Aurora LD Limited

Annual report and financial statements for the year ended 30 April 2020

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Strategic report

The directors present their strategic report on Aurora LD Limited ("The Company") for the year ended 30 April 2020.

Principal activities

The Company is a provider of education and care for children, young people and adults with special needs. During the year the Company operated Aurora St Christopher's School, Aurora Grace House School and Aurora Hyde Lodge from a site situated close to Bristol City centre.

- Hyde Lodge offers a supportive living and learning environment for young adults with a range of profound and multiple needs that may include challenging behaviour, severe communication difficulties and complex health needs.
- Aurora St Christopher's School was a DfE registered Independent Residential Special School providing specialist
 education for pupils aged 5 to 19 years with severe language and communication difficulties and with profound and
 multiple learning difficulties including physical and sensory needs. These may be as a result of autism, cerebral palsy or
 other conditions that may also include complex health needs.
- Aurora Grace House School was a day school providing specialist education for pupils aged 5 to 19 years with severe learning difficulties.

Aurora St Christopher's children's home had its registration suspended by Ofsted on 29 July 2019, and the directors took the decision to voluntarily cancel the registration and alternative arrangements were made for residents. Following this decision, Aurora Grace House School was established to continue to provide specialist day school education to students. This service was closed in March 2020.

Results

The loss for the year amounted to £4,269,875 (2019: £500,863 profit). The Company has net liabilities of £2,416,684 (2019: net assets of £1,853,191). This is in line with expectations, typical for a business in its infancy and is further explained in the going concern accounting policy.

Key performance indicators

The directors use a number of non-financial performance indicators for the Company. However, those deemed to be key are regulatory gradings, because these are widely recognised by service users. The most recent can be found at the following websites: www.cqc.org.uk and www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ofsted.

The directors consider the financial key performance indicators for the Company to be turnover and earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation (EBITDA). These metrics best reflect the financial performance of the Company and are consistent with how the finances of the business are assessed and managed on an operational basis. In addition, cash flow and net debt is reviewed by the business on a regular basis.

	Continuing	Discontinued	Total	Continuing	Discontinued	Total
	Year to	Year to	Year to	Year to	Year to	Year to
	30 April	30 April	30 April	30 April	30 April	30 April
	2020	2020	2020	2019	2019	2019
Turnover	£1,253,406	£2,380,989	£3,634,395	£1,254,208	£8,306,000	£9,560,208
EBITDA	£428.080	(£4.818.546)	(£4.390.466)	£369.162	£605.275	£974.437

The reduction in turnover and EBITDA is due to the closure of the Aurora St Christopher's School and Aurora Grace House School, which are shown within discontinuing operations. The Company continues to operate Hyde Lodge, graded by the Care Quality Commission as an Outstanding provision at its last inspection on 28 March 2018.

Principal risks and uncertainties

The directors recognise that the degree of exposure to risks and the Company's ability to manage those risks effectively will influence how successful the business is. The directors identify, assess and manage the risks associated with the business objectives and strategy. Below are the principal risks and uncertainties that may affect the Company and mitigating factors.

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Strategic report (continued)

Principal risks and uncertainties (continued)

Economic and policy risk

The majority of the Company's revenue from the next financial year is generated from Local Authorities, Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) and other publicly funded bodies. As such, the success of the Company is linked to the willingness of such public bodies to fund the Company services. Uncertainty surrounds public body budgets and policy. A change in either, relating to education, health and social care, may pose a risk to the Company. To mitigate this risk, the Company endeavours to keep abreast of future and proposed legislative changes, assesses public body demand through regular dialogue, and reviews fees and value for money within the marketplace.

The directors have considered the consequences of the UK leaving the European Union (EU). The Group neither exports nor makes significant imports but does employ staff from other EU countries. The directors do not anticipate any immediate impact on the availability of its current staff and continues to monitor the situation.

The directors have considered the consequences of the Covid-19 outbreak. In line with government policy, the service has remained open with suitable measures in place and should users be unable to attend, the Company has invested in alternative provisions to enable remote support. The government has committed to fund users until at least August 2021 and so revenues have not been affected by this outbreak. Contingency plans have been developed in line with government advice and guidance if there is an outbreak in a service with staff, residents and parents/carers being regularly updated. The directors do not anticipate any immediate negative impact on the operations of the service and continues to monitor the situation.

