

JOHN TAYLOR MULTI ACADEMY TRUST



ICT Security Backup Policy

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1.0	M. Crompton	01/04/2017	First Draft
1.1	M. Crompton	26/10/2017	Amendments as per the Audit Committee (RE: Email dated 12 th October 2017)
1.2	M. Crompton	22/11/2017	Continued amendments as per the Audit Committee (RE: Email dated 12 th October 2017)
1.3	M. Crompton	12/11/2021	Updated responsibilities for backups
1.4	M. Crompton	08/11/2022	Removed reference to PSF as the Trust is moving to a cloud solution and rebranded "partner organisation" to "individual academies".

Context

Good robust backup procedures are vital to ensure continuity of services in the event of a system failure or accidental deletion. Across JTMAT Schools we employ a backup strategy that it fit for purpose and provides a robust platform in which to restore systems and/or work.

This policy aims to provide all members of the JTMAT community (staff and students alike) with a detailed understanding of the backup procedures employed and what is/is not backed up.

Scope of Policy

Any reference to 'the employer' refers to John Taylor Multi-Academy Trust. The 'appropriate level of authority' should be determined according to the employer's decision making structure. This policy applies to employees, visitors and students of the organisation whom have access to the network.

The policy and procedure applies to JTMAT IT Services and all partner organisations, but does not form part of any contract and can be varied from time to time and in consultation with the appropriate bodies.

What is backed up?

Staff and students have a variety of locations on which files can be stored, it is important to understand which areas are routinely backed up and which are not.

By JTMAT IT Services

IT Services ensure centrally held data such as PSFinancials and associated information; file, scanned documents and database are backed up on a regular schedule. This does not include the remote access mechanism used by some or partner schools/academies.

By each School/Academy

Each school will ensure the following areas at a minimum are backed up (if appropriate);

- Staff Shared Area
- Student Shared Area
- Public Drives
- Web servers including any associated databases, configuration and files
- MIS including any associated databases, configuration and files
- User Document Storage
- Specific servers holding the following roles*:

Domain Controllers (DC)	Internet Information Servers (IIS)	Database (SQL/MySQL)	Servers
Domain Name Services (DNS)	DirSync (O365)	PSFinancials	
Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP)	Deployment Services (SCCM)		

*This list is by no means exhaustive and it is expected each school/academy to back up enough data to ensure a full network restore could be initiated if required.

What is not backed up?

The following areas and/or devices are not backed up by IT Services and it is the individual's responsibility to ensure adequate secure backups are taken;

- Office 365 Content; including but not limited to OneDrive, OneNote, SharePoint, Email, Calendars and Contacts. Office 365 has its own data recovery systems in place.
- Google Contents; including but not limited to Drive, Teams, Sites, Keep, Email, Calendars and Contacts.
- Removeable Media
- Memory Sticks or External Hard Disks
- Camera media including SD Cards
- iPad or Android Devices, including any apps or files stored on them
- Staff laptops unless files are saved to the Documents folder for shared drives
- Apple MAC Devices

If you are unsure if an area is backed up by your local academy please contact IT Services to discuss your concerns and/or an appropriate backup strategy.

Responsibilities

A good robust backup procedure is vital to ensure the continuity of services in the event of a partial or full systems failure therefore it is important to define the responsibilities of each person or organisation involved.

The Trust

The enforcement of the policy lies with John Taylor Multi-Academy Trust although it has chosen to discharge this responsibly to the Strategic Network Manager.

Strategic Network Manager

The Strategic Network Manager is responsible for ensuring this policy is implemented and adhered to across each of JTMATs partner organisations including nominating an individual at each site to monitor the backup strategy and report any issues accordingly.

In addition the Strategic Network Manager is responsible for ensuring core Trust systems are backed up.

The Strategic Network Manager is also responsible for devising and updating a Disaster Recovery Plan to ensure continuity of service in the event of a systems failure.

Individuals Academies

Each academy will nominate a person responsible for the day to day management and implementation of the backup policy. They will provide a single point of contact for issues relating to the backup and restoration of services and/or files.

Nominated individuals are responsible for:

- Reporting any issues with the backup strategy or job to the Strategic Network Manager
- Feeding back any improvements to the backup strategy to the Strategic Network Manager
- Recording backups, media used and retention period
- Swapping media as and when required
- Passing backups to the person responsible for Off-Site storage, recording this appropriately to comply with Data Protection (DPA) and General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) Acts.
- Routinely testing the backup media to ensure they contain valid backups and recoding this appropriately

Each academy is also responsible for providing:

- a safe and secure storage location for backup media away from the backup device, including the provision of a fire proof safe rated for at least 90 minutes
- off-site storage personnel (those who take backups off-site) with appropriate storage e.g. a lockable safe. If multiple academies use the same named individual for off-site storage this cost/responsibility could be shared

*Please see Appendix 1 for sample documentation and recording sheets.

Staff/Students

Staff and students are responsible for backing up any files that are stored in areas that are not backed up (see above list). If you require any help in deciding a backup schedule or how to create a backup please contact IT Services.

