

Website Privacy Policy (Group)

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Associated documents:	Data Protection Policy
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<i>This policy has been reviewed to ensure it promotes safeguarding and does not present barriers to participation or disadvantage any protected groups</i>	

0. Summary of changes since previous version of policy

Removed the mention of all electronic financial transactions entered into through our website will be protected by encryption technology as we do not require.

New standalone reference number issued from A65 Appendix 6 to A63

1. Aims

We are committed to safeguarding the privacy of our website visitors; in this policy we explain how we will use and process your personal information.

2. Legislation and statutory requirements

This policy is based on the following advice/legislation:

The UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018

3. Scope

3.1 We may collect, store and use the following kinds of personal information:

- (a) information about your computer and about your visits to and use of this website (including your IP address, geographical location, browser type and version, operating system, referral source, length of visit, page views and website navigation path);
- (b) information that you provide to us when registering with our website (including your email address);
- (c) information that you provide to us for the purpose of subscribing to our email notifications and/or newsletters (including your name and email address);
- (d) information that you provide to us when using the services on our website, or that is generated in the course of the use of those services (including the timing, frequency and pattern of service use);
- (e) information that you post to our website for publication on the internet (including your user name, your profile pictures and the content of your posts);
- (f) information contained in or relating to any communication that you send to us or send through our website (including the communication content and metadata associated with the communication);
- (g) any other personal information that you choose to send to us.

6. Using personal information

- 6.1 Personal information submitted to us through our website will be used for the purposes specified in this policy or on the relevant pages of the website.
- 6.2 We may use your personal information to:
- (a) administer our website and business;
 - (b) personalise our website for you;
 - (c) enable your use of the services available on our website;
 - (d) send you non-marketing commercial communications;
 - (e) send you email notifications that you have specifically requested;
 - (f) send you our email newsletter, if you have requested it (you can inform us at any time if you no longer require the newsletter);
 - (g) send you marketing communications relating to our business or the businesses of carefully-selected third parties (social media platforms including but not limited to; Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, YouTube, LinkedIn) which we think may be of interest to you, by post or, where you have specifically agreed to this, by email or similar technology (you can inform us at any time if you no longer require marketing communications);
 - (h) provide third parties with statistical information about our users (but those third parties will not be able to identify any individual user from that information);
 - (i) deal with enquiries and complaints made by or about you relating to our website;
 - (j) keep our website secure and prevent fraud;
- 6.3 If you submit personal information for publication on our website, we will publish and otherwise use that information in accordance with the licence you grant to us.
- 6.4 Your privacy settings can be used to limit the publication of your information on our website, and can be adjusted using privacy controls on the website.
- 6.5 We will not, without your express consent, supply your personal information to any third party for the purpose of their or any other third party's direct marketing.

7. Disclosing personal information

- 7.1 We may disclose your personal information to any of our employees, officers, insurers, professional advisers, agents, suppliers or subcontractors insofar as reasonably necessary for the purposes set out in this policy.
- 7.2 We may disclose your personal information to any member of our group of companies (this means our subsidiaries, our ultimate holding company and all its subsidiaries) insofar as reasonably necessary for the purposes set out in this policy.
- 7.3 We may disclose your personal information:

- (a) to the extent that we are required to do so by law;
- (b) in connection with any ongoing or prospective legal proceedings;
- (c) in order to establish, exercise or defend our legal rights (including providing information to others for the purposes of fraud prevention and reducing credit risk);
- (d) to any person who we reasonably believe may apply to a court or other competent authority for disclosure of that personal information where, in our reasonable opinion, such court or authority would be reasonably likely to order disclosure of that personal information.

7.4 Except as provided in this policy, we will not provide your personal information to third parties. For those third parties with whom we share your personal information, we perform regular due diligence to ensure that high levels of data integrity and security are maintained.

8. International data transfers

- 8.1 Personal information will be stored in the UK. This means that your data will be protected under the UK GDPR or to equivalent standard of law. Any transfers taking place outside the European Economic Area by our third-party suppliers will only be permitted with the provision of an adequacy decision, Standard Contractual Clauses such as the IDTA or any other lawful transfer mechanism.
- 8.2 Personal information that you publish on our website or submit for publication on our website may be available, via the internet, around the world. We cannot prevent the use or misuse of such information by others.
- 8.3 You expressly agree to the transfers of personal information described in Section 6.