Regulatory risk

All Aurora Group services are regulated by the Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills (Ofsted) or the Care Quality Commission (CQC). The key risks posed by operating within a heavily regulated environment are the introduction of new regulations and failure to meet existing regulations. Failure to comply with regulatory requirements may result in de-regulation of a service, the loss of child, young person and adult placements, and reputational risk. To mitigate regulatory risk, robust policies and procedures have been implemented throughout the Company, a Governance framework established, regular internal audits completed, and quality inspections are carried out by an independent team. Further to this, rigorous recruitment and training procedures are in place to ensure that our employees are appropriately equipped to work within our services.

Business and operational risk

The success of the business depends on the ability of management to identify services for which there is demand and to build or acquire suitable sites at an appropriate price in order to align services to this demand. The Company then relies on efficient and well controlled processes.

The potential impact and likelihood of processes failing and operational risk materialising is assessed on a regular basis. Where these likelihoods are felt to be outside the directors' appetite for risk, management actions and/or control, improvements are identified in order to bring each potential risk back to within acceptable levels. The Company also has a disaster recovery plan in place for all services covering current business requirements. There is a system of internal controls which seeks to ensure that events which would damage the reputation of the business are prevented. Management is active in seeking knowledge on changes to the business environment which may have an impact on the way that the Company does business.

Credit risk

The credit risk is primarily attributable to the Company's trade debtors, which are predominantly public bodies. The amount presented in the balance sheet is net of allowance for doubtful receivables. The credit risk is limited because the debtors are public bodies and there is no indication that there has been a change in their ability to pay. The public bodies concerned have not been downgraded as a result of the UK's decision to leave the EU.

Liquidity risk

By managing liquidity, the Company aims to ensure it can meet its financial obligations as and when they fall due.

As detailed in Note 1, the financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, in support of which the Board has reviewed the Company's trading forecasts for the next 12 months taking into account the current macroeconomic environment. As a result, the directors are confident that the assumptions underlying these forecasts are reasonable and that the Group will be able to operate on this basis.

Strategic report (continued)

Future developments

The directors expect the general level of activity from continuing operations to remain consistent with 2020 in the forthcoming year, as demand and popularity of the service remains stable. The directors do not foresee any events outside the Company's control which are expected to have a significant impact on the business. The directors have assessed risks to the business above.

Approved by the Board and signed on its behalf by:

S Ramalingam Director

Date: 28 October 2020

Directors' report

The directors present their annual report on the affairs and the audited financial statements of Aurora LD Limited, together with the audited financial statements and auditor's report for the year ended 30 April 2020.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis, which the directors believe to be appropriate for the following reasons.

The Company is a 100% owned subsidiary of Aurora Care and Education Holdings Limited, the parent company of The Aurora Group. The majority of the Company's liabilities represent amounts due to fellow Group companies. The entity has received a letter of support from the directors of the Aurora Care and Education Holdings Limited group which states they will provide financial support such that the Company remains a going concern for a period of at least 12 months from date of signing of these financial statements. The directors of the Company have assessed the ability of Aurora Care and Education Holdings Limited to provide this support. The Aurora Group has loans payable totalling £70,081,614 for which the facilities have been extended and are repayable on 31 December 2021. The extension of the loan facilities included the agreement of a new quarterly EBITDA financial covenant, which have been set based on the forecast EBITDA financial performance of the Group up to 31 December 2021. In the period post year end the Group have performed favourably against forecast; occupancy, turnover and EBITDA have all performed above forecast levels. Management have performed sensitivity analysis on key inputs to the forecasts considering; expected occupancy growth and staff costs. The directors therefore have a reasonable expectation that the financial covenant will be met based on their review of performance to date and cost control measures available to them. Based on this the Company directors have concluded that, as Aurora Care and Education Holdings Limited has control over all entities with the group, they have control and the ability to access sufficient funds to provide this level of support.

The directors have reviewed key forecast results for the Company being occupancy levels, operating and non-operating cash flows and determined they are adequate to remain a going concern.

From March 2020, a Covid-19 pandemic outbreak resulted in government measures including amongst other things social distancing and shielding of vulnerable people. However, in line with Government policy, the services have remained open and, where pupils have been unable to attend, the Group has invested in measures to enable remote learning and support. The government has committed to fund places regardless of whether users physically attend the services until at least August 2021 and so revenues have not been affected by this outbreak.

The Group has developed contingency plans if an outbreak was to occur at a site to minimise the risk to users and staff and to the financial health of the Group including options not limited to closing schools and providing remote learning or, for residential users, isolating the house that the outbreak is in. From these scenarios, the directors believe that the Company has sufficient resources to manage these risks.

This has meant that Covid-19 has minimal impact on the accounts and the Company continues to operate as a going concern. Detailed forecasts and assumptions related to Covid-19 have not been prepared as these would not have a significant impact on the Company's ability to be a going concern.

Based on this undertaking, the directors believe that it remains appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis.

