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Dear Sir / Madam

**RE: Bristol and Gloucester Gliding Club - Limited essential flying practice for gliding instructors**

I am writing to you on behalf of the Bristol and Gloucester Gliding Club (BGGC) that is based nearby your community at Nympsfield Airfield. Like many sports clubs we have temporarily closed our operations in line with the current Covid-19 government guidance. In the coming weeks and months, we look forward to re-opening our club to our members and the public as and when social distancing restrictions are eased.

To enable us to maintain safe flying operations, we need to ensure our instructors, who supervise all our member's flying activity, retain their skills and situational awareness. Regular and recent flying practice is widely recognised essential to safe operations in all types of aviation. The UK Civil Aviation Authority's has therefore recently issued new guidance to permit flying by instructors only for purposes of maintaining the capability to perform instructional flights.

This new guidance enables the gliding club's instructors to return to safe flying through practice. Over the next few weeks, we will therefore be operating on occasional days for limited "instructor essential" flying practice. These days will be strictly limited to instructor only flying and will not be used by BGGC for any other purpose. The social distancing requirements and other COVID19 mitigations will still apply on the airfield. The activity at the airfield will only involve the minimum number of people commensurate with safety. The flying will be limited to vicinity of the airfield and mainly focused on instructors practicing safety take off's and landings and safety critical exercises.

Should our resumption of flying activity raise any question or concerns with the Parish Council or the community, please get in touch with me at the address below or via the club.

Yours

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