



**INMANS PRIMARY SCHOOL  
RETENTION POLICY  
November 2019**

<b>Governors</b>					
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Minutes					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Principal set (signed)</li> </ul>	No		Permanent	Retain in school for 6 years from date of meeting	Transfer to Archives
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inspection copies</li> </ul>	No		Date of meeting + 3 years	DESTROY [If these minutes contain any sensitive personal information they should be shredded]	
Agendas	No		Date of meeting	DESTROY	
Reports	No		Date of report + 6 years	Retain in school for 6 years from date of meeting	Transfer to Archives [The appropriate archivist will then take a sample for permanent preservation]
Annual Parents' meeting papers	No		Date of meeting + 6 years	Retain in school for 6 years from date of meeting	Transfer to Archives [The appropriate archivist will then take a sample for permanent preservation]
Instruments of Government	No		Permanent	Retain in school whilst school is open	Transfer to Archives when the school has closed
Trusts and Endowments	No		Permanent	Retain in school whilst operationally required	Transfer to Archives
Action Plans	No		Date of action plan + 3 years	DESTROY	It may be appropriate to offer to the Archives for a sample to be taken if the school has been through a difficult period
Policy documents	No		Expiry of policy	Retain in school whilst policy is operational (this includes if the expired policy is part of a past decision making process)	Transfer to Archives [The appropriate archivist will then take a sample for permanent preservation]

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Complaints files	Yes		Date of resolution of complaint + 6 years	Retain in school for the first six years Review for further retention in the case of contentious disputes Destroy routine complaints	
Annual Reports required by the Department for Education and Skills	No	Education (Governors' Annual Reports) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2002.SI 2002 No 1171	Date of report + 10 years		Transfer to Archives [The appropriate archivist will then take a sample for permanent preservation]
Proposals for schools to become, or be established as Specialist Status schools	No		Current year + 3 years		Transfer to Archives [The appropriate archivist will then take a sample for permanent preservation]

<b>6.1 Management</b>					
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Log Books	Yes <sup>1</sup>		Date of last entry in the book + 6 years	Retain in the school for 6 years from the date of the last entry.	Transfer to the Archives
Minutes of the Senior Management Team and other internal administrative bodies	Yes <sup>1</sup>		Date of meeting + 5 years	Retain in the school for 5 years from meeting	Transfer to Archives [The appropriate archivist will then take a sample for permanent preservation]
Reports made by the head teacher or the management team	Yes <sup>1</sup>		Date of report + 3 years	Retain in the school for 3 years from meeting	Transfer to Archives [The appropriate archivist will then take a sample for permanent preservation]
Records created by head teachers, deputy head teachers, heads of year and other members of staff with administrative responsibilities	Yes <sup>1</sup>		Closure of file + 6 years	DESTROY If these records contain sensitive information they should be shredded	
Correspondence created by head teachers, deputy head teachers, heads of year and other members of staff with administrative responsibilities	No		Date of correspondence + 3 years	DESTROY If these records contain sensitive information they should be shredded	
Professional development plans	Yes		Closure + 6 years	SHRED	
School development plans	No		Closure + 6 years	Review	Offer to the Archives

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6.2 Pupils					
Basic file description	Data Prot Issues	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [operational]	Action at the end of the administrative life of the record	
Admission Registers	Yes		Date of last entry in the book (or file) + 6 years	Retain in the school for 6 years from the date of the last entry.	Transfer to the Archives
Attendance registers	Yes		Date of register + 3 years	DESTROY [If these records are retained electronically any back up copies should be destroyed at the same time]	
Pupil record cards	Yes				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Primary</li> </ul>			Retain for the time which the pupil remains at the primary school	Transfer to the secondary school (or other primary school) when the child leaves the school. In the case of exclusion it may be appropriate to transfer the record to the Behaviour Service	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Secondary</li> </ul>			DOB of the pupil + 25 years <sup>2</sup>	SHRED	
Pupil files	Yes				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Primary</li> </ul>			Retain for the time which the pupil remains at the primary school	Transfer to the secondary school (or other primary school) when the child leaves the school. In the case of exclusion it may be appropriate to transfer the record to the Behaviour Service	