Directors

The directors who served the Company during the year and up to the date of the report, unless otherwise stated, were as follows:

S Ramalingam

D Slater

J Young (appointed 2 May 2019, resigned 13 December 2019)

Dividend

No dividend was declared or paid in the current year or in the prior year. The directors continue not to recommend payment of a dividend.

Political contributions

The Company has made no political contributions or incurred any political expenditure during either year.

Directors' indemnities

The Company has made qualifying third party indemnity provisions for the benefit of its directors which were made during the year and remain in force at the date of this report.

Directors' report (continued)

Disabled employees

Applications for employment by disabled persons are always fully considered, bearing in mind the abilities of the applicant concerned. In the event of members of staff becoming disabled every effort is made to ensure that their employment with the Company continues and that appropriate training is arranged. It is the policy of the Company that the training, career development and promotion of disabled persons should, as far as possible, be identical to that of other employees.

Employee consultation

The Company places considerable value on the involvement of its employees and has continued to keep them informed on matters affecting them as employees and on the various factors affecting the performance of the Company. This is achieved through formal and informal meetings and via Company communications to employees. Employee representatives are consulted regularly on a wide range of matters affecting their current and future interests.

Creditor payment policy

The Company's policy, in relation to all its suppliers, is to settle the terms of payment when agreeing the terms of the transaction and to abide by those terms, provided that it is satisfied that the supplier has provided the goods or services in accordance with the agreed terms and conditions. The Company does not follow any code or standard on payment practice.

Future developments

The future developments of the Company are detailed within the strategic report on page 2.

Financial risk management objective and policies

The Company's activities expose it to a number of financial risks including credit risk and liquidity risk. The use of financial derivatives is governed by the Group's policies which are outlined within the strategic report.

Auditor

Each of the persons who is a director at the date of approval of this report confirms that:

- so far as the director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditor is unaware; and
- the director has taken all the steps that he/she ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself/herself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditor is aware of that information.

This confirmation is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of s418 of the Companies Act 2006.

Pursuant to section 487 of the Companies Act 2006, the auditor will be deemed to be reappointed and Deloitte LLP will therefore continue in office.

Approved by the Board and signed on its behalf by:

S Ramalingam

Director

Date: 28 October 2020

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Directors' responsibilities statement

The directors are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting standards and applicable law) including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of the profit or loss of the Company for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and
 explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Independent auditor's report to the members of Aurora LD Limited

Report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements of Aurora LD Limited (the 'Company'):

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at 30 April 2020 and of its loss for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland"; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

We have audited the financial statements which comprise:

- the statement of comprehensive income;
- the balance sheet:
- the statement of changes in equity; and
- the related notes 1 to 19.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report.

We are independent of the Company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the Financial Reporting Council's (the 'FRC's') Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

We are required by ISAs (UK) to report in respect of the following matters where:

- the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the directors have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the Company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

We have nothing to report in respect of these matters.

Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in respect of these matters.

Responsibilities of directors

As explained more fully in the directors' responsibilities statement, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Independent auditor's report to the members of Aurora LD Limited (continued)

Responsibilities of directors (continued)

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the FRC's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Report on other legal and regulatory requirements

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the strategic report and the directors' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the strategic report and the directors' report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified any material misstatements in the strategic report or the directors' report.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

Under the Companies Act 2006 we are required to report in respect of the following matters if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- · certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- · we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

We have nothing to report in respect of these matters.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Company and the Company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Michelle Hopton (Senior statutory auditor) For and on behalf of Deloitte LLP

Statutory Auditor Bristol, United Kingdom

28 October 2020

Statement of comprehensive income *For the year ended 30 April 2020*

	Note	Yea Continuing operations £	r to 30 April 2020 Discontinued operations £	Total	Yea Continuing operations £	r to 30 April 2019 Discontinued operations £	Total £
Turnover	3	1,253,406	2,380,989	3,634,395	1,254,208	8,306,000	9,560,208
Cost of sales		(753,531)	(4,084,228)	(4,837,759)	(829,630)	(6,720,126)	(7,549,756)
Gross (loss)/profit		499,875	(1,703,239)	(1,203,364)	424,578	1,585,874	2,010,452
Administrative expenses Impairment Exceptional items	4	(104,226) - -	(1,404,592) (1,775,627) (269,913)	(1,508,818) (1,775,627) (269,913)	(73,127)	(1,279,731)	(1,352,858)
(Loss)/profit before taxation	ı 5	395,649	(5,153,371)	(4,757,722)	351,451	306,143	657,594
Taxation	8	(47,338)	535,185	487,847	(6,311)	(150,420)	(156,731)
(Loss)/profit for the financial year	e	348,311	(4,618,186)	(4,269,875)	345,140	155,723	500,863
Total comprehensive (expense)/income for the year		348,311	(4,618,186)	(4,269,875)	345,140	. 155,723	500,863

The Company has no recognised gains or losses other than the results as set out above.

