

Pre Solo Local Airspace Test

An oral test is a BGA requirement before solo and must be demonstrated to the supervising instructor at the time of the first solo flight and signed up on the record card. The requirements are that pilots must have knowledge of the following:

- Height above the airfield or local area the pilot can climb to before encountering airspace restrictions.
- Areas of airspace to avoid horizontally.
- Rules of the air pertinent to solo flight including collision avoidance and ridge flying rules. (BGA Laws and Rules)

Fortunately at The Park we have few areas that an early solo pilot is likely to infringe, but the supervising instructor should ask questions of the pilot to ensure that they are aware of the rules of the air and can navigate locally to avoid any restrictions. The possible problem areas are: Salisbury Plane D123. Compton Abbas, Bristol and Yeovilton are outside likely range but can be used as a test of altimeter setting knowledge and navigation. From 2010, in the extremely unlikely case of a wave flight, D122 is active from 8000ft by Notam.