

Environmental Information

General aviation

Training and circuiting aircraft

Due to its good weather record, Bournemouth Airport is home to six flying schools – four of which train students to become commercial pilots. These schools train thousands of students a year, making a significant contribution to the local economy.

Despite the increasing use of aircraft simulators, the requirement for pilots to undertake training circuits is mandatory and remains an important operational and safety requirement. The challenge we therefore face is to allow the schools to undertake this training activity in the most sensitive way possible.

In order to minimise the effects of these training flights, we stipulate minimum altitudes at which circuits can be flown:

No less than 1,200 ft for light aircraft (less than 5,700kg), or

No less than 1,500 ft for aircraft above this weight

In recognition of the need to make special provisions for noise during the evening, the higher minimum altitude of 1,500 ft is applied to any operations after 20.00 hrs.

Military aircraft

Bournemouth Airport is obliged by make itself available for military exercises and, from time to time, it is necessary for military aircraft to divert to civilian aerodromes such as Bournemouth.

Should this occur, our Air Traffic Controllers ensure that the pilots in question have a good understanding and appreciation of the civilian procedures and the local area.

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