



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 young people (normally “Junior Members”), 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 provides an open environment where members of the public can access the car-park and club-house freely. All flying activities are closely supervised by our instructors and Junior Members can only access the flying side of the airfield with your consent and once authorised by an instructor. We are not able to provide close supervision when not flying or when away from the airfield.

Authorisations

- Club Instructor's authorisations will be recorded in the 'Junior Member Training Record'.
- Parent/Guardian's authorisation, should be recorded on the 'Junior Membership Application Form'.

Duty of Care

- Where Minors or Young Persons (under 18) take flying instruction their instructor will, for the duration of the flight, take on a duty of care as would be expected of a reasonable parent.
- Instructors will ensure that Minors, whilst under their duty of care, are adequately briefed in relation to safety and operational issues.
- Please inform us if your child has any special needs.

Airfield Access

- Minors who are not members of the club, will not be permitted on the airfield unless they are under the supervision of their Parent/Guardian or Nominated Adult.

- Junior Members who are deemed responsible and understands the safety issues on the airfield will, with their Parent/Guardian's and Club Instructor's authorisation, be allowed onto the airfield without constant supervision. In this case they must always keep their Parent/Guardian or Nominated Adult informed of their whereabouts. However, 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 parental contact details, if the club is operating when the club office is closed.

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. Overall flying safety at the Club is the responsibility of the Chief Flying Instructor, who devolves safety through the team of Duty Instructors. A young person may fly with any of our instructors.

Use of Equipment

1. Minors may only operate 'light machinery' whilst under 'DIRECT Supervision'. After suitable training and with both their Parent/Guardian's and a Club Instructor's authorisation, Minors aged 14 and over may operate 'light machinery' without 'DIRECT Supervision'.
2. Minors under the age of 16 may only operate 'heavy machinery' whilst under 'DIRECT Supervision'.
3. After suitable training and with both their Parent/Guardian's and a Club Instructor's authorisation, Minors aged 16 and over may operate 'heavy machinery' without 'DIRECT Supervision'.

- Note 1: The term 'DIRECT Supervision' refers to the supervisor being in/on the machinery being used and NOT supervising from a distance.
- Note 2: A Golf Buggy is classed as 'light machinery' and a Tractor or Winch as 'heavy machinery'.
- Note 3: Where a Minor holds a Valid EASA Pilots Licence items 1. & 2. do not apply.
- Note 3: A full version of the clubs Child Protection Policy can be obtained from the office or downloaded from the clubs web site.

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.

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 but 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