

# General Aviation: What you should know before your flight

## What to bring with you on the day:

- Your ID – this will need to be by me before you can be granted access airside. The CAA (Civil Aviation Authority) recently imposed stricter regulations on the Aero Club so **no ID, no flight**. Passports and driving licenses are accepted.
- Your weight measurement – before your flight a 'weight and balance' sheet must be completed. This is used to calculate the centre of mass and centre of gravity of the aircraft which is critical to a safe flight. Please make sure you have an accurate-ish idea of your weight (in kilograms or pounds) on the day so this can be filled out correctly.
- A bottle of water – the air at altitude is a lot dryer than what it is on the ground and having a dry mouth for an hour is not fun!

## What to wear:

- Layers – a warm day on the ground can be even warmer in the air or sometimes colder. As such, try to wear layers to keep yourself as comfortable as possible. These can always be left in the aircraft if you are going on a daytrip and won't need them at your destination.
- **[daytrips only]** A spare shirt – GA can be a sweaty job; you might want to bring a spare shirt with you to change into at the destination airport and maybe consider taking a can of deodorant with you.

## Carriage of vapes:

- **For daytrips**, vapes may be brought on the flight but not used. For safety, vapes should be powered down and pods removed, as the pressure changes can cause leakage. **For safety reasons, please ask if you are carrying a disposable vape.**
- **For non-stop scenic flights**, please leave your vapes on the ground.

## Getting to the club:

The Aero Club is located west of the airport on La Planque Lane, a one-way only not accessible via the filter by the Forest Chip Inn. Parking is available at the club, however this is limited so please carpool when possible. Try to arrive half an hour before your scheduled time of departure to allow time for the required safety briefing, ID checks, and boarding process. Please make sure to use the restroom before your flight, there are not any facilities onboard, and we are not landing just because you need a piss.



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**Daytrips & ferry flights:**

- With VFR flight, specific weather conditions must be met for a flight to be conducted legally and safely.
- Weather can change very quickly in the channel, as such last minute cancellations are a possibility.
- While very unlikely, a drastic weather change could occur while on a daytrip. This might result in our returning flight being brought forward or delayed – please keep this in mind. It is even more unlikely, but still not out of the realms of possibility, for us to not be able to return the day we intended.
- As a non-commercial, private flight there are no protections from this – if we have to stay a night in a hotel we will need to foot the bill.