DATA RETENTION PERIODS FOR SCHOOLS

Pupil Related	Retention Periods
School Register/Roll Books Enrolment Forms Disciplinary notes (of a serious nature) Bí Cineálta Records Test Results – Standardised Psychological Assessments etc. SEN Files/IEPS Accident Reports (of a serious nature) Child Protection Reports/Records S.29 Appeals	Indefinitely Hold until Pupil is 25 Years Never Destroy Never Destroy Hold until pupil is 25 Years Never Destroy
Interview Records	
Interview Board Marking Scheme Board of Management notes (for unsuccessful candidates)	18 months from close of competition plus 6 months in case Equality Tribunal needs to inform school that a claim is being taken
Staff Records	
Contract of Employment Teaching Council Registration Vetting Records	Retention for duration of employment + 7 years
Accident/Injury at work Reports	(6 years to make a claim against the school plus 1 year for proceedings to be served on school)
BoM Records	
BOM Agenda and Minutes CC TV Recordings	Indefinitely 28 days normally. In the event of criminal investigation – as long as is necessary
Payroll & Taxation	Revenue require a 6-year period after the end of the tax year
Invoices/receipts	Retain for 7 Years
Audited Accounts	Indefinitely

Why, in certain circumstances, does the Data Protection Commission recommend the holding of records until the former pupil has attained 25 years of age?

The reasoning is that a pupil reaches the age of majority at 18 years and that there should be a 6-year limitation period in which it would be possible to take a claim against a school, plus 1 year for proceedings to be served on a school. The Statute of Limitations imposes a limit on a right of action so that after a prescribed period any action can be time barred.