

EDGEHILL GLIDING CENTRE

CODE OF CONDUCT BETWEEN THE CLUB AND PARENTS/CARERS OF YOUNG PEOPLE

Overview. This Code of Conduct is in effect an informal Agreement between Edgehill Gliding Centre (EGC) Ltd (the Club) and the parents/carers of a child (i.e. an individual under 18 years of age). The Code captures the Club's commitment to provide children with a learning environment and experience in which the watchword throughout is "safety". In return, the Code identifies the Club's expectations of the parents/carers and child to ensure that the child derives nothing short of fun, pleasure and enjoyment from gliding.

EDGEHILL GLIDING CENTRE COMMITMENT

As the parent / carer please be assured that EGC:

- **Courtesy.** believes that Club members, their guests and visitors to the club are entitled to expect **courtesy** and **consideration** at all times.
- **Flight Safety.** embraces a strong safety culture for flying and ground operations (covered under the umbrella term of **Flight Safety**); these are structured and codified and are the responsibility of the Chief Flying Instructor (CFI). Day-to-day operations, including supervision of Flight Safety, is entrusted to all the instructors working for the CFI. Therefore, once your child enters the airfield for gliding, their safe conduct on the ground and safe flying is the concern of the instructors involved.
- **Driving Vehicles.** aspires to treat all members in exactly the same manner, regardless of their age. However, certain rules and procedures do apply to those under 18. Importantly, anyone without a full UK driving licence is not allowed to **drive any airfield** vehicles UNLESS they have been checked as competent to do so and are over the age of 14. For driving the winch and tractor, the minimum age is 16.
- **Child Protection.** has a strong ethos of **Child Protection** with well-defined Policies and Procedures to ensure that gliding is conducted within a welcoming environment and a culture of safety.
 - The development and maintenance of *dependable* safety culture relies on **everyone** being able to trust one another, and for each person to show consideration and to have a duty of care for fellow participants.
 - To this end, the Club's Directors expect certain minimum standards of behaviour from Club members, their guests and visitors to the Club. *These are elaborated upon below.*
 - This includes a responsibility placed on *all* Club members, their guests and visitors, to bring to the attention of a Club official any situation which is believed to constitute a hazard, so that adequate mitigation can be applied, or risk of exposure to the hazard can be removed.

PARENT/CARER RESPONSIBILITIES

As the parent / carer of(enter child's name), I will:

- **Membership.** complete and return this and all other junior club membership forms.
- **Fit to Fly.** ensure that my child meets the minimum medical standards required to permit them to fly solo. The British Gliding Association has published guidance on the medical requirements for glider pilots (see <https://members.gliding.co.uk/laws-rules/medical-2/>).
- **Medical Issues.** emphasise to my child that their personal safety is an integral facet of gliding and that anything that affects their physical and mental wellbeing may negatively impact their ability to remain safe. Therefore, I undertake to inform the Club of any medical condition or allergies that may be relevant should they fall ill or be involved in an accident at the Club.
- **Clothing.** encourage my child to wear seasonal and weather appropriate clothing. Furthermore, I will remind my child that airfields are open and exposed places, so warm clothing and stout footwear are essential at all times and that hats, gloves and scarves are often necessary, whilst skirts are impractical for flying. Importantly, I will emphasise that long sleeves, sun hats and high SPF sun lotions, together with plenty of water, are all essential in the summer.
- **Travel Arrangements.** recognise that travel arrangements for my child to and from the Club is entirely a parent/carer responsibility.

Importantly, I acknowledge that the Club's strong position on Child Protection measures discourages Club members who are not known to my family from providing lifts for my child to and from the airfield UNLESS prior written consent is granted by myself.

- **Punctuality.** make every endeavour to ensure that my child arrives punctually and is collected promptly at the end of the session, unless they are making their own way home.
- **Delay to Collection.** If the planned picking up time is unlikely to be achieved, at the earliest opportunity, I will contact the **EGC Launch Point Director** on **07548 069341** and let them know.
- **Driving of Vehicles.** agree to my child receiving instruction on how to drive airfield vehicles, including the winch, and, when authorised, operate such vehicles unsupervised.
- **Payment of Fees.** when appropriate, ensure that my child's Flying Fees are paid at the end of each flying day.
- **Report Concerns.** *report any concerns that I or my child may have with regard to my child's well-being. If I and/or my child are still at the airfield, I will in the first instance express my concern to any Club official and/or use the Launch Point phone to contact the Child Protection Officers (Note: any duty members will happily provide the appropriate phone number). Thereafter, I will submit any reports to the Club's Child Protection Officers using the Club's dedicated Child Protection email (childprotection@edgehillgliding.com).*

- **Overnight Stay.** make suitable arrangements for my child, should they elect to stay at the airfield overnight. I acknowledge that the Club operates in daylight only and that no members are on duty at night. Furthermore, although the airfield has gates and fences, unauthorised public access cannot be prevented; if this occurs, the Club cannot be held responsible. It will be my responsibility to satisfy myself that my child's overnight arrangements are sensible and safe; stays at the airfield may be either in tents or caravans sourced by myself. I will also make arrangements for my child to have an overnight emergency point of contact. Finally, I will contact the airfield owner to ensure that they are content with the arrangements, as well as to settle any fees associated with the stay. [*Note: The airfield owner, Mr Joe Gibbs, can be contacted on jpcgibbs@gmail.com and telephone 07890 590213*].

I further agree to do all that I can to:

- **Support** my child's involvement and help them to enjoy gliding.
- **Encourage** my child to learn good airmanship and the laws and rules governing gliding and safe behaviour around aircraft and airfields.
- **Support** my child to treat others in the way they would like to be treated themselves.
- Help my child to **recognise** good progress and performance.
- **Never force** my child to take part in gliding.
- **Never punish** or belittle my child for making mistakes.
- Use correct and **proper language** at all times.
- **Encourage** and guide my child to accept responsibility for their own performance and behaviour.
- **Co-operate** with *EGC Club officials, where appropriate, especially on matters of Child and Flight Safety.*

Agreement. In signing below, I acknowledge the Commitment offered by the Club to care for my child and inculcate the skills required to safely fly a glider. I also agree to the expectations placed on myself and my child.

	<u>PARENT/CARER 1</u>	<u>PARENT/CARER 2</u>
NAME (please print)		
SIGNED		
Relationship to young person		
DATE		