

Bannerdown Gliding Clubs Recommended Briefing / Assistance for Passengers

For PPL flying, you should tailor your passenger's briefings to suit their flying experience. Below are suggestions for points to cover/consider. Those marked in *red italics* are compulsory points that must be included:

Pre-boarding briefing:

- Brief explanation of what a Motor Glider is (e.g. reassure about performance and visible focus on safety/system checks; e.g. "I will refer to check lists, this is not because I do not know what to cover but just to ensure that I am thorough in my preparation at all times");
- Advise on danger of propellers;
- Advise on how to open the canopy;
- Advise on how to get in (e.g. where to place hands and feet, what not to touch).

Once seated:

- Help them to strap in... *"Are you comfortable; straps OK?"*
- Advise on what not to touch... *"I must check that your hand and feet are clear of the controls Please keep them clear."*
- Advise on how to make themselves more comfortable... *"Here is how to get fresh air ... and warm air."*
- Advise on evacuation procedure... *"In the event that we need to vacate the aircraft quickly, I must check that you know how to:*
 - *undo your straps*
 - *open the canopy normally*
 - *and open it if the normal control is jammed."*
- Brief on purpose of the flight... *"We must make sure that we are going flying with the same aim in mind (eg going to look at xxx village; off for a local bumble; practicing stall recoveries, etc). If at any time during the flight you feel uncomfortable, let me know and I will land as soon as is practical."*

After Engine start/avionics on and before taxi:

- Check that you can communicate clearly... *"We must check that your headset is comfortable and that we can hear each other OK"*.
- Double check that they are clear of the controls.
- Make sure you warn them before you test the controls (to avoid slamming the stick into them).
- Point out the engine noise and advise them that variations in engine tone are typical and to be expected at various stages during the flight (e.g. climb, cruise, descent).

Ask them to help with LOOKOUT and ask them if they have any questions.

Full advice on passenger briefing can be found in the CAA's Safety Sense Leaflet No2: 'Passengers'