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Basic file description	Data Prot Issues	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [operational]	Action at the end of the administrative life of the record	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Special Educational Needs files, reviews and Individual Education Plans</li> </ul>	Yes		DOB of the pupil + 25 year <sup>3</sup>	SHRED	
Letters authorising absence	No		Date of absence + 2 years	SHRED	
Absence books			Current year + 6 years	SHRED	
Examination results	Yes				
<i>Public</i>	No		Year of examinations + 6 years	DESTROY	Any certificates left unclaimed should be returned to the appropriate Examination Board
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Internal examination results</i></li> <li></li> </ul>	Yes		Current year + 5 years <sup>4</sup>	DESTROY	
Any other records created in the course of contact with pupils	Yes/No		Current year + 3 years	Review at the end of 3 years and either allocate a further retention period or DESTROY	
Statement maintained under The Education Act 1996 - Section 324	Yes	Special Educational Needs and Disability Act 2001 Section 1	DOB + 30 years	DESTROY unless legal action is pending	

<sup>3</sup> As above

<sup>4</sup> If these records are retained on the pupil file or in their National Record of Achievement they need only be kept for as long as operationally necessary.

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Proposed statement or amended statement	Yes	Special Educational Needs and Disability Act 2001 Section 1	DOB + 30 years	DESTROY unless legal action is pending	
Advice and information to parents regarding educational needs	Yes	Special Educational Needs and Disability Act 2001 Section 2	Closure + 12 years	DESTROY unless legal action is pending	
Accessibility Strategy	Yes	Special Educational Needs and Disability Act 2001 Section 14	Closure + 12 years	DESTROY unless legal action is pending	
Children SEN Files	Yes		Closure + 35 years	DESTROY unless legal action is pending	

### 6.3 Curriculum

Basic file description	Data Prot Issues	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [operational]	Action at the end of the administrative life of the record	
Curriculum development	No		Current year + 6 years	DESTROY	
Curriculum returns	No		Current year + 3 years	DESTROY	
School syllabus	No		Current year + 1 year	It may be appropriate to review these records at the end of each year and allocate a new retention period or DESTROY	
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 new retention period or DESTROY	
Timetable	No		Current year + 1 year	It may be appropriate to review these records at the end of each year and allocate a new retention period or DESTROY	
Class record books	No		Current year + 1 year	It may be appropriate to review these records at the end of each year and allocate a new retention period or DESTROY	
Mark Books	No		Current year + 1 year	It may be appropriate to review these records at the end of each year and allocate a new retention period or DESTROY	
Record of homework set	No		Current year + 1 year	It may be appropriate to review these records at the end of each year and allocate a new retention period or DESTROY	
Pupils' work	No		Current year + 1 year	It may be appropriate to review these records at the end of each year and allocate a new retention period or DESTROY	
Examination results	Yes		Current year + 6 years	DESTROY [These records should be shredded]	
SATS records	Yes		Current year + 6 years	DESTROY [These records should be shredded]	



6.5 Personnel					
Basic file description	Data Prot Issues	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [operational]	Action at the end of the administrative life of the record	
Timesheets, sick pay	Yes	Financial Regulations	Current year + 6 years	SHRED	
Staff Personal files	Yes <sup>5</sup>		Termination + 7 years	SHRED	
Interview notes and recruitment records	Yes		Date of interview + 6 months	SHRED	
Pre-employment vetting information (including CRB checks)	No	CRB guidelines	Date of check + 6 months	SHRED [by the designates member of staff]	
Disciplinary proceedings:	Yes		<b>Please note that all these retention periods where the warning relates to child protection issues may change in light of any recommendations made by the Bichard Inquiry.</b>		
• <i>Oral warning</i>			Date of warning + 6 months	SHRED If this is placed on a personal file, it must be weeded from the file.	
• <i>written warning – level one</i>			Date of warning + 6 months	SHRED If this is placed on a personal file, it must be weeded from the file.	
• <i>written warning – level two</i>			Date of warning + 12 months	SHRED If this is placed on a personal file, it must be weeded from the file.	
• <i>final warning</i>			Date of warning + 18 months	SHRED If this is placed on a personal file, it must be weeded from the file.	
• <i>case not found</i>			DESTROY immediately at the conclusion of the case		

<sup>5</sup> These files should be subject to KCC's open file policy where the employees are employed by RECORDS MANAGEMENT SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN as the Local Education Authority.

