



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 17th May 2021 The government will lift most legal restrictions on meeting others outdoors, but gatherings of more than 30 people outdoors will remain illegal. Under step 3 legislation, indoor club catering may be used with precautions, customers can order and collect food and drink from a counter. But they must consume food and drink while seated at a table. Tables are limited to groups of six, and tables are socially distanced.

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. Passengers must wear face coverings. 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 - Visitors to the Clubhouse should scan DSGC QR code and 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 and 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>Minimise the number of people involved in each operation. Ensure hands sanitised before handling equipment. Clean surfaces 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>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.... To ensure social distancing front and rear cockpit should be</p>	<p>Instructors & Pupils</p> <p>continued....</p>

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			<p>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. Passengers must wear face coverings.</p>	
	Post-flight activities including exit from aircraft, retrieving gliders and preparing for next crew and debriefing	Instructors & Pupils	<p>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.</p>	Instructors & Pupils
	Putting gliders away	Instructors & Pupils	<p>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.</p>	Instructors & Pupils
3. Catching COVID19 from solo flying	As above	Pilots	As above cleaning regimes	Pilots
4. Catching COVID19 from ground equipment	Retrieve Vehicles	Ground Crew	<p>Only one person in front of retrieve vehicle, second person in rear. Clean surfaces, touched after use including steering wheels,</p>	Ground crew



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			gear sticks handbrakes, radio buttons. Minimise changes of 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 scan DSGC QR code and 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
7. Infecting others with COVID19	Catering Operation	All members and visitors on site	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From 17th May, under step 3 legislation, indoor club catering may be used with precautions, customers can order and collect food and drink from a counter. But they must consume food and 	North Hill Cafe



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			<p>drink while seated at a table. Tables are limited to groups of six, and tables are socially distanced.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •• Doors and windows to be left open during kitchen service to maintain a flow of fresh air. • China mugs and plates may be used with disposable cutlery • All condiments and sugar will be in individual sachets. • Milk and water jugs in the fridge . • Cash and card payments may be used • 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. • Cheryl's "honesty box" is back in use • Ensure that Members and Visitors either scan DSGC QR code and enter contact details on list. 	
<p>8. Trial lessons (added 14 June 2021)</p>	<p>Visitors</p>	<p>Visitors</p>	<p>Passengers must wear a face covering in the glider. Due to the close proximity in the 2-seater cockpit, Trial lesson visitors may be required to complete a Covid19 rapid flow test and / or have their temperature taken prior to flight.</p>	<p>Members managing Trial lesson visitors</p>

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