



ADVICE FOR PARENTS CONCERNING YOUNG PEOPLE AT THE GLIDING CENTRE

We ask you to consider the following and to sign and return one copy with the membership application form or annual renewal form as appropriate.

Introduction

We would like parents to be aware of the arrangements for supervision at The Gliding Centre (TGC). We take seriously our duty to look after the welfare of children and young people, especially in relation to flight safety. We would like to inform you about what you can and cannot expect from the club and what we expect from you. The club is an open environment where members of any age and members of the public can come and go as they please. Flying activities are closely supervised by our instructors. We may not be able to provide close supervision when flying is not taking place or at any time on our premises away from the airfield.

Young people under the age of 16

Young people under the age of 16 are only allowed on the airfield and premises if:

- They are under the supervision of a parent or guardian OR
- They are current Junior Members of The Gliding Centre OR
- They are attending a gliding course for which we have agreed to provide supervision.

The young person should stay with the day or course group and inform the Duty Instructor when they go home. The Duty Instructor should be given a contact telephone number if the club is operating at times when the club office is closed.

Young people aged 16 or over

We expect young people of 16 or older to look after themselves and behave responsibly. They can come and go as they please and parents do not need to stay on site. We do not offer individual supervision other than for flying operations. It is important that you inform us if your child has any special needs that could affect the need for supervision.

Supervision of flight training

The Gliding Centre will do all it reasonably can to ensure that your child is safe whilst involved in flying activities, both on the ground and in the air. This starts with a “daily briefing” pointing out potential hazards and issues to be considered. Further briefings are given throughout training and continues after the first solo stage. The safety of flying are the responsibility of the Chief Flying Instructor. He devolves safety through the team of Duty Instructors. A young person may fly with any of our instructors.

What The Gliding Centre cannot do

The Gliding Centre does not provide supervision other than as needed for flying and associated activities. We cannot supervise young people in the clubhouse or if they bring friends to the club. We are not able to make arrangements for transport to and from the club. You may choose to make arrangements for lifts but this is your responsibility.

Driving

No one may drive a vehicle on the airfield unless they have a valid UK driving licence. Young people may drive the golf buggies used for towing gliders providing they have been trained and are deemed competent.

Overnight stays

The club operates during the day and has no overnight staff. Young people under the age of 18 may stay overnight on site if accompanied by a parent or guardian. They may stay as part of an organised activity, for example, during a gliding competition. They may not stay in other circumstances. You or your son/daughter are encouraged to contact the club office or the Junior Liaison Officer if there are any queries or concerns.

I acknowledge receipt of the above information.

Signed..... Dated.....

Parent/Guardian of