## 6.5 Personnel

Basic file description	Data Prot Issues	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [operational]	Action at the end of the administrative life of the record	
Records relating to accident/injury at work	Yes		Date of incident + 12 years	Review at the end of this period. In the case of serious accidents a further retention period will need to be applied	
Annual appraisal/assessment records	No		Current year + 5 years	SHRED	
Salary cards	Yes		Last date of employment + 85 years	SHRED	
Maternity pay records	Yes	Statutory Maternity Pay (General) Regulations 1986 (SI 1986/1960), revised 1999 (SI 1999/567)	Current year, +3yrs	SHRED	
Records held under Retirement Benefits Schemes (Information Powers) Regulations 1995	Yes		Current year + 6 years	SHRED	

6.4 Health and Safety					
Basic file description	Data Prot Issues	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [operational]	Action at the end of the administrative life of the record	
Accessibility Plans		Disability Discrimination Act	Current year + 6 years	DESTROY	
Accident Reporting		Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations 1979 Regulation 25. Social Security Administration Act 1992 Section 8. Limitation Act 1980			
• <i>Adults</i>	Yes		Current year + 3 years	SHRED	
• <i>Children</i>	Yes		DOB + 25 years <sup>6</sup>	SHRED	
COSHH			Current year + 10 years	Review [where appropriate an additional retention period may be allocated]	
Incident reports	Yes		Current year + 20 years	SHRED	
Policy Statements			Date of expiry + 1 year	DESTROY	
Risk Assessments			Current year + 3 years	DESTROY	

<sup>6</sup> A child may make a claim for negligence for 7 years from their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. To ensure that all records are kept until the pupil reaches the age of 25 this retention period has been applied.

**6.4 Health and Safety**

Basic file description	Data Prot Issues	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [operational]	Action at the end of the administrative life of the record	
Process of monitoring of areas where employees and persons are likely to have come in contact with <b>asbestos</b>			Last action + 40 years	DESTROY	
Process of monitoring of areas where employees and persons are likely to have come in contact with <b>radiation</b>			Last action + 50 years	DESTROY	
Fire Precautions log books			Current year + 6 years	DESTROY	

<b>6.5 Administrative</b>					
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Employer's Liability certificate			Permanent whilst the school is open	DESTROY once the school has closed	
Inventories of equipment and furniture			Current year + 6 years	DESTROY	
General file series			Current year + 5 years	Review to see whether a further retention period is required	Transfer to Archives [The appropriate archivist will then take a sample for permanent preservation]
School brochure/prospectus			Current year + 3 years		Transfer to Archives [The appropriate archivist will then take a sample for permanent preservation]
Circulars (staff/parents/pupils)			Current year + 1 year	DESTROY	
Newsletters, ephemera			Current year + 1 year	Review to see whether a further retention period is required	Transfer to Archives [The appropriate archivist will then take a sample for permanent preservation]
Visitors' book			Current year + 2 years	Review to see whether a further retention period is required	Transfer to Archives [The appropriate archivist will then take a sample for permanent preservation]
PTA/Old Pupils' Associations			Current year + 6 years	Review to see whether a further retention period is required	Transfer to Archives [The appropriate archivist will then take a sample for permanent preservation]

