

## **Return to two-seater operation:**

Following the recent Government announcement that the distancing requirement is to be reduced from 2m to 1m +, two-seater flying will re-commence from 4th July and following guidance from the CAA received earlier today, sorry this is a bit wordy, but please read the following carefully.

### **Starting from Saturday 4th July:**

- **Phase 1:** Teams back to normal. Winch will be in use. Priority is instructor refresher training as necessary. I intend to be at the airfield as much as possible for the week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> July along with some senior instructors. Just remember the order of priority – First we will get instructors up to speed, next those instructors will be able to give check flights to post solo pilots, finally we can begin pre solo training again.
- **Phase 2:** Check flights for post solo pilots – just as soon as we have some instructors to fly with you! We would welcome any of you to come and help get us back up to speed and we will have a flying list each day but would remind you that as instructors show up during the day they will take priority for check flights with a senior instructor.
- **Phase 3:** Training recommences for pre-solo pilots.

Both pilots **MUST** wear a full face VISOR when in the glider. This is **MANDATORY**. Please be aware that the existing restrictions regarding wearing face masks and hand sanitising will remain in force and the club has signs up in the appropriate places.

**The pilots who are about to fly the glider are responsible for ensuring the sanitising is completed.**

Hands to be disinfected and any parts touched - including strops, cables, leading edges, buggies etc must be kept disinfected. Only one person allowed in the launch point trailer at any time. Don't forget to sanitise laptop, pens, radios etc.

**Only get in the glider when everything is ready to launch.**

Avoid being strapped in together with the canopy down for any length of time. Be aware - under the government track and trace program, if anybody that you fly with at less than 2m distancing for more than 15 minutes subsequently tests positive for Covid-19, you will be asked to self-isolate for two weeks -*and anybody else that you may have flown with or have been in contact with!*

**Get out of the glider as soon as you land and stand 2m apart.**

You can use the time it takes the buggy to get to you to debrief – do not sit together in the glider for any longer than necessary – remember the 15 minute contact question!

- **Who May Fly aerotow solo:** All who have flown solo since we went back to solo operations on May 18th **and current in line with the flying order book.**
- **Who May Fly winch solo:** Any instructor or pilot that has been cleared for solo winch flying that is **current in line with the flying order book** All self-authorising pilots are advised to take a check flight *at their own discretion* before flight - particularly if they haven't taken a winch launch for some time or **the weather is less than benign,** also they **must** first check with a senior instructor. Pilots with less than 100 hours P1 must take winch check flights.
- **Medical requirements:** Members **must** be in good health and should strictly follow the UK Government guidance on identifying the symptoms of COVID-19. Any member with ANY of the virus symptoms - or has *anybody from their household with virus symptoms* - must stay at home and follow medical guidance. If the area from which the member is traveling has been subjected to further lockdown restrictions, then that member **MUST NOT** travel to the airfield.  
There may be a very limited number of visors available from the office (If we can get them in time) which you may buy at cost. My recommendation would be to buy your own. <https://www.siteking.co.uk/face-shields> - these are anti fog, anti-static and reusable – next day delivery available.
- **Instructors – Full and Assistant Category:** If possible, instructors should have flown enough to be current in accordance with the **flying order book guidance** since recreational flying resumed in mid-May.

Instructors are expected to refresh their theoretical knowledge via the BGA's online instructor resources. particularly ***Managing Flying Risks***. Before flying with an unqualified pilot, the instructor **must** first check with the CFI or senior instructor.

Instructors may do some mutual flying to refresh their skills with each other. The CFI and senior instructing team will always be on hand to aid any instructor that requires it.

- **Instructors – Basic and IFP:** Basic instructors will sadly not be required during the initial stages of returning to flying, however, they are expected to refresh their theoretical knowledge via the online resources. Once most Full and Assistant Category instructors have returned to full capability, Basic Instructors will be invited to conduct refresher training with selected instructors. Please do not conduct mutual flying with each other without specific authorisation from the CFI. You will need winch checks if you haven't winched recently.

- If any instructors do not feel comfortable to fly with others just yet, and have been isolating, that is entirely their right and I understand and respect their decision.
- **Flight safety:** As always flight safety takes precedence over all other aspects of operations. Many pilots returning to flying will not have flown for several months and it may take some time to return members to solo flight. A lot of pilots will not have flown for many months - be aware that skills fade over time if not used. Be cautious.  
For instructors, once you are cleared to carry out check flights - BE PREPARED TO TAKE OVER EARLY!! Most accidents in instructing result from late takeovers. If in doubt - take control early! Remember YOU ARE NOT CURRENT!!

**Make sure there is adequate supervision at all times** – we are all rusty – don't rush or allow yourself to be rushed. If you don't like the look of something shout STOP.

**Team Leaders:** Ensure there is an adequate briefing before flying commences in line with the flying order book.

- **Further Information:** Ask the CFI at [cfi@alansmith.co.uk](mailto:cfi@alansmith.co.uk), or 07836239543

Let's all get back to normal as soon as we can. Fly safely.

Alan