The notes on pages 12 to 22 form part of these financial statements.

Balance sheet

As at 30 April 2020

	Note	As at 30 April 2020	As at 30 April 2019
	Note	50 April 2020 £	50 April 2019 £
Fixed assets			
Intangible assets	9	35,620	403,823
Tangible assets	10	11,106,424	11,784,991
		11,142,044	12,188,814
Current assets			
Debtors	11	1,055,964	2,189,282
Cash at bank and in hand		59,671	206,428
Deferred tax asset	12	678,230	729,665
		1,793,865	3,125,375
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	13	(15,352,593)	(13,459,155)
Net current liabilities		(13,558,728)	(10,333,780)
Total assets less current liabilities		(2,416,684)	1,855,034
Provisions for liabilities	14	-	(1,843)
Net (liabilities)/assets		(2,416,684)	1,853,191
			
Capital and reserves Called-up share capital	16	1	•
Profit and loss account	16 16	(2,416,685)	1,853,190
Total wire 1000 abbotain	10	(2,410,003)	
Shareholder's (deficit)/funds		(2,416,684)	1,853,191

These financial statements were approved by the directors and authorised for issue on 28 October 2020 and are signed on their behalf by:

S Ramalingam

Director

Aurora LD Limited

Company Registration Number: 10015602

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Statement of changes in equity For the year ended 30 April 2020

	Called-up share capital £	Profit and loss account £	Total £
At 1 May 2018 Profit for the financial year	1 	1,352,327 500,863	1,352,328 500,863
Total comprehensive income		500,863	500,863
At 30 April 2019 Loss for the financial year	1	1,853,190 (4,269,875)	1,853,191 (4,269,875)
Total comprehensive expense	<u> </u>	(4,269,875)	(4,269,875)
At 30 April 2020	1	(2,416,685)	(2,416,684)

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Notes to the financial statements

For the year ended 30 April 2020

1 Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. They have all been applied consistently throughout the year and in the proceeding period.

a. General information and basis of accounting

Aurora LD Limited is a private company limited by shares registered in England and Wales under the Companies Act. The address of the registered office is given on page 5. The nature of the Company's operations and its principal activities are set out in the Strategic report on pages 1 to 3.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102) issued by the Financial Reporting Council.

The functional currency of Aurora LD Limited is considered to be pounds sterling because that is the currency of the economic environment in which the Company operates. The financial statements are also presented in pounds sterling.

Aurora LD Limited meets the definition of a qualifying entity under FRS 102 and has therefore taken advantage of the disclosure exemptions available to it in respect of its separate financial statements. Aurora LD Limited is consolidated in the financial statements of its parent, Aurora Care and Education Holdings Limited, which may be obtained at Companies House, Cardiff CF14 3UZ. Exemptions have been applied in these separate Company financial statements in relation to financial instruments, presentation of a cash flow statement, remuneration of key management personnel and related parties transactions.

b. Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis, which the directors believe to be appropriate for the following reasons.

The Company is a 100% owned subsidiary of Aurora Care and Education Holdings Limited, the parent company of The Aurora Group. The majority of the Company's liabilities represent amounts due to fellow Group companies. The entity has received a letter of support from the directors of the Aurora Care and Education Holdings Limited group which states they will provide financial support such that the Company remains a going concern for a period of at least 12 months from date of signing of these financial statements. The directors of the Company have assessed the ability of Aurora Care and Education Holdings Limited to provide this support. The Aurora Group has loans payable totalling £70,081,614 for which the facilities have been extended and are repayable on 31 December 2021. The extension of the loan facilities included the agreement of a new quarterly EBITDA financial covenant, which have been set based on the forecast EBITDA financial performance of the Group up to 31 December 2021. In the period post year end the Group have performed favourably against forecast; occupancy, turnover and EBITDA have all performed above forecast levels. Management have performed sensitivity analysis on key inputs to the forecasts considering; expected occupancy growth and staff costs. The directors therefore have a reasonable expectation that the financial covenant will be met based on their review of performance to date and cost control measures available to them. Based on this the Company directors have concluded that, as Aurora Care and Education Holdings Limited has control over all entities with the group, they have control and the ability to access sufficient funds to provide this level of support.

The directors have reviewed key forecast results for the Company being occupancy levels, operating and non-operating cash flows and determined they are adequate to remain a going concern.

