

Forest School – Tool Handling Protocol

Review Cycle:

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Responsible for Review: Forest
School Leader

Next Review Date: September

Children will not be permitted to use tools until they are both emotionally and physically ready to.

All tools will be prepared for the beginning of each session. Tool safety checks will be completed by the Forest School Leader. If any tools are considered to be unsafe for purpose, they will be marked with hazard tape and moved to the designated area for damaged tools, in the locked storage area. This will be modelled to the children and they will be taught to check their tools before using them. If they believe a tool to be unsafe, they are to advise an adult immediately so that it can be checked over.

Following a forest school session, tools must be checked back in to the locked storage room by either the Forest School leader or another adult. Tools must be counted against the tool checklist and the Forest School Leader must be notified immediately if any tools are missing. All tools must be cleaned and maintained as appropriate when returning to storage.

Tool rules to be taught to all children:

1. Ask an adult to check that you have a safe working area and blood bubble before you take a tool
2. You must have a purpose for your tool