



Pre Course & Tandem Flight Information

You will find all the necessary and essential information that you need prior to attending your paragliding or hang gliding course detailed below. Should you still have any other questions then do not hesitate to get in touch.

Expectations

Whether you have booked on to a course to learn to paraglide or hang glide, or have decided to book either a taster day or tandem flight, it is important to have realistic expectations as it is a very weather-dependant sport and it can be frustrating for you and the instructor when the weather is unsuitable for flying.

For those who are starting one of our courses then you will soon discover that if you are patient and persevere with your training, the rewards can be fulfilling and life-changing! If you are not a patient person, we most respectfully suggest that you consider another pastime.

What happens if the weather is unsuitable?

It is possible that some days you book may have to be cancelled because the weather is not suitable for flying to either start your course/taster day or complete your tandem flight. Our primary aim is to make sure you have a memorable and safe experience and consequently we are very selective about the conditions we let you fly in.

We ask you to call the school ([between 7:00pm and 8:00 pm](#)) the evening before your course date or pre booked tandem flight/taster day to establish if the forecast is suitable for flying. We take forecasts from many sources.

The Duty Instructor's decision about whether to run the course or flight, is final.

If the weather forecast is unsuitable, you are welcome to re-book at a later date. If we are 'fully booked', (very rare) on the day you choose, we will suggest the nearest available date.

What happens if the weather is deteriorates during the day?

If you are enrolled on a training course and the weather deteriorates during one of your training days, we look at the hours training you have already done that day and credit you the remaining hours to another day. But to be fair, you've completed your course, 'when you've completed your course'. So you're always welcome to come back anyway.

If you are booked for a tandem flight then we will arrange another day for you to come back for your flight.

Cancellations

[Seven days notice is required for cancellation of booked dates.](#) Whilst no refund will be made, the deposit/ fee already paid will be credited against a re-booking. In the event that a course is wholly or partially unable to take place due to

weather conditions, a proportionate credit will be allowed against a future date to be apportioned at the Duty Instructor's discretion depending on circumstances.

Clothing

Paragliding and hang gliding is a low activity outdoor sport that takes place on remote and exposed hill sides with little shelter available and therefore it is important to ensure you have the following suitable outdoor clothing;

- Base layers – Several insulating base layers
- Outer layers – warm outer coat and trousers
- Waterproofs – suitable water proof jacket and trousers
- Hats & Gloves – warm winter gloves and hat
- Footwear – sturdy high ankle boots for light hill walking and that provide good support.

Course Equipment

Peak Airports provide all the equipment necessary for you to complete the Elementary & Club Pilots Certificates and includes;

- Wing or Hang Glider
- Harnesses
- Helmets
- Two Way Radios

Note – if you have completed the Elementary Pilots Certificate and wish to proceed on to the Club Pilots Certificate then we advise you consider purchasing your own equipment at this stage and complete your CPC training on equipment you own as this provides you the opportunity to get to know your own equipment whilst still in a supervised training environment.

Food

If weather permits you will be on the hill all day. We eat on the hill, so ensure you bring lunch with you.

Meeting Point

The Woodbine Café is known locally as the spot where all flyer's congregate, and this is where we meet at 9:30am for a 10:00am start. [The Woodbine Cafe](#) is situated next to the Petrol Station in Hope on the main Hope Valley Road (A625).

[See map](#)

We will normally be back at the cars for 5pm. If traveling by train this rendezvous is a quarter of a mile east of Hope Railway Station.

Weather Check

Telephone us between 7:00pm and 8:00pm the evening before your course commences to check weather conditions.