From March 2020, a Covid-19 pandemic outbreak resulted in government measures including amongst other things social distancing and shielding of vulnerable people. However, in line with Government policy, the services have remained open and, where pupils have been unable to attend, the Group has invested in measures to enable remote learning and support. The government has committed to fund places regardless of whether users physically attend the services until at least August 2021 and so revenues have not been affected by this outbreak.

The Group has developed contingency plans if an outbreak was to occur at a site to minimise the risk to users and staff and to the financial health of the Group including options not limited to closing schools and providing remote learning or, for residential users, isolating the house that the outbreak is in. From these scenarios, the directors believe that the Company has sufficient resources to manage these risks.

This has meant that Covid-19 has minimal impact on the accounts and the Company continues to operate as a going concern. Detailed forecasts and assumptions related to Covid-19 have not been prepared as these would not have a significant impact on the Company's ability to be a going concern.

Based on this undertaking, the directors believe that it remains appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis.

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c. Discontinued operations

A discontinued operation is a component of the Company that no longer operates. Profit or loss from discontinued operations and the post-tax gain or loss recognised on the measurement of assets to fair values less costs to sell

d. Turnover

Turnover represents sales of education and care services net of Value Added Tax and discounts. Turnover represents the value of the consideration services provided under contracts to the extent that there is a right to consideration and is recorded at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable. Turnover is recognised in the accounting year in which the services are rendered.

Where a contract has only been partially completed at the balance sheet date, turnover represents the fair value of the service provided to date based on the stage of completion of the contract activity at the balance sheet date.

Where payments are received from customers in advance of services provided, the amounts are recorded as deferred income, which is recognised as income over the respective terms of the agreements. Turnover on contracts exceeding one year is recognised on a straight-line basis over the term of the contract.

e. Cost of sales

Cost of sales are fees and costs directly associated with generating turnover and are recognised on an accruals basis. Cost of sales comprise salaries and direct operating costs in relation to operating the services.

f. Intangible assets - Goodwill

Goodwill arising on the acquisition of subsidiary and associated undertakings and businesses, representing any excess of the fair value of the consideration given over the provisional fair value of the identifiable assets and liabilities acquired, is capitalised and amortised on a straight-line basis over its estimated useful economic life, as follows:

Goodwill – 10 years

Goodwill is assessed for impairment when there are indicators of impairment and any impairment is charged to the statement of comprehensive income. Reversals of impairment are recognised when the reasons for impairment no longer apply.

g. Intangible fixed assets

Intangible assets are stated at cost less accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment losses. Amortisation is calculated, using the straight-line method, to allocate the depreciable amount of the assets to their residual values over their estimated useful lives, as follows:

10 years

Customer relationships

Amortisation is charged to administrative expenses in the statement of comprehensive income. Where there is indication that the residual value, useful life or amortisation rate are amended prospectively to reflect the new circumstances. The assets are reviewed for impairment if the above factors indicate that the carrying amount may be impaired.

h. Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment. Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, other than freehold land, at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation, less estimated residual value, of each asset on a straight-line basis over its expected useful life as follows:

Computer hardware and software	3 years
Motor vehicles	4 years
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	ς λears
sgnibliuB	50 years
band	not depreciated

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1 Accounting policies (continued)

h. Tangible fixed assets (continued)

Assets under construction are recorded within fixed assets and are not depreciated as these assets are not available for use in the business. Upon completion, the assets are transferred to the appropriate fixed asset category and are depreciated as described above.

The carrying amounts of the Company's assets are reviewed for impairment when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of the fixed asset may not be recoverable. If any such indications exist, the asset's recoverable amount is estimated. An impairment loss is recognised whenever the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its recoverable amount. Impairment losses are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income unless they arise on a previously revalued fixed asset. An impairment loss on a revalued fixed asset is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income if it is caused by a clear consumption of economic benefits. Otherwise impairments are recognised in the statement of total recognised gains and losses until the carrying amount reaches the asset's depreciated historic cost.

i. Taxation

Current tax is provided at amounts expected to be paid (or recovered) using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date where transactions or events that result in an obligation to pay more tax in the future or the right to pay less tax in the future have occurred at the balance sheet date. Timing differences are differences between the Company's taxable profits and its results as stated in the financial statements that arise from the inclusion of gains or losses in tax assessments in periods different from those in which they are recognised in the financial statements.

Unrelieved tax losses and other deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that, on the basis of all available evidence, it can be regarded as more likely than not that there will be suitable taxable profits from which the future reversal of the underlying timing differences can be deducted.

Deferred tax is measured using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date that are expected to apply to the reversal of the timing difference.