## 6.6 Finance

Basic file description	Data Prot Issues	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [operational]	Action at the end of the administrative life of the record	
Annual Accounts		Financial Regulations	Current year + 6 years		Offer to the Archives
Loans and grants		Financial Regulations	Date of last payment on loan + 12 years	Review to see whether a further retention period is required	Transfer to Archives [The appropriate archivist will then take a sample for permanent preservation]
Contracts					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>under seal</li> </ul>			Contract completion date + 12 years	SHRED	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>under signature</li> </ul>			Contract completion date + 6 years	SHRED	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>monitoring records</li> </ul>			Current year + 2 years	SHRED	
Copy orders			Current year + 2 years	SHRED	
Budget reports, budget monitoring etc			Current year + 3 years	SHRED	
Invoice, receipts and other records covered by the Financial Regulations		Financial Regulations	Current year + 6 years	SHRED	
Annual Budget and background papers			Current year + 6 years	SHRED	
Order books and requisitions			Current year + 6 years	SHRED	
Delivery Documentation			Current year + 6 years	SHRED	
Debtors' Records		Limitation Act 1980	Current year + 6 years	SHRED	
School Fund – Cheque books			Current year + 3 years	SHRED	

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School Fund – Paying in books			Current year + 6 years	SHRED	
School Fund – Ledger			Current year + 6 years	SHRED	
School Fund – Invoices			Current year + 6 years	SHRED	
School Fund – Receipts			Current year + 6 years	SHRED	
School Fund – Bank statements			Current year + 6 years	SHRED	
School Fund – School Journey books			Current year + 6 years	SHRED	
Applications for free school meals, travel, uniforms etc			Whilst child at school	SHRED	
Student grant applications			Current year + 3 years	SHRED	
Free school meals registers	Yes	Financial Regulations	Current year + 6 years	SHRED	
Petty cash books		Financial Regulations	Current year + 6 years	SHRED	

<b>6.7 Property</b>					
<b>Basic file description</b>	<b>Data Prot Issues</b>	<b>Statutory Provisions</b>	<b>Retention Period [operational]</b>	<b>Action at the end of the administrative life of the record</b>	
Title Deeds			Permanent	These should follow the property	Offer to Archives
Plans			Permanent	Retain in school whilst operational then	Offer to Archives

6.7 Property					
Basic file description	Data Prot Issues	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [operational]	Action at the end of the administrative life of the record	
Maintenance and contractors		Financial Regulations	Current year + 6 years	DESTROY	
Leases			Expiry of lease + 6 years	DESTROY	
Lettings			Current year + 3 years	DESTROY	
Burglary, theft and vandalism report forms			Current year + 6 years	SHRED	
Maintenance log books			Last entry + 10 years	DESTROY	
Contractors' Reports			Current year + 6 years	DESTROY	

6.8 LEA					
Basic file description	Data Prot Issues	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [operational]	Action at the end of the administrative life of the record	
Secondary transfer sheets (Primary)	Yes		Current year + 2 years	SHRED	
Attendance returns	Yes		Current year + 1 year	DESTROY	
Circulars from LEA			Whilst operationally required	Review to see whether a further retention period is required	Transfer to Archives [The appropriate archivist will then take a sample for permanent preservation]



**6.9 DfES**

<b>Basic file description</b>	<b>Data Prot Issues</b>	<b>Statutory Provisions</b>	<b>Retention Period [operational]</b>	<b>Action at the end of the administrative life of the record</b>	
HMI reports			These do not need to be kept any longer		Transfer to Archives [The appropriate archivist will then take a sample for permanent preservation]
OFSTED reports and papers			Replace former report with any new inspection report	Review to see whether a further retention period is required	Transfer to Archives [The appropriate archivist will then take a sample for permanent preservation]
Returns			Current year + 6 years	DESTROY	
Circulars from DfES			Whilst operationally required	Review to see whether a further retention period is required	Transfer to Archives [The appropriate archivist will then take a sample for permanent preservation]

6.10 Connexions					
Basic file description	Data Prot Issues	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [operational]	Action at the end of the administrative life of the record	
Service level agreements			Until superseded	SHRED	
Work Experience agreement			DOB of child + 18 years	SHRED	

6.11 School Meals					
Basic file description	Data Prot Issues	Statutory Provisions	Retention Period [operational]	Action at the end of the administrative life of the record	
Dinner Register			Current year + 3 years	SHRED	
School Meals Summary Sheets			Current year + 3 years	SHRED	