



Risk assessment - Gliding operations during COVID19

Devon and Somerset Gliding Club

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BASIC PRINCIPLES - HANDS - FACE - SPACE

RISK ASSESSMENT - Members must read this Risk Assessment

Groups of six - From Monday 14th September it is illegal to gather in groups of more than six people. Please ensure that individual groups do not exceed 6 people.

Social distancing - close proximity (<2m) should be minimised. In the situation that close proximity is required, additional mitigation eg face coverings should be used.

Hygiene - when handling equipment, contact should be minimised where possible. Equipment should be cleaned and sanitised before first use of the day and at every crew change, and then after last use of the day with appropriate cleaning materials eg disinfectant wipes.

Regular washing of hands for 20 secs with soap or application of sanitiser is essential. Water station facilities have been provided at launch point and winch.

Face Coverings - When working/flying in close proximity in the two-seater cockpits, face coverings should be worn, provided it is safe and practical to do so. Face Coverings must also be worn in the Clubhouse and Marquee unless seated and eating or drinking.

Vulnerability Considerations - the vulnerability of the Instructor and pupil in two-seater operations is recognised. They must understand the risks and whether they can manage them to acceptable levels. If necessary additional mitigations need to be in place. Consideration should be given to those using the equipment after you.

Visitors are being asked to stay away from the Gliding operations, although it is not possible to restrict public access to the public bridleway on the South of the airfield. Visitors to the Clubhouse area must either scan DSGC QR code or provide contact details, and must not exceed Groups of 6.

Health declaration -. To comply with Section 1), By putting your name on the DSGC Flying List, you agree to practice the actions outlined within the Risk Assessment including the health declaration of Section 1. Members who are on site but not flying should enter their names in the non-flying section of the Flying List or the list in the Clubhouse or scan DSGC QR code. Contact Lists will be held for a minimum period of 21 days, and will be provided to assist Track and Trace if necessary.



What are the hazards?	Activity	Who might be affected	What action do you need to take to control the risks?	Who needs to carry out the action?
<p>1. Contact with COVID19 infected persons</p>	<p>Gliding activities</p>	<p>All members and visitors on site</p>	<p>All members and visitors on site should confirm that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - they have not been diagnosed with COVID19 at any time in the past 14 days - they do not have any symptoms of COVID19 at any time in the last 8 days - they have not been in close contact with someone who has COVID19 in the past 14 days - they are not required to be quarantined <p>If any of the above apply then they must stay away from the Club and follow NHS guidance.</p>	<p>All members and visitors on site</p>
<p>2. Catching COVID19 from two seat operation</p>	<p>Activities include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Preparing the site and aircraft - Removing gliders from hangar - Preparing the gliders , eg batteries, parachutes, daily inspection 	<p>Instructor & Pupil</p>	<p>Avoid gathering in groups of more than six. Minimise the number of people involved in each operation. Ensure hands sanitised before handling equipment. Clean surface touched after getting gliders from the hangar, including wingtips, nose of fuselage, cable release. Sanitise hands after handling equipment.</p>	<p>Instructors & Pupils</p>
	<p>Pre-flight activities including briefing, preparing cockpit and access, and In-flight</p>	<p>Instructor & Pupil</p>	<p>Avoid gathering in groups of more than six. Briefings shall be conducted outside the glider. Ideally parachutes will be used by a single pupil on any individual day. Pilots shall cleanse with disinfectant wipes, all items potentially touched by previous pilot, including wiping hard internal surfaces, canopy frame, controls, handles, instruments etc....</p>	<p>Instructors & Pupils</p> <p>continued....</p>

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			To ensure social distancing front and rear cockpit should be cleaned sequentially unless face coverings are worn. Care to be taken when entering the glider, recommended that front-seat pilot enters first. Face coverings shall be worn in flight providing it is safe to do so.	
	Post-flight activities including exit from aircraft, retrieving gliders and preparing for next crew and debriefing	Instructors & Pupils	Avoid gathering in groups of more than six. Care to be taken when exiting the glider, recommended that rear-seat pilot exits first. After flight, Pilots shall cleanse with disinfectant wipes, all items potentially touched, including wiping hard internal surfaces, canopy frame, controls, handles, instruments etc. To ensure social distancing front and rear cockpit should be cleaned sequentially unless face coverings are worn. Debriefing shall take place outside the glider.	Instructors & Pupils
	Putting gliders away	Instructors & Pupils	Avoid gathering in groups of more than six. At the end of use. All equipment likely to have been touched during the day should be wiped down with disinfectant wipes including wiping hard internal surfaces, canopy frame, controls, handles, instruments etc. Clean surfaces touched after putting gliders in the hangar, including wingtips, nose of fuselage, cable release. Batteries and parachute clips.	Instructors & Pupils
3. Catching COVID19 from solo flying	As above	Pilots	As above cleaning regimes	Pilots



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4. Catching COVID19 from ground equipment	Retrieve Vehicles	Ground Crew	Only one person in front of retrieve vehicle, second person in rear. Clean surfaces, touched after use including steering wheels, gear sticks handbrakes, radio buttons. Minimise changes of crew.	Ground crew
	Winch	Ground Crew	Clean surfaces, touched after use. Minimise changes of crew.	Ground Crew
	LPV operator	Ground Crew	Clean surfaces, touched after use including steering wheels, gear sticks, handbrakes, computer keyboard, telephone, radio buttons. Minimise changes of crew.	Ground Crew
5. Infecting others with COVID19	Use of Clubhouse and Marquee	All members and visitors on site	Avoid gathering in groups of more than six. Face coverings must be worn unless seated and eating or drinking. Minimise seating to enable social distancing. Ensure adequate ventilation when occupied by keeping doors and windows open. Members and Visitors should either scan DSGC QR code or enter contact details on list. Catering operation - see separate risk assessment and mitigation.	All members and visitors on site
6. Infecting others with COVID19	Gliding activities	All members on site	Should you start displaying symptoms after visiting the Gliding Club, you must inform the Secretary immediately, so that other members who have been onsite can be informed.	All members on site



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<p>7. Infecting others with COVID19</p>	<p>Catering Operation</p>	<p>All members and visitors on site</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A number of tables and chairs have been removed and the maximum number of people who can be seated inside is 11. • Signs will be placed on settees and the easy chair asking people not to use them. • A barrier (of chairs) has been placed in front of the counter to maintain social distancing and to prevent customers leaning on the counter. • Doors and windows to be left open during kitchen service to maintain a flow of fresh air. • A greatly reduced "takeaway" menu will be offered. • Disposable cups, plates cutlery etc. will be used at all times. • All condiments, milk and sugar have been removed and will be in individual packets or food will be seasoned, milk added to drinks, before serving. • No cash will be handled and all payments will be by means of contactless transaction. • Disposable gloves to be worn at all times by food handlers in the kitchen and these to be changed regularly. • Tables counter etc. to be regularly cleaned with the appropriate products. • The water jugs and Cheryl's "honestly box" have been removed. • Ensure that Members and Visitors either scan DSGC QR code or enter contact details on list. 	<p>North Hill Cafe</p>

Additional considerations for Trial Flights will be added when Trial Flights resume.

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