Where items recognised in other comprehensive income are chargeable to or deductible for tax purposes, the resulting current or deferred tax expense or income is presented in the same component of comprehensive income as the transaction or other event that resulted in the tax expense or income.

j. Post-retirement benefits

The Company operates defined contribution pension schemes. The assets of the schemes are held separately from those of the Company in independently administered funds. The amount charged to the statement of comprehensive income represents the contributions payable to the schemes in the year. Differences between contributions payable in the year and contributions actually paid are shown as either accruals or prepayments in the balance sheet.

k. Financial instruments

Financial assets and liabilities

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the Company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at transaction price (including transaction costs).

Financial assets and liabilities are only offset in the balance sheet when, and only when, there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and the Company intends to either settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash balances and call deposits. Bank overdrafts that are repayable on demand are included as part of cash and cash equivalents for the purposes of the cash flow statement.

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1 Accounting policies (continued)

k. Financial instruments (continued)

Impairment of assets

Assets, other than those measured at fair value, are assessed for indicators of impairment at each balance sheet date. If there is objective evidence of impairment, an impairment loss is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income as described below. An asset is impaired where there is objective evidence that, as a result of one or more events that occurred after initial recognition, the estimated recoverable value of the asset has been reduced. The recoverable amount of an asset is the higher of its fair value less costs to sell and its value in use.

Where indicators exist for a decrease in impairment loss, the prior impairment loss is tested to determine reversal. An impairment loss is reversed on an individual impaired asset to the extent that the revised recoverable value does not lead to a revised carrying amount higher than the carrying value had no impairment been recognised.

Derecognition

Financial assets are derecognised when: the contractual rights to the cash flows from those assets expire or are settled; or where substantially all the risk and rewards of those assets are transferred to another entity; or where another entity becomes able to unilaterally sell those assets in their entirety to an unrelated third party. Financial liabilities are derecognised only when the relevant financial obligations are extinguished.

Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business. Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at the undiscounted amount receivable, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the Company will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivable.

Trade creditors

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the Company does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting year, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least 12 months after the reporting date. If there is, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

1. Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Company has an obligation at the reporting date as a result of a past event, it is probable that the Company will be required to settle that obligation and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

m. Leases

Rentals under operating leases are charged on a straight-line basis over the lease term, even if the payments are not made on such a basis. Benefits received and receivable as an incentive to sign an operating lease are similarly spread on a straight-line basis over the lease term. The Company does not currently have assets under finance lease.

2 Critical accounting judgements and estimation uncertainty

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. There are no significant judgements in accounting policies in these financial statements.

Key accounting estimates and assumptions

The Company makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are addressed below.

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2 Critical accounting judgements and estimation uncertainty (continued)

Key accounting estimates and assumptions (continued)

i) Impairment of intangible assets and goodwill (note 9)

The Company considers whether intangible assets and/or goodwill are impaired. Where an indication of impairment is identified, the estimation of recoverable value requires estimation of the recoverable value of the associated cash-generating units. This requires estimation of the future cash flows from the cash-generating units and also selection of appropriate discount rates in order to calculate the net present value of those cash flows.

ii) Tax provisions (note 15)

The Company's deferred and current tax provisions relate to management's assessment of tax payable on open tax positions or tax benefits available to the company in the future and have yet be agreed with HMRC. Uncertain tax items for which a provision is made relate principally to the interpretation of tax legislation regarding arrangements entered into in the ordinary course of business. Due to the uncertainty associated with such tax items, there is a possibility that, on conclusion of open tax matters at a future date, the final outcome may differ significantly.

3 Turnover

The Company has a single class of business, providing educational and care services. The Company earns all of its revenue in the UK. An analysis of the Company's turnover is as follows:

Year to	Year to
30 April 2020	30 April 2019
£	£
Rendering of services 3,634,395	9,560,208

4 Discontinued operations and exceptional items

During the year ended 30 April 2020, the directors voluntarily chose to close St Christopher's children's home and Aurora Grace House School. Exceptional items from these closured arose as follows:

	Year to	Year to
30 A _F	pril 2020	30 April 2019
Impairment on fixed assets	,465,009	-
Impairment on intangible assets	310,617	-
Redundancy costs and disposal of fixed assets	269,913	-
2	,045,539	
5 (Loss)/profit before taxation		
(Loss)/profit before taxation is stated after charging:	Year to	Year to
30 A _I	pril 2020	30 April 2019
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	309,670	259,257
Amortisation of intangible assets	57,585	57,586
Operating lease costs	117,179	39,392
Loss on disposal of fixed assets from continuing operations	-	1,124
Loss on disposal of fixed assets from discontinuing operations	87,884	
	572,318	357,359

Amortisation of intangible assets is included within administrative expenses.