9. Retaining personal information

- 9.1 This Section sets out our data retention policies and procedure, which are designed to help ensure that we comply with our legal obligations in relation to the retention and deletion of personal information.
- 9.2 Personal information that we process for any purpose or purposes shall not be kept for longer than is necessary for that purpose or those purposes.
- 9.3 Notwithstanding the other provisions of this Section, we will retain documents (including electronic documents) containing personal data:
 - (a) to the extent that we are required to do so by law;
 - (b) if we believe that the documents may be relevant to any ongoing or prospective legal proceedings; and
 - (c) in order to establish, exercise or defend our legal rights (including providing information to others for the purposes of fraud prevention and reducing credit risk).

10. Security of personal information

- 10.1 We will take reasonable technical and organisational precautions to prevent the loss, misuse or alteration of your personal information.
- 10.2 We will store all the personal information you provide on our secure (password and firewall protected) servers.
- 10.3 You acknowledge that the transmission of information over the internet is inherently insecure, and we cannot guarantee the security of data sent over the internet.

11. Amendments

- 11.1 We may update this policy from time to time by publishing a new version on our website.
- 11.2 You should check this page to ensure you are happy with any changes to this policy.
- 11.3 We may notify you of changes to this policy by email.

12. Your rights

- 12.1 You may instruct us to provide you with any personal information we hold about you; provision of such information will be subject to:

the supply of appropriate evidence of your identity (for this purpose, we will usually accept a photocopy of your passport certified by a solicitor or bank plus an original copy of a utility bill showing your current address).
- 12.2 We may withhold personal information that you request to the extent permitted by law.
- 12.3 You may instruct us at any time not to process your personal information for marketing purposes.
- 12.4 In practice, you will usually either expressly agree in advance to our use of your personal information for marketing purposes, or we will provide you with an opportunity to opt out of the use of your personal information for marketing purposes.

13. Third party websites

- 13.1 Our website includes hyperlinks to, and details of, third party websites.
- 13.2 We have no control over, and are not responsible for, the privacy policies and practices of third parties.

14. Updating information

- 14.1 Please let us know if the personal information that we hold about you needs to be corrected or updated.

15. About cookies

- 15.1 A cookie is a file containing an identifier (a string of letters and numbers) that is sent by a web server to a web browser and is stored by the browser. The identifier is then sent back to the server each time the browser requests a page from the server.
- 15.2 Cookies may be either "persistent" cookies or "session" cookies: a persistent cookie will be stored by a web browser and will remain valid until its set expiry date, unless deleted by the user before the expiry date; a session cookie, on the other hand, will expire at the end of the user session, when the web browser is closed.
- 15.3 Cookies do not typically contain any information that personally identifies a user, but personal information that we store about you may be linked to the information stored in and obtained from cookies.
- 15.4 Cookies can be used by web servers to identify and track users as they navigate different pages on a website and identify users returning to a website.

16. Our cookies

- 16.1 We use both session and persistent cookies on our website.
- 16.2 The purposes for which they are used, are set out below:
 - (a) we use cookies to track users as they navigate the website, improve the website's usability and administer the website.

15. Analytics cookies

- 15.1 We use Google Analytics to analyse the use of our website.
- 15.2 Our analytics service provider generates statistical and other information about website use by means of cookies.
- 15.3 The information generated relating to our website is used to create reports about the use of our website.
- 15.4 Our analytics service provider's privacy policy is available at: <http://www.google.com/policies/privacy/>.

16. Blocking cookies

- 16.1 Most browsers allow you to refuse to accept cookies.
- 16.2 Blocking all cookies will have a negative impact upon the usability of many websites.

17. Deleting cookies

- 17.1 You can delete cookies already stored on your computer.
- 17.2 Deleting cookies will have a negative impact on the usability of many websites.

18. Data protection registration

- 18.1 We are registered as a data controller with the UK Information Commissioner's Office.
- 18.2 Our data protection registration number is **ZA733079**

19. Our details

- 19.1 We are registered in England and Wales under registration number 09768784, and our registered office is at Aurora Care & Education Opco Ltd, Unit 13, Twigworth Court Business Centre, Tewkesbury Road, Gloucester, GL2 9PG.
- 19.2 You can contact us by writing to the business address given above, by email to enquiries@the-aurora-group.com or by telephone on 0203 617 0170.

20. Support, Advice and Communication

For support or advice on this policy please contact the Quality Assurance Director.

21. Review

Reviewed annually by the Data Protection Officer.