pupil + 25 years [This would normally be retained on the pupil file]	SECURE DISPOSAL unless the document is subject to a legal hold
5.3.3	Advice and information provided by parents regarding educational needs	Yes	Special Educational Needs and Disability Act 2001 Section 2	Date of birth of the pupil + 25 years [This would normally be retained on the pupil file]	SECURE DISPOSAL unless the document is subject to a legal hold
5.3.4	Accessibility Strategy	Yes	Special Educational Needs and Disability Act 2001 Section 14	Date of birth of the pupil + 25 years [This would normally be retained on the pupil file]	SECURE DISPOSAL unless the document is subject to a legal hold

Section 6: Curriculum Management

6.1 Statistics and Management Information					
	Record Type	Data Protection Issues	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period	Action at the end of the records life
6.1.1	Curriculum returns	No		Current year + 3 years	SECURE DISPOSAL
6.1.2	Examination Results (Schools Copy)	Yes		Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL
	SATS records -	Yes			
	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 the whole year SAT's results. These could be kept for current year + 6 years to allow suitable comparison	SECURE DISPOSAL
	Examination Papers			The examination papers should be kept until any appeals/validation process is complete	SECURE DISPOSAL
6.1.3	Published Admission Number (PAN) Reports	Yes		Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL
6.1.4	Value Added and Contextual Data	Yes		Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL
6.1.5	Self Evaluation Forms	Yes		Current year + 6 years	SECURE DISPOSAL

6.2 Implementation of Curriculum					
	Record Type	Data Protection Issues	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period	Action at the end of the records life
6.2.1	Schemes of Work	No		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
6.2.2	Timetable	No		Current Year + 1 year	
6.2.3	Class Record Books	No		Current Year + 1 year	
6.2.4	Mark Books	No		Current Year + 1 year	
6.2.5	Record of Homework set	No		Current Year + 1 year	
6.2.6	Pupil's Work	No		Where possible 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

Section 7: Extra Curricular Activities

7.1 Educational Visits outside the Classroom					
	Record Type	Data Protection Issues	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period	Action at the end of the records life
7.1.1	Records created by schools to obtain approval to run an Educational Visit outside the Classroom – Primary Schools	No	Outdoor Education Advisers' Panel National Guidance website http://oeapng.info specifically Section 3 – “Legal Framework and Employer Systems” and Section 4 – “Good Practice”.	Date of visit + 14 years	SECURE DISPOSAL
7.1.2	Records created by schools to obtain approval to run an Educational Visit outside the Classroom – Secondary Schools	No	Outdoor Education Advisers' Panel National Guidance website http://oeapng.info specifically Section 3 – “Legal Framework and Employer Systems” and Section 4 – “Good Practice”.	Date of visit + 10 years	SECURE DISPOSAL
7.1.3	Parental consent forms for school trips where there has been no major incident	Yes		Conclusion of the trip	Although the consent forms could be retained for DOB + 22 years, the requirement for them being needed is low and most schools do not have the storage capacity to retain every single consent form issued by the school for this period of time
7.1.4	Parental permission slips for schools trips – where there has been a major incident	Yes	Limitation Act 1980 (Section 2)	DOB 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 the rules	

				had been followed for all pupils	
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7.2 Walking Bus

	Record Type	Data Protection Issues	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period	Action at the end of the records life
7.2.1	Walking Bus Registers	Yes		Date of register + 3 years. This takes into account the fact that if there is an incident requiring an accident report the register will be submitted with the accident report and kept for the period of time required for accident reporting	SECURE DISPOSAL [If these records are retained electronically any backup copies should be destroyed at the same time]

7.3 Family Liaison Officers and Home School Liaison Assistants

	Record Type	Data Protection Issues	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period	Action at the end of the records life
7.3.1	Day Books	Yes		Current year + 2 years then review	
7.3.2	Reports for outside agencies – where the report has been included on the case file created by the outside agency	Yes		Whilst child is attending school and then destroy	
7.3.3	Referral Forms	Yes		While the referral is current	
7.3.4	Contact data sheets	Yes		Current year then review, if contact is no longer active then destroy	

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7.3.5	Contact database entries	Yes		Current year then review, if contact is no longer active then destroy	
7.3.6	Group Registers	Yes		Current year + 2 years	

Section 8: Central Government & Local Authority

8.1 Local Authority					
	Record Type	Data Protection Issues	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period	Action at the end of the records life
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 Type	Data Protection Issues	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period	Action at the end of the records life
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		Operation use	SECURE DISPOSAL