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5 (Loss)/profit before taxation (continued)

The analysis of auditor's remuneration is as follows:	Year to	Year to
	30 April 2020	30 April 2019
	£	£
Fees payable to the Company's auditor and its associates for the audit of the Company's		
annual financial statements	-	31,000

For the year ended 30 April 2020, auditor fees of £32,442 are borne by the parent company, Aurora Care and Education Opco Limited, and not recharged to Aurora LD Limited.

6 Staff numbers and costs

The monthly average number of staff employed by the Company (including executive		
directors) during the financial year amounted to:	Year to	Year to
•	30 April 2020	30 April 2019
	No	No
Administration	23	34
Operations	157	246
	180	280
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The aggregate payroll costs of the above were:	Year to	Year to
	30 April 2020	30 April 2019
	£	£
Wages and salaries	3,978,654	5,244,100
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Other pension costs	65,690	69,471
	4,322,490	5,744,847
Social security costs	278,146 65,690	431,276 69,471

Pension schemes

The Company operates defined contribution pension schemes. The pension costs charge for the year represents contributions payable by the Company to the schemes and amounted to £65,690 (2019: £69,471). Contributions of £6,448 were outstanding at the end of the financial year (2019: £19,115).

7 Directors' remuneration and transactions

The Company did not pay any emoluments to the directors during either year. The directors are remunerated by another entity within the Aurora Group, Aurora Care and Education Opco Limited, for services to the Group as a whole and, as such, it is not possible to directly attribute any element of their remuneration to services as a director of this Company. The financial statements of Aurora Care and Education Opco Limited are available to the public from Companies House.

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8 Tax on (loss)/profit

(a) Analysis of (credit)/charge in the year	Year to 30 April 2020 £	Year to 30 April 2019 £
Current tax: UK corporation tax on (losses)/profits for the period	(537,439)	-
Total current tax	(537,439)	-
Deferred tax:	427.460	1=1 <00
Origination and reversal of timing differences	137,268	174,639
Adjustment in respect of previous periods Effect of changes in tax rates	(1,834) (85,842)	475 (18,383)
Direct of changes in tax rates	(03,042)	(10,505)
Total deferred tax	49,592	156,731
Total tax per statement of comprehensive income	(487,847)	156,731
(b) Factors affecting tax (credit)/charge		
The (credit)/charge for the year can be reconciled to the (loss)/profit per the statement of comprehensive income as follows:	Year to 30 April 2020	Year to 30 April 2019
(Loss)/profit before taxation	£ (4,757,722)	657,594
Tax (credit)/charge at 19% (2019: 19.0%)	£ (903,967)	£ 124,943
Effects of: Expenses not deductible for tax purposes Effects of group relief/other reliefs	103,869	49,696
Adjustment from previous periods	(1,834)	475
Tax rate changes	(85,842)	(18,383)
Utilisation of brought forward losses and recognition of deferred tax	399,927	
Tax (credit)/charge for the year	(487,847)	156,731

Finance Bill 2016 enacted a reduction in corporation tax rate to 17% with effect from 1 April 2020; this was the rate at which deferred tax was provided in the 2019 accounts. Finance Bill 2020 confirmed that the rate of corporation tax will remain at the rate of 19% from 1 April 2020 (cancelling the enacted cut to 17%). As this change was enacted before year-end by the passing of Budget Resolution on 17 March 2020, deferred tax is now provided at 19%.

The Company's carried forward tax losses for the year are £2,104,689 (brought forward 2019: £2,104,689). The company has an unrecognised deferred tax asset as at the year end of £399,891 (2019: £Nil).

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9 Intangible assets

Goodwill £	Customer relationships £	Total £
_	_	-
282,728	293,127	575,855
(157,126)	(153,492)	(310,618)
125,602	139,635	265,237
84,094	87,938	172,032
28,272	29,313	57,585
112,366	117,251	229,617
13,236	22,384	35,620
198,634	205,189	403,823
	282,728 (157,126) 125,602 84,094 28,272 112,366	Goodwill relationships £ 282,728 293,127 (157,126) (153,492) 125,602 139,635 84,094 87,938 28,272 29,313 112,366 117,251 13,236 22,384

Goodwill and customer relationships each arose on the purchase of the trade and assets of St Christopher's School and are being amortised over 10 years. The impairment relates to the closure of St Christopher's School and Aurora Grace House School (note 4).

