



COVID-19 Arrangements post July 19th 2021

Club statement:

There is no longer a legal requirement for the Gliding Club to require social distancing or other alleviations to the spread of COVID-19.

The club wants to promote and provide a safe and inclusive environment so that members and visitors who may still be at risk will feel comfortable when at the club and enjoying the benefits of membership.

For this reason, the club asks members to continue to adhere to some precautions including wearing masks in some circumstances.

Your health:

First and foremost, if you feel unwell, have tested positive for Coronavirus in the last 7 days or have been told to self-isolate by NHS track and trace, **DO NOT COME TO THE CLUB.**

Please continue to be cautious and give each other space. The pandemic is not over yet.



The following is given within the background of rising infection rates but with good take-up of vaccinations.

Flying in club 2-seaters:

If either the instructor or pupil asks that masks be worn then that request must be respected.

FFP3 masks are recommended but if both occupants agree, a surgical mask may be worn instead.

These masks have DIFFERENT purposes. The surgical mask reduces the breathing out of virus-laden droplets. The FFP3 mask filters incoming virus particles. Therefore, both occupants must wear the same grade of mask.

A single layer of cloth is not a mask.

**On the airfield:**

Health advice is to wash hands and sanitise surfaces that might be touched. Hand Gel must be applied before picking up parachutes or entering club gliders. Wipe down surfaces from time to time.

It is recommended to keep occupancy of vehicles to one person where possible. Keep vehicles well ventilated.

Keep the occupancy of the bus to a minimum. Keep windows and doors open for ventilation.

The club will continue to provide hand gel while available. Members should bring their own as a back-up.

In the Clubhouse:

Please continue to wear masks when indoors. Other restrictions will be removed so members should give each other space when moving around.

The upstairs bar area will be open for use provided that doors are opened to allow through ventilation and numbers are kept to a level that allows people to give each other space. It should be possible to leave 1 metre between you and other people as you move around.

Tables, the bar and kitchen surfaces should be cleaned every day before use. Door handles should be cleaned and if possible, doors left open to minimise the need to touch them.

Hangar:

There are no requirements regarding the hangars apart from limiting numbers to no more than 10 people at a time inside the hangars.

You may wish to clean your hands before and after handling gliders and equipment in the hangars.

Workshops:

The MT and aircraft workshops have no restrictions other than to have no more than 5 people inside.

It is recommended that the main doors be left open to aid ventilation. If this is not possible, then users of the workshop areas may wish to require face masks and such requests should be respected.