

Code of Conduct

Equipment to take

- Waterproof / windproof Coat
- Sturdy waterproof BOOTS
- Thick Fleece
- Suitable outdoor Trousers, ideally not Jeans
- Thermal base layers, or a couple of layers of thin clothing
- Thick Socks
- Gloves
- A Hat
- Sunglasses
- Water (It's easy to dehydrate on the airfield)

Make sure you have warm clothing, the airfield is exposed and the wind is cold, even if the sun is out! Sunglasses are a good idea, as you may be flying directly towards a low sun at times.

Too many people go gliding for the first time unsuitably dressed and as a consequence have to suffer the time on the ground, or stay on the bus. Bring more than you think you might need.

You may also want to bring a pair of trainers, as it can be a little tricky to operate the rudder controls in the glider if you have big feet!

Ground Operations

Please read the Gliding Risk Assessment to understand the risk involved around the airfield. If you are unsure about anything, ASK! You can ask any of the experienced members of the society, or the instructors about any concerns you may have on the airfield.

When you are on the ground waiting to fly, please try to get involved. The more you help out around the airfield, the sooner it will be your turn to fly. Some of the tasks involved in 'running the field' are quite fun too! For example, why not ask someone to teach you how to launch a glider at the launch point? Maybe you'd like to learn how to drive the tractors to help tow gliders to and from the launch point? Ask for a ground operations training card to see what other jobs are available for you to try.

Gliding is a huge team effort to set up, run, and later pack up. It requires good coordination to get all the equipment to the correct places as soon as possible to begin flying. When the airfield is being set up or packed up, you will be required to help get everything out. This usually involves pushing gliders, attaching things to tractors, or even driving the tractors. If you are new to gliding, try to observe what is going on around you, so that you understand how the set up works. As time goes on, you may find yourself being one of the most experienced people around the hangar, and find that the responsibility of taking a glider to the launch point rests on you! If you have any concerns about any jobs you are given just say so.

The Instructors

The instructors at Pocklington are all voluntary. They teach people like you to fly out of their own passion for the sport. Please show respect to your instructor by being polite and courteous to them. Any effort you spend to impress the instructors will most likely be repaid when you fly with them, as they will put more effort in to teaching you to fly. Similarly, offering your instructor a cuppa after your flight will be worth it in the long run. Remember that, as you will get a lot more out of gliding by being respectful to the instructors.

Most Importantly

Enjoy it! Learning to fly is one of the most rewarding sensations out there, it requires some commitment to succeed but anyone can do it.