It is advised that any backup taken should not be keep on the same medium or in the same location as the files you have backed up.

Backup Schedule

Monday-Thursday (Weekly)

Due to the large amounts of data generated daily it is impossible to create full backup daily, therefore JTMAT has implemented a process of incremental backups during the working week. This process involves backing up files that have changed since the last backup whether that be full or incremental. Combining this type of backup with a full backup ensure we have a robust backup strategy should a system fail.

Friday (Weekly)

A full backup is taken every Friday starting at various times depending on the individual organisations requirements of all the files stored in the locations described above. This backup run over the weekend and can take up to 72 hours to complete.

During this time, the availability of the websites and SIMS may vary as the services are stopped to ensure that all files are backed up.

This backup is then transferred to offline media e.g. tape which is then stored securely off-site by the nominated person.

The tapes are reused after 4-5 weeks and any files contained are overwritten with a new backup.

School Holidays

During some holidays (for example for the summer) the backup schedule may be suspended as the number of files being modified or created is minimal.

Monthly

A full backup is taken on the last Friday of every month starting at starting at various times depending on the individual organisations requirements of all the files stored in the locations described above. This backup run over the weekend and can take up to 72 hours to complete.

This backup is then transferred to offline media e.g. tape which is then stored securely on-site for a maximum of 12 months.

Yearly (July)

A full backup is taken at the end of every academic year to ensure that files for staff and student that have left is backed up and can be retrieved on request. No user files will be deleted before this backup has taken place.

Testing/Auditing

Ensuring a backup is valid is an important step in the backup process and will be conducted once a month using the following this procedure:

1. A text file on the root of all servers will be created titled "Backup Test" and will contain the following line of information "This is a file used to test the restore function of external media sets"
2. Once a monthly backup has completed successfully, this set will be used
3. Using a minimum of 3 servers the file located on the root must be deleted
4. Restoring from the media taken off site (usually tape), the files deleted in the previous step must be restored and opened to check contents
5. Complete the documentation as required (see appendix 1)
6. Any issues must be reported to the Strategic Network Manager immediately due to the potential impact should a partial or full system failure occur.

Appendix 1 - Example Documentation

Backup Log Record

DATE	Tape Set Name	RETENTION	Tapes Used	NOTES	Location
Monday, July 1, 2013		For Ever	6649-1, 6645-2	CC4 Curric EOY 2013	Safe
Monday, July 1, 2013		For Ever	6659-1	Admin EOY 2013 (July)	Safe
Thursday, May 7, 2015		For Ever	6667-1	CC4 Old Teaching Staff	Safe
Thursday, July 9, 2015		For Ever	6640-1	CC4 Staff/Student Archive	Safe
Sunday, October 18, 2015		For Ever	6647, 0888, 6642	CC4 Backup - Pre Transfer	Safe
Saturday, October 24, 2015		For Ever	6672, 6677, 6679	Final CC4 Backup (Backup Exec)	Safe
Wednesday, July 13, 2016	EOY 2016	For Ever	6681, 6682, 6684, 6683, 6685	Complete no errors	Safe
Saturday, November 26, 2016	MONTH 3	3 months	0886-1, 0887-2, 6646-3, 6655-4	Complete no errors	Safe
Saturday, December 17, 2016	EOT (Autumn)	1 Year	0889, 6643, 6671, 6676	Complete no errors	Safe
Saturday, January 21, 2017	MONTH 1	3 months	6670, 6675, 6678, 6686	Complete no errors	Safe

PSF Log

Tapes Used by Date

Tapes Used	DATE	Notes	Retention	Location
PSF - Monday 1	20 March 2017	Complete no errors	2 Weeks	Offsite (A.Duncan)
PSF - Tuesday 1	21 March 2017	Complete no errors	2 Weeks	Safe
PSF - Wednesday 1	22 March 2017	Complete no errors	2 Weeks	Safe
PSF - Thursday 1	23 March 2017	Complete no errors	2 Weeks	Safe
PSF - Monday 2	27 March 2017	Complete no errors	2 Weeks	Safe
PSF - Tuesday 2	28 March 2017	Complete no errors	2 Weeks	Safe
PSF - Wednesday 2	29 March 2017	Complete no errors	2 Weeks	Safe
PSF - Thursday 2	16 March 2017	Complete no errors	2 weeks	Safe

External Backup Test

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Test Restore Log

In order to conduct this test please follow the procedure below:

1. Identify a minimum of 3 but maximum of 6 servers and record below
2. Browse to the root of each server and delete the following file "Backup Test"
3. Restore using external media (usually tape) the files you have just deleted
4. Confirm you can open and read the contents of each file
5. If successful upload to the JTMAT IT Service Portal
6. If any of the test are unsuccessful notify the Strategic Network Manager immediately.

Organisation Details

Organisation Name	
Date of Test	
Person Conducting Test	

Backup Set Details

Date of Backup Set	
Name of Backup Set	

Server Details

Server Name	Success	Failure	Notes

Strategic Network Manager Notified?	
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