10 Tangible fixed assets

£ 6,988 	£ 11,777,238 811,440 - (1,065,009) 11,523,669	492,640 341,226 (24,030) (154,049) (400,000)	8,700 - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	66,401 57,097 - - - 123,498	£ 12,351,967 1,209,763 (24,030) (154,049) (1,465,009) 11,918,642
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6,988	11,523,669	255,787	8,700	123,498	11,918,642
-	365,792	155,007	5,668	40,509	566,976
-	161,037	117,393	2,175	29,065	309,670
		(64,428)	-		(64,428)
_	526,829	207,972	7,843	69,574	812,218
					
6,988	10,996,840	47,815	857	53,924	11,106,424
6 099	11,411,446	337,633	3,032	25,892	11,784,991
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Land and buildings are all freehold and include £4,000,000 of land, which is not depreciated. The impairment relates to the closure of St Christopher's School and Aurora Grace House School (note 4).

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11 Debtors due within one year

	As at	As at
	30 April 2020	30 April 2019
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	38,723	1,535,815
Amounts owed by Group undertakings – fellow group companies	954,136	418,165
Prepayments and accrued income	63,105	235,302
	1,055,964	2,189,282

Amounts owed by Group undertakings carry no rate of interest and are repayable on demand. All debtors are unsecured.

12 Deferred tax asset

	As at	As at
	30 April 2020	30 April 2019
•	£	£
Deferred tax asset	678,230	729,665

13 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

As a 20 A part 202	
30 April 202	0 30 April 2019 £ £
Trade creditors 44,05	7 111,624
Amounts owed to Group undertakings – immediate parent company 14,243,22	4 11,611,806
Amounts owed to Group undertakings – fellow group companies 897,33	9 -
Social security and other taxes 52,56	5 95,653
Other creditors 8,97	6 72,754
Accruals and deferred income 106,43	1,567,318
15,352,59	13,459,155

Amounts owed to Group undertakings carry no rate of interest and are repayable on demand. All debtors are unsecured.

14 Provisions for liabilities

	As at	As at
30	April 2020	30 April 2019
	£	£
Deferred tax liability	-	1,843
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15 Deferred tax

The deferred tax included in the balance sheet is as follows:			As at 30 April 2020	As at 30 April 2019 £
Included in current assets (note 12) Included in provision for liabilities (note 14)			678,230	729,665 (1,843)
			678,230	727,822
The movement in the deferred taxation account during the year wa	ıs:		As at 30 April 2020 £	As at 30 April 2019
Balance brought forward			727,822	884,553
Adjustment in respect of prior years			1,834	(475)
Deferred tax charge to statement of comprehensive income			(51,426)	(156,256)
Balance carried forward			678,230	727,822
The balance of the deferred taxation account consists of the tax eff	ect of timing			
differences in respect of:			As at 30 April 2020	As at 30 April 2019
			£	£
Fixed asset timing differences			677,005	371,672
Short-term timing differences – trading			1,225	(1,843)
Losses				357,993
			678,230	727,822
16 Called-up share capital and reserves				
Allotted, authorised, called-up and fully paid:	30 April 2020	•	30 April	
I Ordinary share of £1	No 1	£	No 1	£

The Company has one class of ordinary shares, which carry no right to fixed income.

The profit and loss account reserve represents cumulative profits or losses, net of dividends paid and other adjustments.

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17 Operating lease commitments

The Company has the following future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases for each of the following years:

Payments due:	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
As at 30 April 2020	£	T.	ı.
Not later than one year	20,429	7,840	28,269
Later than one year and not later than five years	18,727	5,227	23,954
	39,156	13,067	52,223
As at 30 April 2019			
Not later than one year	17,114	21,929	39,043
Later than one year and not later than five years	32,803	24,807	57,610
	49,917	46,736	96,653

18 Ultimate parent undertaking

The Company's ultimate parent is Octopus Capital Limited, a company registered in England and Wales with registered office address: 6th Floor, 33 Holborn, London EC1N 2HT. The consolidated financial statements of the Group are available to the public from Companies House. The smallest group in which the Company is consolidated is that headed by Aurora Care and Education Holdings Limited, incorporated in the United Kingdom with registered office Unit 13, Twigworth Court Business Centre, Tewkesbury Road, Gloucester, GL2 9PG. The largest group in which the Company is consolidated is that headed by Octopus Capital Limited. The consolidated financial statements of the Aurora Group are available to the public from Companies House. In the opinion of the directors, there is no ultimate controlling party.

19 Post balance sheet events

Implications resulting after 30 April 2020 from the Covid-19 pandemic have not affected the Company as detailed in the going concern section of the directors' report. No other adjusting or significant non-adjusting events have occurred between 30 April 2020 and the date of authorisation.